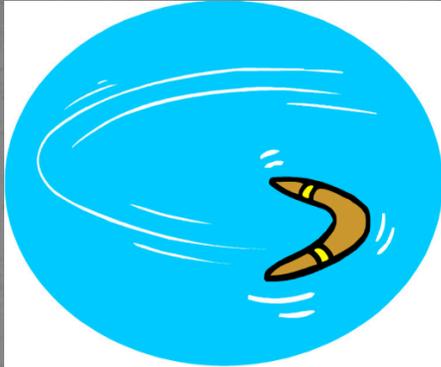


A word cloud centered on the word "ENVIRONMENTAL". The words are arranged in a roughly rectangular shape, with "ENVIRONMENTAL" being the largest and most prominent. Other large words include "NATURE", "WORLD", "LIFE", "EARTH", "TREE", "ECOLOGY", "RECYCLING", "ENVIRONMENT", "NATURAL", "ORGANIC", "PLANET", "PRECYCLE", "GROWTH", "PROTECT", "GLOBAL", "GREEN", "VEGETATION", "HERBAL", "LEAF", "ALTERNATIVE", "FLORA", "PLANT", "HEALTHY", "ECO", "NATURAL", "WORLD", "TREE", "HERBAL", "LEAF", "ALTERNATIVE". The colors used are shades of green and yellow.

# Garbage In The Barn Yesterday





# Why Boomerang Lunches?

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Many schools across Ontario are moving toward  
Boomerang

Lunches as a way to make a difference for our  
environment. The

purpose of a Boomerang Lunch is not to transfer trash  
disposal

responsibilities from the school to home. An important  
objective of

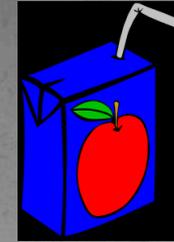
the program is to encourage parents and students to  
review and

think about the way they prepare and package  
Most

lunch trash comes from disposable packaging d



# Waste Related Quick Facts



- 5 billion drink boxes are thrown away each year in North America.
- 70% of landfill waste could be either reused or recycled.
- By the age of 6 months, the average Canadian has consumed the same amount of resources as the average person in the developing world consumes in a lifetime. (Recycling Council of Ontario)
- In a lifetime, the average North American will throw away 600 times his or her adult weight in garbage.
- By recycling one ton of paper you save:
  - 17 trees
  - 26 320 litres of water
  - 1753 litres of oil
  - 583 pounds of air pollution



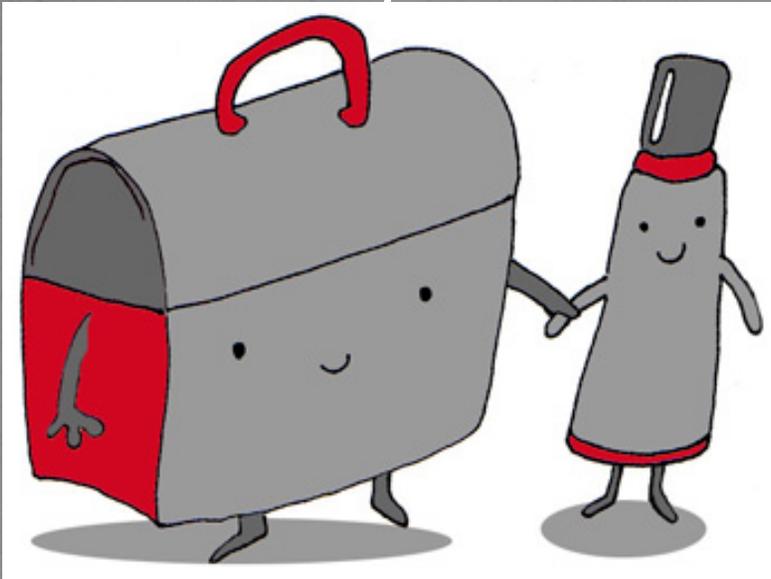
It has been estimated that on average a school age child using a disposable lunch generates 67 pounds of waste per school year. At Elgin Street School, with approximately 450 students eating at school each day, that equates to over 30 000 pounds of waste per year!



A Boomerang Lunch helps to reduce the number of containers that are thrown away. A Boomerang lunch also provides parents with first hand knowledge of the eating habits and preferences of their children. All leftovers are carried home at the end of the day so that parents can see what's been eaten or not! We know that this is asking families to re-think lunch preparations and student actions.



Elgin Street can continue to set a positive example to our families and our community by supporting and promoting Boomerang Lunches.



Elgin Street School thanks you  
and the Earth thanks you!



