



# Phantom Lake Elementary School

**School district:** Bellevue

**School location:** Bellevue

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:** September 2009

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2010

**Level Two of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in April 2011

**Level Three of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in April 2012

## Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- All classrooms, offices and the cafeteria have recycling containers.
- Students created signs and posted them in classrooms to help students know what to recycle.
- Tips about recycling were shared on the school's daily news broadcast.
- Milk cartons are recycled in the cafeteria and students stack trays in the cafeteria to reduce garbage volume.
- Morning announcements include recycling information and reminders, and an email was sent to all staff to encourage them to recycle.
- The school recycles its printer cartridges.
- A recycling assembly was held in April 2010 emphasizing Earth Day, recycling and the value of conservation.
- To conserve paper, parents receive the school newsletter through email.
- Teachers use both sides of each piece of paper, make double-sided photocopies and use the backs of chart paper at staff meetings.
- Phantom Lake began to compost all food scraps during the winter of 2010-11, with assistance from the City of Bellevue.
- The school increased its recycling rate from 50% to 53%.
- Second-grade classes participated in the "healthy habitat" workshop.



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## Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- Students placed energy conservation labels near all light switches and electrical equipment in the school.
- Students checked computers and lights to make sure they are turned off when not in use.
- Staff invited City of Bellevue to set up the Carbon Yeti booth at its science fair to promote energy and water conservation.
- The school created an energy conservation pledge.
- Students announced green tips during morning announcements.
- During the winter months, students and staff were encouraged to dress appropriately for the season through reminders in morning announcements, teacher classroom announcements and classroom newsletters.
- The school added conservation tips to its website.

## Water Conservation (Level Three)

- Fourth-grade classes participated in Nature Vision's "healthy water systems" workshop.
- City of Bellevue set up its poo-lution booth at the science fair to promote proper disposal of pet waste.
- Fifth-grade classes participated in Nature Vision's "Healthy Water Systems" workshop.
- Classes received the "Water Cycle Game."
- Two classes participated in the City of Bellevue's "Healthy Habitat" workshop.
- Water conservation and other resource conservation topics were covered in morning announcements.
- Fourth-grade students went on a field trip to a local watershed.