

performance object project

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share a meal
share the love.

Our product is a set of lunch bowls which are shared within a family in order to be able to communicate. It's a twist on those little notes our moms used to leave us on a napkin. Instead, you get a screen in the lid of your bowl and by picking it up and touching it, not only it does it lighten up, it also is able to perceive how you feel and with a system of colors, sends your feelings to the person you are sharing the set with.

These bowls also have a secondary usage. Indeed, they can tell whether the food stored inside is still good to eat or if it is time to throw it away. We think that this is a really useful tool to have, since sometimes you are not sure if what you are eating is still fresh enough and you do not want to get food poisoning. By simply entering data as to what is the food is and the date you have put it in the bowl, it can tell for how long it will be good and when it will be time to throw it away.

We based our brand new revolutionary product on sharing meals even when you are far away from your loved one. We first thought of children who may be starting school and be separated from their parents

for the first time, and how difficult it may be for them. With a simple touch to the lid of our lunchbowls and the kids' parents are able to tell what their child is feeling and respond back right away if they are having lunch at the same time. They can even send them a message before, just to reassure them and to tell them to have a good day. We feel like this enhances how you have your lunch because it will brighten up anyone's day to be able to see a quick little message from someone you care for. It's not something that is meant to be used in replacement of a cellphone. We just wanted to make a set of bowls that is interactive and playful, and that makes lunch time more enjoyable. Needless to say that we think this set would also be good for grown ups. Let's say your significant other has a very important meeting or interview after lunch, you get to send them a little message to encourage them and tell them that they will do wonderful.

