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Pasadena School Competing in Trash Free Lunch Competition

Eugene Fields Elementary School has a team in the challenge; the school could receive a science grant.

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Schools in the Trash Free Challenge will compete to reduce lunchtime waste and the winning three schools will receive science grants; Pasadena school Eugene Field Elementary (<http://field.pasadenausd.org/>) is among the competitors.

Collectively, schools will divert thousands of bags of trash destined for landfills this year.

Even more importantly, the Challenge will teach kids better habits that will protect the environment in the years to come.

A training session was held this week.

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All the schools who are competing in the Trash Free Lunch Challenge met and learn the best practices on how to be successful for the Trash Free Lunch Challenge.

They received tips and tools for coordinating the school's trash system, building a relationship with the waste hauler, creating the sustainability of the program, how to effectively use signage, educate students, and engage the community.

There was also a composting lesson given by a composting expert from Waste Management and a tour of the Puente Hills Material Recovery Facility (http://www.lacsd.org/solidwaste/swfacilities/mrts/phmrf/) (MRF).

Representatives from the schools included principals, custodians, teachers, parents, and students.

This all took place at the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's headquarters in Whittier.

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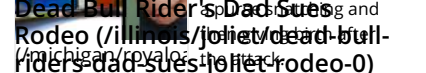


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