



## Reducing plastic bag waste in the King's Christian School community

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Did you know that more than 1 billion plastic shopping bags are given out across Canada every year, all of which can be reused and recycled? To educate students and the community on plastic bag waste and the 3Rs, King's Christian School will be participating in the Plastic Bag Grab challenge from Monday, April 9 – Tuesday April 23, 2018.

The Plastic Bag Grab challenge, a program of Recycling Council of Ontario, in partnership with Walmart Canada, the Canadian Plastics Industry Association, and Cascades Recovery Inc. invites elementary schools across Canada to collect plastic shopping bags from their homes and communities for recycling, and engage their communities on the 3Rs: reduce, reuse, and recycle.

A national grand prize of \$1,000 will be awarded to the school that collects the most bags for recycling per student during the challenge. Additional prizes for collection and community engagement that highlight the 3Rs are also up for grabs in each province/territory!

Last year, 419 schools across Canada participated in the challenge and collected more than 2 million plastic bags that were recycled into small pellets and used to make a variety of new products.

With your support, we can help millions of plastic bags get recycled instead of lost to disposal. To ensure we align with the program rules and messaging, please remember the following when sending plastic bags to school:

- Only plastic shopping bags are accepted in the challenge.
- Although the following plastic items may be accepted by municipal recycling programs or retailers they are **non-acceptable** for this challenge: food storage bags, clear produce bags, frozen food bags, milk bags, snack bags, sandwich bags, dry cleaning bags, resealable bags, plastic film packaging, or anything that is not a carry out plastic shopping bag.
- Please remember to follow the 3Rs hierarchy: reduce, reuse, and recycle. Encourage children to use the 3Rs in their everyday lives.
- Please stuff plastic bags into a plastic bag and bring to school for collection.

Thank-you for your participation, we look forward to your support. For more information, please visit [www.PlasticBagGrab.com](http://www.PlasticBagGrab.com) or feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Jason Mayer

