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### **Trash-free lunch challenge**

Sixteen L.A. schools are attempting to cut their lunchtime trash by 70 percent in the second trash-free lunch challenge. The competition, sponsored by the Sanitation Districts of L.A. County and created by the environmental non-profit group Grades of Green, teaches kids how to reduce trash by switching to reusable lunch containers, water bottles with cloth napkins.

“The amount of trash we produce as a society is staggering,” said Lisa Coppedoge, Grades of Green director. “But it doesn’t have to be that way.”

Although the deadline has passed to compete in this year’s challenge, any school can still initiate a trash-free lunch program. Three Redondo Beach schools, Beryl Heights Elementary, Birney Elementary and Washington Elementary, are participating in the competition. Visit [www.gradesofgreen.org](http://www.gradesofgreen.org) for more information. ER