Cedar River Elementary School

School District: Tahoma
School Location: Maple Valley
Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2017
Sustaining Green School 2017-18: Achieved in May 2018

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Cedar River Elementary School maintained a 72 percent recycling rate.
- Student helpers assisted daily in the lunchroom by monitoring waste stations and teaching students about how to properly sort waste.
- The school began giving “Green Paws” to students who sorted recyclable and compostable materials correctly. Students collected “Green Paws” to earn a prize.

Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- The Green Team encouraged all classrooms to participate in the People Power Planet energy conservation pledge.
- Green Team students helped turn off lights and electronics when not in use.
- Throughout the school year, the Green Team conducted classroom Power Patrols in which students recorded energy conservation practices and energy waste. Results and recommendation were shared with teachers and students.

Water Conservation and Pollution Prevention (Level Three)

- To conserve water, classroom sinks have aerators and bathroom sinks have timers.
- The school maintained a rain garden with drought-tolerant native plants which collect and filter runoff. A rain barrel was used to capture water for the school’s garden.
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- Cedar River Elementary School engaged in waste reduction, recycling, energy conservation, and water conservation practices.
- To improve lunchroom recycling, the Green Team created and posted visual displays to hang on a PVC sign holder to instruct students about proper waste sorting and about reducing contamination in each type of bin.

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

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