



Kenmore Elementary School

School District: Northshore

School Location: Kenmore

Began participating in the Green Schools Program:
September 2016

Level One of the Green Schools Program:
Achieved in January 2017



Members of the Kenmore Green Team conduct a waste audit.

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The Green Team:
 - Conducted a waste audit to obtain data about the school's waste, and used the data to educate students and staff about reducing waste and recycling.
 - Worked with district staff to start collecting compostable materials and to switch from disposable polystyrene lunch trays to reusable plastic trays.
 - Organized a Waste Free Wednesday Contest with prizes awarded for Best Overall and Most Improved.
- Education and outreach:
 - Fliers informing parents about reducing food waste were sent home.
 - Parent volunteers led four weeks of training about waste reduction and recycling during lunches.
 - Announcements with waste reduction and recycling tips were made daily.
 - An Eco Tips column was added to the weekly newsletter.
 - A video was produced to introduce students to the new collection program for compostable materials and to the improved recycling protocols.
- Kenmore Elementary teamed up with the Kenmore Junior High Green Team to run recycling relays to help teach Kenmore Elementary students who had signed up to be "Super Sorter" volunteers.



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

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