

Kenmore Elementary School

School district: Northshore

School location: Kenmore

Began participating in the Green Schools Program:
September 2016

Level One of the Green Schools Program:
Achieved in January 2017



Members of the Kenmore Green Team conduct a waste audit.

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The student Green Team conducted a waste audit to obtain data about the school's waste, and used the data to educate students and staff about reducing waste and recycling.
- The team worked with district staff to switch from disposable polystyrene lunch trays to reusable plastic trays, and to start collecting food scraps and other compostable materials.
- The Green Team organized a Waste-Free Wednesday contest with prizes awarded for Best Overall and Most Improved, to encourage students to reduce food waste and to bring lunches from home in reusable containers.
- Education and outreach methods included:
 - A recycling relay race, in partnership with Kenmore Junior High, to help teach students who signed up to be Super-Sorter volunteers at lunch.
 - Family volunteers led four weeks of training about waste reduction and recycling during lunches.
 - A video was created to introduce students to collection of compostable materials and to improved recycling practices.
 - Fliers to inform families about reducing food waste were sent home.
 - Announcements with waste reduction and recycling tips were made daily.
 - An Eco-Tips column was added to the school's weekly newsletter.