



## **Kirkland Middle School**

**School district:** Lake Washington

**School location:** Kirkland

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:** October 2016

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in April 2017

### **Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)**

- Kirkland Middle School achieved a recycling rate of 48%, thanks to school-wide education and to collection of recyclable materials and organics, including food scraps and other compostable materials.
- A lunchroom food share table was set up so students could place unwanted, unopened foods from the school lunch program for other students to take.
- In fall 2016, a student Green Team was formed and all students were invited to participate. The team met weekly.
- The Green Team regularly promoted waste reduction and recycling practices in morning announcements and through posters placed around the school to help students sort recyclable and compostable materials.
- At the start of the school year, Green Team students presented a slideshow at a staff meeting to remind staff about reducing waste, recycling, and composting.
- On Earth Day, the Green Team used the phone app Kahoot to quiz students at lunch about waste reduction and recycling practices. Environmental science teachers used the Kahoot app for a similar activity.
- Green Team students collaborated with students in a University of Washington biosolids class to create PSA videos to show to Kirkland Middle School. The videos were presented in January 2017.