



# Jenkins Creek Elementary School

**School district:** Kent

**School location:** Kent

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:** November 2012

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2013

## Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school increased its recycling rate from 27% to 50%.
- As part of a district-wide initiative to reduce waste, the school replaced plastic-wrapped utensils with loose utensils and eliminated straws in the lunchroom.
- Student council members promoted waste reduction and recycling practices through regular announcements and by placing signs from the Green Schools Program near all recycling bins. The students were trained to help monitor sorting in the lunchroom.
- Jenkins Creek shared information about its waste reduction and recycling practices in the school's newsletter.
- In 2012-13, fourth- and sixth-grade classes participated in King County elementary classroom workshops about waste reduction, recycling, and habitat stewardship.