Kirkland Middle School

School District: Lake Washington
School Location: Kirkland

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: October 2016
Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in April 2017

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Kirkland Middle School achieved a recycling rate of 48 percent
- A student Green Team was formed in fall 2016. All students were welcome to participate and the team met on a weekly basis.
- The Green Team regularly promoted waste reduction and recycling (WRR) practices via morning announcements and posters placed around the school.
- At the beginning of the school year, Green Team students presented a PowerPoint slideshow at a school staff meeting to remind employees of the school's waste reduction and recycling practices.
- Waste reduction and recycling successes were shared with the school community throughout the year via the school newsletter and the school website.
- To recognize Earth Day, the Green Team quizzed students at lunch about school-wide WRR practices using the phone app Kahoot. Science teachers used the Kahoot app for a similar activity during classes to connect WRR practices to environmental science.
- The Green Team created posters promoting waste reduction and recycling to help students understand how to sort recyclable and compostable materials.
- Green Team students collaborated with students from a University of Washington bio-solids class to plan and create PSA videos. The videos were completed and presented to Kirkland Middle School students in January 2017.
- To reduce food waste, a share table was set up in the cafeteria so that students could take or place unwanted, packaged, and unopened cafeteria items.
For more information about this school’s participation in the King County Green Schools Program, contact:

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