



Honey Dew Elementary School

School district: Renton

School location: Renton

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: November 2016

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

Student Green Team recognition: Received in June 2023

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Honey Dew Elementary increased its recycling rate from 25% to 45%, and recycling collection service increased from once per week to twice per week.
- With help, indoor recycling bins, and signs from the Green Schools Program, the school kicked off recycling in the lunchroom in early 2017.
- The school established a student Green Team of third- to fifth-grade students who gave compliments in the classroom and shared morning announcement “shout-outs” to those successfully recycling.
- The Green Team hosted two events – a recycling awareness event where students and staff wore green or blue shirts, and a school clean up day where the team picked up litter from the playground.

Student Green Team update: June 2023

- 25 first- through fifth-grade students joined the Green Team after formation of the team was announced during lunches and in morning announcements.
- With help from the Green Team, the school went from no separation of recyclable materials in the lunchroom to recycling all empty milk cartons.