

Lake Grove Elementary School

School district: Federal Way

School location: Federal Way

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: August 2016

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

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Lake Grove Elementary achieved a recycling rate of 48%.
- The school started a Green Team that was popular among students. The team was divided into two groups. One monitored sorting stations during first lunch period and another during second lunch period.
- Regular announcements and two months of weekly competitions were used to promote waste reduction and recycling practices.
- Mini-collection stations were set up at each lunchroom table for students to sort lunch materials. The Green Team collected materials from each table and transferred them to larger bins in central sorting stations.
- To reduce wasted food, a food share table was set up so students could place unopened, packaged cafeteria foods for other students to take.



First-grade and second-grade students serving on the first lunch Green Team.



Students in third, fourth, and fifth grades serving on the second lunch Green Team.



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Success Story

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- A leftover liquids bucket was placed in each sorting station so only empty cartons, cans, and bottles would be placed in recycling bins. Students were encouraged to drink all their milk or other beverages. After competitions were held to see which lunch period generated the least amount of leftover liquids, there was a significant decrease in leftover liquids.