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New school year, new looks in lunchboxes:

- The Goodbyn lunchbox bills itself as being "good for the planet," and here's why: It is made of 100 percent recyclable material and has five compartments and an eight-ounce drink bottle that eliminate the need for individual food wrap; its design is fun for kids, and it comes with a roll of 275 stickers for personalizing it. \$29.95; about 8 by 12 inches, in pink, blue, red-orange or green. A shipment of the lunchboxes is on order at Bellacara, 1000 King St., Alexandria (703-299-9652; call to confirm arrival); or order online at www.goodbyn.com, a Web site that includes lunch recipes, meal plans and more. Made in the United States.

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The Lunchsense box. (James M. Thresher - For The Washington Post)

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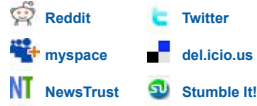
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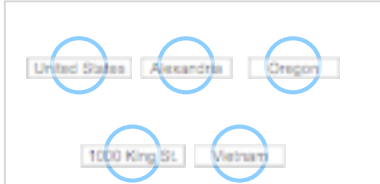
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