



Zero-Waste School Representative  
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Hello, Parents of Anna Yates!

We are excited to announce that grades 6-8 will try something new this year at lunch!

The students will be served food on stainless steel trays using reusable forks and spoons.

Why are we doing this? Well, most of the food ware at school is disposable, and a lot is plastic. The students only use these items once after 20-minute lunch and throw them away forever. Finding solutions to reduce landfill waste is the solution we want to share with the children, so we are elevating the dining experience to reusable food ware.

There are about 400 meals served a day at Anna Yates and Emery High. There are also 180 school days. That is over 180,000 food ware items discarded every year. We hope to change that. It will also save money!



The City of Emeryville bought the [Ahimsa Trays](#) (Marcia Parham, the Food Service Supervisor's pick) for the whole school. Plastic Free Restaurant bought forks. StopWaste will help the students with lunch monitoring. Jessica Jane Robinson, aka superhero Resilience, will train the Green Team to help teach the students and ensure the program's success. Emeryville will be the first district in Alameda County to pilot reusables daily at school.

We are excited to have our staff and students involved with this initiative and look forward to sharing our progress throughout this school year and beyond. Thank you for your support!