



## **Northshore Family Partnership**

**School district:** Northshore

**School location:** Bothell

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:** December 2021

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in June 2023

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

- Northshore Family Partnership encouraged students to reduce food waste and to use durable water bottles and reusable lunch containers.
- Students and staff minimized paper use by using laptops, whiteboards, and both sides of paper. Staff made double-sided copies to conserve paper.
- With guidance from teachers Lauren Galloway Marantz, Leslie Connor, Nikki Mays, and Leslie Harwood, eight middle school students formed a Leadership Team to improve waste reduction and recycling practices.
- In the middle school science classroom, a red wigglers worm bin was started. Students contributed food scraps to feed the worms, and learned about the worm's ability to decompose organic matter.
- The school offered a Stewards of Our Environment course for middle school students. Outdoor Education in the school's outdoor classroom and forest space provided learning opportunities about land use, the creek system passing through campus, and how humans impact the environment.
- Students in the Stewards of Our Ecosystem, Master Gardeners, and Outdoor Education courses planted native plants, removed invasive plants, and pulled weeds to eliminate use of herbicides and pesticides.
- The school built an indoor garden consisting of a 5-tiered shelving rack with grow lights and humidity blanket to grow herbs and small vegetables. Interpretive posters near the plants informed students about plant parts and edible plants.