



## **Maywood Hills Elementary School**

**School district:** Northshore

**School location:** Bothell

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

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

**Level Two of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2016

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

- Maywood Hills increased its recycling rate to 38%, a 15% increase, in 2014-15.
- In 2014-15, an assembly introduced students and staff to milk carton recycling. Associated Student Body (ASB) students made classroom presentations about milk carton recycling. A monthly Spirit of Milk Carton Recycling Award was given to classes showing commitment to milk carton recycling.
- ASB students promoted paper reuse by making and distributing classroom G.O.O.S. (Good on One Side) paper boxes for paper used only on one side, so students could use the blank sides.
- Librarian Renee Huizenga taught lessons with repurposed materials and set up a space in the library for students to use the materials.
- Staff used durable utensils in its staff room and teachers shared office supplies before buying new products.
- With support from a King County Green Team specialist, teacher Laura White's science classes made worm bins to teach students about worm bin composting and why reducing food waste matters.
- In winter 2015, the school received the King County assembly and follow-up classroom workshops to learn about reducing waste and recycling.
- The school left grass clippings on the lawn under the school's Chinese tallow tree or Florida aspen tree. The grass-cycling nourished the soil, and ASB students planted bulbs under the tree in spring 2015.



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## **Energy Conservation (Level Two)**

- The school continued its waste reduction and recycling practices, and started to collect compostable materials in 2015-16.
- Maywood Hills collected 5 yards per month of food scraps and other compostable materials which were composted at a regional composting facility - and the school's recycling rate increased from 38% to 42%.
- All classroom light switches were labeled with "Turn off the light" stickers from the Green Schools Program.
- Science specialist Laura White regularly educated students about energy conservation practices.
- To conserve energy, the school turned off its refrigerators and other appliances during long breaks, and the technology resource teacher sent email instructions to staff on how to set up power saving modes on computer equipment.