



## **Mark Twain Elementary School**

**School District:** Lake Washington School District

**School Location:** Kirkland

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

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2019

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

- Mark Twain Elementary increased its recycling rate from 45 percent in January 2019 to 50 percent in April 2019.
- The school started a student Green Team which met monthly and made regular announcements about its activities.
- The school reduced paper use by posting student assignments on the school website, making double-sided copies, and placing paper trays in classrooms for paper used only on one side so students could use the blank sides.
- “Take or bring only what you will eat” messages were shared to reduce food waste. The school also encouraged students and families to pack lunches from home in reusable containers.
- The school used durable, reusable trays and utensils in its cafeteria.
- A recycling bin with a recycling sign was placed next to each garbage bin in classrooms, offices, cafeteria, and other areas of the school.
- The school collected food scraps and other compostable materials to be transported to Cedar Grove Composting.