



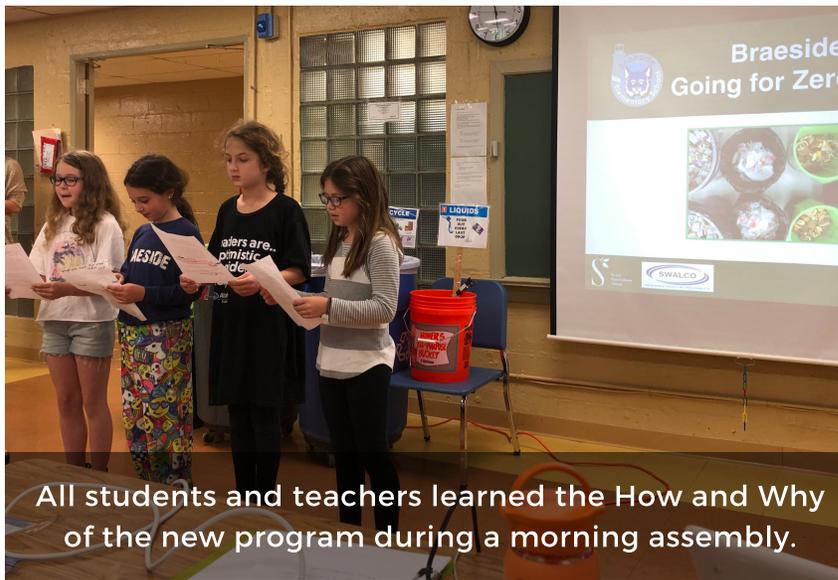
BRAESIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZERO WASTE PROGRAM LAUNCH

Braeside launched a zero waste program in the lunchroom on May 30, 2019, and what a difference we are making!

Braeside now sorts liquids and recycling and commercially composts all food scraps and food-soiled paper. We are keeping valuable resources out of landfills and getting closer to being waste-free.

All students learned the How and Why of going for zero waste during a morning assembly. The enthusiastic WE School Team monitors the sorting station to make sure everything goes where it belongs.

Thank you to all students, staff, and parents for your efforts and support!



All students and teachers learned the How and Why of the new program during a morning assembly.



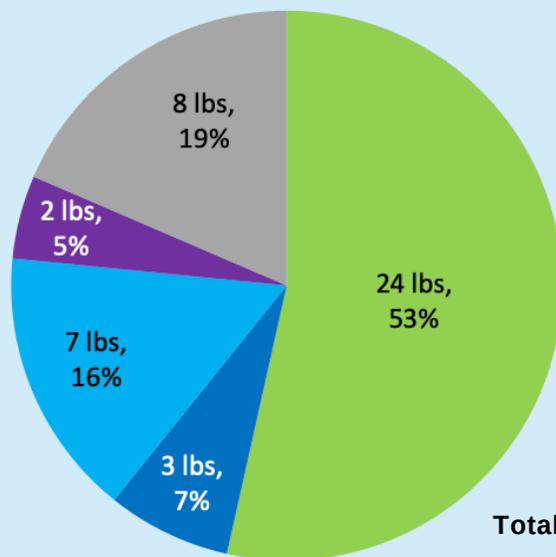
OUR IMPACT

In One Day

- 24 lbs composted
- 3 lbs recycled
- 7 lbs liquid diverted
- 2 lbs food recovered
- 36 lbs diverted from landfill

Potential for One School Year

- 3,600 lbs composted
- 540 lbs recycled
- 1,260 lbs liquid diverted
- 360 lbs food recovered
- 6,480 lbs diverted from landfill



Total: 44 lbs

Compost Recycling Liquid Food Recovered Landfill

Braeside went from 5+ bags of trash per day to just 1 bag of trash per day.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT GOES WHERE IN OUR SORTING STATION?

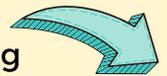


PACK A ZERO WASTE LUNCH FROM HOME

Save money and make less garbage. Instead of buying disposable products that get used only once, pack a zero waste lunch with washable food and drink containers, utensils, and cloth napkins. Visit www.wastefreelunches.org to learn more.

REDUCE FOOD WASTE

40% of food in the U.S. gets wasted while 1 in 7 families is food insecure. The sorting process at Braeside reveals that a lot of food at lunch goes totally uneaten and gets tossed (whole sandwiches, fruit, unopened bags of chips and granola bars). Students are being encouraged to take all uneaten food home and to talk with their families about packing or purchasing a nutritious lunch that won't get wasted.



COMPOSTING

The food scraps and food-soiled paper collected at Braeside get turned into compost at Midwest Organics Recycling. When food scraps decompose in a landfill, the greenhouse gas methane is produced. Composting reduces greenhouse gases while building healthy soils. Braeside families can also compost at home. Sign up for Highland Park's residential curbside compost service here:

www.cityhpil.com/utilities/residential.php.

Learn about backyard composting here: www.swalco.org/35/COMPOSTING.

