



## Juanita Elementary School

**School District:** Lake Washington

**School location:** Kirkland

**Began participating in Green Schools Program:** January 2018

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in January 2019

### Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Juanita Elementary School achieved a recycling rate of 55 percent.
- Tips and strategies for reducing food waste were included in weekly announcements and the school newsletter.
- At the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, Juanita Elementary held an all-school Going Green Together assembly provided by King County.
- On recycling bins throughout the school, students placed stickers provided by the King County Green Schools Program listing what can and can't be recycled.
- Third-grade students led an initiative to collect food scraps in classrooms by presenting to other grade levels and organizing daily collection.
- To collect food scraps, the school placed 5-gallon compost collection buckets in each classroom.
- Teachers and lunchroom staff members conducted demonstrations during class and lunch explaining how to properly sort waste.
- In its lunchroom, Juanita Elementary replaced all disposable plastic trays with reusable durable trays.

For more information about the school's conservation achievements and participation in the King County Green Schools Program, contact:

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