Emily Dickinson Elementary School

School District: Lake Washington
School Location: Redmond
Began participating in Green Schools Program: November 2018
Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2019

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Emily Dickinson Elementary increased its recycling rate from 49 percent to 62 percent.
- A King County representative trained 45 Green Team members from the third and fourth grades on how to monitor lunchroom recycling stations. The Green Team members rotated on a schedule to help monitor in two out of the three lunch periods.
- To promote waste reduction and recycling practices, the school made announcements through email, at staff meetings, and in student trainings.
- To reduce food waste, “Take or bring only what you will eat” messages were shared with students.
- The school used durable, reusable trays and unwrapped utensils, straws, and napkins in its cafeteria.
- A recycling bin with a recycling sign was paired with each garbage bin in classrooms, offices, the cafeteria, and other areas of the school.
- Six classrooms started to collect food scraps from snacks. Green Team members helped educate teachers and students how to properly sort.
- The school reduced paper use by posting student assignments on PowerSchool and One Note, making double-sided copies, and writing on both sides of paper.
- ASB created monthly reports about the school’s resource conservation practices and shared the achievements with all classes.