



King County Green Schools Program

# Success Story

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Rethink

## Kokanee Elementary School

**School district:** Northshore

**School location:** Woodinville

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:**  
November 2014

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:**  
Achieved in May 2015



Student Green Team

### Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Kokanee Elementary increased its recycling rate from 33% to 40%.
- Green Club students created posters and placed them in all classroom pods to inform and motivate students and staff to reduce waste and recycle more.
- Teachers Julie Alleman and Jessica Ohlenkamp shared information over PA announcements every Friday and in a parent newsletter.
- Fourth- through sixth-grade students met on a regular basis to talk about recycling and learn how to monitor recycling and waste stations to help other students sort correctly. The students also participated in a conservation quiz show game about recycling.
- Fifth-grade science classes received King County's classroom waste reduction and recycling workshops about waste reduction and recycling.
- Teachers reduced paper waste by limiting paper handouts, using web pages for assignments, making double-sided copies, and promoting the use of "Good on One Side" scratch paper collected in classrooms.
- The school shared information about reducing lunch waste with all parents.
- The school cafeteria used durable trays and bulk condiment dispensers.