



Lakeridge Elementary School

School district: Renton

School location: Unincorporated King County

Began participating in the Green Schools

Program: September 2010

Level One of the Green Schools Program:

Achieved in May 2011

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Lakeridge Elementary more than doubled its recycling rate from 14% to 31%.
- To achieve this increase, the school improved classroom recycling and started lunchroom milk carton recycling, and also continued to recycle in the staff lounge and office.
- School staff placed recycling stickers from the Green Schools Program on all indoor recycling bins to show what can be recycled.
- A student Green Team was started. Members received training from the Green Schools Program on what can be recycled and why recycling and waste reduction are important.
- Green Team students made daily rounds to collect recycled paper from classrooms, helped guide recycling in the lunchroom, and showed fellow students how to empty leftover milk before placing the empty milk carton in the recycling bin.

Awards

Lakeridge staff members Dave Bonham and Katie Cobb received King County Earth Hero at School awards in April 2011 for helping to set up an effective recycling program



Terrance Carlisle accepts the King County award in April 2011 on behalf of staff members Dave Bonham and Katie Cobb.



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and teaching students to monitor lunchroom recycling stations in a way that is sustainable long-term.

Comment

“I am grateful for the progress we have made here at Lakeridge and for the students and staff that have made this possible. I am also excited at the possibilities for future improvements as we look at becoming a Level Two Green School.”

- Terrance Carlisle, teacher