



John James Audubon Elementary School

School district: Lake Washington

School location: Redmond

Began participating in Green Schools Program: September 2019

Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in June 2020

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school achieved a 58 percent recycling rate.
- A King County Green Schools Program representative visited the school to conduct a waste walk-through to assess current practices, and worked with the school to create a plan for reducing, reusing, and recycling materials.
- Students formed a Green Team. The team made biweekly PA announcements with information and tips about waste reduction and recycling practices.
- Green Team students created a Quiz Show about recycling and waste reduction and then shared the game in winter 2020 using Smartboards.
- Students created recycling, composting, and garbage posters using materials collected at school. They displayed the posters in the school cafeteria.
- Recycling and composting signs provided by the King County Green Schools Program were placed on classroom, office, and cafeteria bins.
- Students created 41 short videos to share tips on how to protect and help the environment. The students used Flipgrid, a platform that allows students, educators, and families to create short videos.
- To reduce paper use, third- to fifth-grade students used OneNote to complete projects online, and the default on copy machines was set to double-sided.
- Kitchen employees regularly recycled steel cans, plastic jugs, and other recyclable materials in kitchen recycling bins.
- The school used durable trays and utensils, and served bulk condiments in the cafeteria. Teachers used durable plates, cups, and utensils in the breakroom.



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Success Story

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- The teacher's breakroom and the English language room set up compost bins to collect food scraps.

Other Green School practices

To promote student health and wellness, Physical Education classes encouraged healthy habits and teachers organized a before and after school running club. The PTSA offered basketball, hip hop, tennis, and Taekwondo classes before and after school, and the school maintained a YMCA partnership to provide additional recreational opportunities.