



Spiritridge Elementary School

School district: Bellevue

School location: Bellevue

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2009

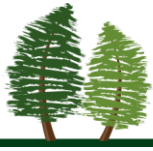
Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in June 2010

Level Two of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in June 2011

Level Three of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in June 2012

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- As of April 2011, students and staff had increased the school's recycling rate from 40% to 62%.
- City of Bellevue partnered with the Green Schools Program to assist Bellevue schools with recycling improvements.
- To reduce paper use, teacher and PTSA parent newsletters were distributed electronically. Lunch menus also were distributed electronically.
- The fourth-grade class formed a green team to promote environmental awareness to the entire school. Students created and displayed posters that read, "Be Green, Join our Team!"
- Students created a video to promote recycling and waste reduction practices.
- The school held a green week that included posters and morning announcements to promote recycling practices.
- Tips about recycling were shared on the school's daily news broadcast.
- Students created a lobby display with samples of what can and can't be recycled, and a large banner was created and hung in front of the school.
- Presentations were made in each classroom about recycling and reuse.
- The school started to recycle food scraps and other compostable materials in the cafeteria.



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Success Story

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- All classrooms, offices and cafeteria have recycling containers with stickers listing what can and can't be recycled.
- Fourth-grade classes participated in the healthy habitat workshop.
- The school signed up for a waste reduction and recycling assembly to educate students and staff about what is and isn't recyclable.

Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- Students made presentations to classrooms about conserving water and energy.
- Every Wednesday, students used audio announcements to share conservation facts with the school community.
- On Earth Day students wore green and blue representing earth and water to honor the Earth and promote stewardship practices.
- Staff reduced lighting use, including reducing cafeteria lighting during lunch.
- Students placed energy conservation labels near all light switches in the school.
- The green team made announcements about energy conservation.
- Fourth-grade students learn about energy conservation in their classes.
- Students made energy conservation presentations to classes.
- Guest speakers visited throughout the school year and taught about resource conservation.

Water Conservation (Level Three)

- Students made presentations to classrooms about conserving water.
- Fourth-grade classes participated in Nature Vision's healthy water systems workshops.