



Peter Kirk Elementary School

School district: Kirkland

School location: Lake Washington

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: Fall 2014

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

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Peter Kirk Elementary reached and maintained a 58% recycling rate.
- Students formed three student environmental clubs: a Green Team to monitor lunchroom recycling and waste stations; a Recycling Team to assist with emptying classroom recycling bins; and an after school Eco-Club to meet weekly to complete several conservation projects.
- Environmental club members shared waste reduction and recycling tips in morning announcements.
- The school shared information about conservation practices and the Green Schools Program with all student clubs, at morning staff meetings, in emails to teachers, at PTSA meetings, and in the PTSA newsletter.
- Students created Good on One Side (GOOS) paper reuse boxes for each classroom and wrote letters to teachers explaining how use of the paper in those boxes can conserve paper.
- Parent newsletters were sent via email.
- The school promoted waste-free lunches to parents.
- Peter Kirk held a school-wide King County Earth Challenge assembly in fall 2014.