You Have WHAT in Your Trash?

Instructions: For 1 day, collect your trash in a separate container.

After collecting your trash, sort recycling materials into 5 categories: paper, plastics, aluminum, steel (tin) cans, and glass. Use this source guide to help you sort the recyclables: http://cleangreenrush.org/how-to-sort-materials-for-recycling/

You can use this source guide if you want to compost anything from your trash: https://www.thespruce.com/things-you-can-compost-2539612r

Upload a photo of your recyclables and answer the 3 questions below.

Responses to the questions are required to be 3-4 sentences in length in order to receive SSL credit.

How SSL hours are earned: Complete the activity according to the instructions above and earn 1 SSL hour.

How to submit the answers and photo: If you do NOT have a PERSONAL (NOT MCPS) Google account to complete the Google Form/upload your photo, please email the following information to the PTA:

1. Student's full name.
2. Student's grade.
3. Answer the below 3 questions:
    a. Question 1: a) What percentage of your trash consisted of recyclable materials? b) Is this the usual percentage of

recyclables in your trash? If no, why? c) From an environmental impact point of view, do you think it's better to make as much trash as you want as long as you recycle/compost or make less trash in general (including recyclables/compost)? Why? (Answer is required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to receive SSL credit.)

b. Question 2: Do you think the amount or type of trash you produce has an impact on the environment? Explain. (Answer is required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to receive SSL credit.)

c. Question 3: What have you learned from sorting your trash? Going forward, are there actions you can take to reduce the amount of trash you produce? (Answer is required to be at least 3-4 sentences in length in order to receive SSL credit.)

4. Photo of sorted trash.

Send the above to the PTA at: HooverMSPTAEarthDay@gmail.com

Thank you for your participation!