Hello,

Thanks for your help with the upcoming waste audit! We’ll be sorting through the garbage from the previous day on: **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Why?**

By categorizing the garbage into categories of things that could have been recycled (i.e. paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, plastic bottles/jugs) from that which is truly garbage, we can gauge how much room for improvement there is and narrow down what specific materials to focus on. It also allows us to look for ways to reduce waste in the first place (i.e. encouraging students to use less paper towels when drying their hands). This is also a requirement of being an Oregon Green School.

**How you can help**

We would appreciate it if you can collect garbage from the various parts of the school. While we won’t necessarily sort through every single bag, the more that we have, the better. For example, we won’t sort through bathroom waste, but by having it present, we can document the volume and weight.

Identifying where each bag originated will be a big help. Below are some signs that you can print out & attach to the bags to help us know what each bag contains. You may not need them all but this should be enough for a typical building. Thank you and we appreciate your help. We will clean up after ourselves and can either leave the garbage (re-bagged) where you left it for us or take it out to the dumpster. If you’d like to join us, please do!

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This may include more than one bathroom.

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CAFETERIA:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This may include more than one lunch. If you have garbage from breakfast, that can be included or collected separately.

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HALLWAY:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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TEACHER LOUNGE

KITCHEN (food prep)

LIBRARY

TEACHER LOUNGE

OFFICE

GYM

OTHER:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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