McMurray Middle School

School District: Vashon
School Location: Vashon

Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2017
Level One of the Green Schools Program: Achieved in May 2018

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- The school created a Green Team made up of six students.
- To promote the school's participation in the King County Green Schools program, the school made all-school announcements and set up an information booth to recruit Green Team members at the school's community day.
- The Green Team monitored waste stations during the school day to record what materials students were throwing in the wrong bins, and used the data to inform students about which materials should be placed in garbage and recycling bins.
- McMurray Middle School set up a share table in the cafeteria where unwanted, unopened and packaged foods could be taken by students that wanted more food.
- Food scraps from the cafeteria were sent to a local pig farm to reduce the amount of landfilled food.
- McMurray increased its recycling rate from 37 percent to 43 percent.

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