



Olympic View Elementary School

School district: Federal Way

School location: Federal Way

Began participating in the Green Schools Program:
September 2011

Level One of the Green Schools Program:
Achieved in May 2012

Level Two of the Green Schools Program:
Achieved in May 2015

Level Three of the Green Schools Program:
Achieved in May 2017

Sustaining Green School 2017-18:
Achieved in May 2018



Staff members at Olympic View support lunchroom recycling.

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Olympic View Elementary achieved and maintained a recycling rate of 50%.
- In 2011, the school kicked off its participation in the Green Schools Program with the King County waste reduction and recycling assembly.
- Led by teacher Pam Pierovich, classrooms and student leaders created posters about how to sort food scraps and other compostable materials, recyclable materials, and garbage.
- The student council created a video about recycling and composting, and the Green Team shared PA announcements on waste reduction, recycling, and composting.
- Head custodian Emeterio Marzan emptied and monitored garbage, recycling, and composting bins. Vice principal Kim Anderson educated students about lunchroom sorting and helped monitor the new practices.
- Students created classroom paper reuse boxes for paper used only on one side, so students could use the blank sides.
- Students in teacher Ann Marie Imbimbo's music classes created and performed a musical about recycling in March 2012.



King County Green Schools Program

Success Story

Reduce • Reuse • Recycle • Rethink

- The Green Team shared recycling tips with homeroom classes.
- Students in one classroom collected used paper towels and food scraps, and then placed these materials in the school's outdoor composting collection container.
- In October 2014, the school hosted the King County Earth Challenge assembly.
- Green Team members monitored lunchroom sorting stations and assisted fellow students to sort lunchroom items into recycling, composting, and garbage bins.
- The school started a community garden in 2011-12, and Green Team members helped maintain it.
- To learn how to reduce contamination in food scrap bins, Green Team students removed the small stickers from fruits and vegetables, placed them on cards provided by Cedar Grove Composting, the regional composting facility, and sent the filled-in cards to Cedar Grove in exchange for free bags of compost produced at Cedar Grove Composting.

Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- Signs from the Green Schools Program were placed above light switches to encourage students and staff to turn off lights in unoccupied spaces.
- Green Team students shared energy conservation tips in PA announcements.
- At the start of each Green Team meeting, members pledged to conserve energy.
- Teacher Mr. Weichert designed labels the Green Team distributed to remind students and staff members to turn off computers at the end of the day.
- Every classroom assigned a student to serve as Energy Patrol monitor. The monitors made sure lights were turned off when rooms were unoccupied.
- Teachers opened blinds and used natural light whenever possible.
- The school limited use of supplemental heaters, refrigerators, coffee pots, and other appliances in classrooms and office spaces.
- All incandescent lights were replaced with fluorescent or LED bulbs.
- Teachers received annual emails about energy conservation practices.



Water Conservation (Level Three)

- While continuing its waste reduction and recycling practices, the school community learned about water conservation. Each week water conservation announcements from the Green Schools Program were shared with the school.
- The Green Team placed water conservation signs from the Green Schools Program near all sinks to remind students to turn off water while soaping hands.
- Students made and hung posters about water conservation around the school.
- Fifth-grade students participated in Storming the Sound with Salmon curriculum on salmon lifecycle, water conservation, and how to prevent water pollution.
- New water-efficient sprinklers with an automatic rain override which does not turn on when it senses sufficient moisture were installed around campus.

Sustaining Green School 2017-18

- Olympic View Elementary sustained its Level One through Level Three practices.
- Custodians implemented a new policy where, on mornings and evenings when students and other staff were not at school, they only turned on lights in halls and rooms where they were working instead of in the entire school.
- The school ordered and installed a new energy efficient boiler system.