



Elizabeth Blackwell Elementary School

School district: Lake Washington School District

School location: Sammamish

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2017

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2018

Student Green Team recognition: Received in June 2023

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school achieved a recycling rate of 42% by April 2018.
- At an all-school assembly, after introducing students and staff to the Green Schools Program, waste reduction and recycling practices were explained.
- To reduce waste, the school replaced disposable trays with durable trays.
- To make recycling easy and convenient, collection bins were placed in visible locations in classrooms, office, and staff lounge.
- The school started a Green Team with 65 students from grades two to five. Green Team members created posters about lunchroom recycling, presented them to classes, and hung them in school hallways.
- Green Team members were trained to monitor cafeteria sorting stations at lunchtime to help fellow students sort recyclable and compostable materials.
- To reduce paper use, teachers used the PowerSchool site to post assignments, and emailed their class newsletters to families.

Student Green Team recognition – June 2023

Green Team members assisted in the lunchroom to make sure fellow students placed empty recyclable containers in recycling bins as well as correctly sorted garbage and compostable materials. They created posters for Earth Month and prepared a video about recycling and composting. They also planned a shoe drive to recycle old shoes.