**Waste Audit Walking Assembly Script**

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| **What is a “walking assembly?”**A walking assembly is a way to spread the word about your project! Together as a team, decide who will go to each classroom to present the details about your Waste Audit Campaign. **Directions**Print this script and distribute it to participants who will participate in the walking assembly. Visit each classroom and present the script to fellow students. We suggest bringing a few examples of trash as visual aids. You can also use this script as a part of morning announcements, a school-wide assembly, or as you see fit in your school community. |

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Once you have completed your Waste Audit activity, share your findings with your school community using this script:

**Introduction**

Hi! I’m \_\_\_\_\_\_*\_\_\_ \_\_ (name)* and I’m part of the Grades of Green Team here at \_\_\_\_\_\_*\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ (school name)*. Grades of Green is an environmental education organization that supports our school’s green efforts. Our school is participating in their Launch Program to conduct a Waste Audit to help our school decrease waste.

**The Facts**

Did you know the average American produces 5 pounds of trash each day, or 1,825 pounds per year? We live in a society that creates a lot of waste; 90% of the stuff we purchase ends up in a landfill in 90 days or less. If we make less trash, we also reduce our use of energy, water, and even decrease our air emissions and toxins. The first step in reducing our trash is becoming aware of how much we make and how much of it can be diverted through reducing our use, recycling, and composting.

**The Results**

We conducted a waste audit of our campus trash. This means that we sorted through everything that had been thrown away and separated it into items than could have been recycled, items that could have been composted and items that need to go to a landfill. We found that of the items in the trash bags: \_\_\_\_\_\_% could be recycled \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% could be composted and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_% needs to go to the landfill. (Share any other details you discovered during your waste audit).

**Closing**

By taking simple steps such as reducing what we use, reusing items when we can, composting, and recycling when possible, we can create less waste on campus and help to protect our planet.