



Parkwood Elementary School

School district: Shoreline

School location: Shoreline

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: August 2013

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in June 2014

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Parkwood Elementary increased its recycling rate from 23% to 35%.
- The school began collecting recyclable materials in every classroom and office.
- Recycling stickers from the Green Schools Program showing what can be recycled were placed on all classroom and office recycling bins.
- Three-dimensional posters with actual items glued to them were created to help students sort recyclable materials.
- Parkwood reduced waste in the lunchroom by using durable trays, unwrapped utensils, and bulk dispensers for condiments.
- To reduce paper use, staff communicated with parents through email rather than paper when possible.
- The student Green Team members created a reuse station for office supplies.
- Green Team members created GOOS (Good on One Side) boxes for classrooms and the library for paper used on one side, so students can use blank sides.
- The Green Team conducted a waste audit to track contamination in recycling bins, to help guide reminders about what belongs in recycling bins and garbage bins.
- Parkwood Elementary received King County's waste reduction and recycling assembly to help educate and inspire students and staff.
- Green Team students promoted the school's waste reduction and recycling practices through monthly announcements and by presenting to each classroom.
- At a PTA meeting, parents and staff provided a training about recycling.