Bellevue Children’s Academy

School District: Private
School location: Bellevue
Began participating in the Green Schools Program: In September 2017
Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in February 2018
Level Two of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in January 2019
Level Three of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in January 2019

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Bellevue Children’s Academy maintained a recycling rate of 66 percent.
- At the beginning of the 2018-19 school year, all students participated in a school-wide Going Green Together assembly provided by King County.
- Students and staff members learned about waste reduction and recycling practices via the weekly e-bulletin.
- Green Team students created and shared a video encouraging students to only use one paper towel when drying their hands.
- Kindergarteners participated in a conservation unit where they learned about conservation practices and the environment.
- Throughout the school, near recycling bins, the Green Team created and posted signs listing what can and can’t be recycled.
- The staff Green Team partnered with the after-school student Comet Club to promote proper sorting of recyclable and compostable materials.
- In its cafeteria, the school replaced all Styrofoam plates with compostable plates.
Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- Fourth-grade classes completed an energy unit where they learned about energy conservation practices.
- Kindergartners calculated their carbon footprints and created footprint diagrams highlighting where energy can be conserved.
- Students pledged to conserve energy by signing on the school’s Energy Pledge Wall.
- Students each day were assigned the classroom job of turning off lights in empty rooms.
- To conserve energy, doors and windows were kept closed while the heating/cooling system was on.

Water Conservation and Pollution Prevention (Level Three)

- Students pledged to conserve water by signing on the school’s Water Pledge Wall.
- First and second-grade classrooms learned about dams during a hydro-energy unit.
- The Green Team created water conservation signs which were posted next to all school faucets to remind students to turn off the water when not in use.

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

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