



## **Crystal Springs Elementary School**

**School District:** Northshore

**School Location:** Bothell

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

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in January 2020

### **Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)**

- Crystal Springs Elementary achieved a 43 percent recycling rate.
- Students created and shared with the school a video on how to sort waste and recyclable materials.
- Green Tips on conservation practices such as packing a waste-free lunch were shared with the school during daily morning announcements.
- Recycling signs were posted next to recycling bins in classrooms and hallways.
- The student body attended an assembly about resource conservation provided by King County at the school, and four classrooms participated in King County classroom workshops.
- For a class project, fifth-grade students recorded quantities of food waste in the cafeteria.
- The school's PTSA purchased a reusable waste bottle for each student.
- In the cafeteria, students used durable trays, durable utensils, and bulk dispensers. Silverware Superheroes, a group of first-grade students, reminded all students to set aside the durable utensils for washing and reuse.
- Unwanted books, whiteboards, and other items were used by other teachers or donated instead of disposed.
- To reduce paper waste, kindergarten and first-grade classes reused scratch paper, and whiteboards replaced paper workbooks in Ms. Penski's classroom.
- In April 2019, the school established a native plant garden and installed a water cistern.