

## Plastic Baggies Aplenty



Imagine a pile of 20 million plastic sandwich bags. Sounds crazy, right? But that's how many are thrown out *every day* in school lunches. At PCCS, we don't want to be a part of this problem -- we want to be a part of the solution! There are many alternatives to plastic bags that aren't single-use disposables made from non-renewable natural resources. Here are some great alternatives for your student's lunch kits:

- [Stasher reusable bags](#) are non-toxic, come in a variety of styles, can go in the dishwasher, and as a bonus you can microwave right in them!
- [Lunchbots](#) has both individual snack-sized containers and whole lunch systems, which are durable, stainless steel, and dishwasher-safe.
- [Rubbermaid's lunchblox kit](#) includes 4 containers in different sizes, all BPA-free, safe for dishwasher and microwave, and includes an icepack.
- And there are many more varieties of re-usable bags and containers out there... look and ask around to find the sizes/styles that meet your needs!

And since the average US family spends \$85 on bags per year, you'll actually save money in the long run by investing in an alternative packaging method!

Join us in reducing PCCS' contributions to the 20 million school lunch plastic baggies that end up in the landfill\* each day. Our goal is to see if we can have **Waste-Free Wednesdays**, generating NO plastic bags on November 13 and November 20. Talk to your family about how you can help!

\*Remember, clean and dry plastic bags can be recycled in the TREX boxes in each classroom building... but they can't go in there if they have food waste, liquid, oils or crumbs in them, so a lot of lunch bags have to go to the landfill.

