Moorlands Elementary School

**School District:** Northshore  
**School location:** Kenmore  
**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:** September 2015  
**Level One of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2016  
**Level Two of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in May 2017  
**Level Three of the Green Schools Program:** Achieved in January 2019

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

- Moorlands Elementary School maintained a recycling rate of 48 percent.  
- The Green Team made weekly announcements with tips on waste reduction and recycling practices.  
- To improve proper waste sorting, the Green Team created and shared a video with all classrooms explaining what can and can’t be recycled.  
- Green Team students created two large three-dimensional displays of recyclable materials and hung them in the school’s library and main office.  
- To help reduce paper waste, bins were placed in each classroom to collect paper that had only been used on one side. Students used the back sides of the paper.  
- The school collected 30,000 plastic lids which were used by students to make an outdoor mural.  
- To reduce waste, Moorlands’ used durable trays and bulk condiment dispensers in its lunchroom.  
- During morning announcements, the school promoted waste-free lunches.  
- Students collected short, used pencils for students in primary classrooms to use. This diverted the short pencils from the landfill.
Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- Energy conservation tips were included in morning announcements throughout the school year.
- School thermostats were set between 68-70 degrees.

Water Conservation and Pollution Prevention (Level Three)

- Water conservation tips were given to each class once a month.
- Fourth-grade classes learned about environmental stewardship by raising coho salmon in the school’s salmon tank and then releasing them into the Puget Sound watershed.
- Students learned about the life cycle of plants by sowing, tending, and harvesting produce in the school’s raised garden beds.
- At the beginning of the year, students signed pledges committing to various water conservation actions.
- Moorlands installed a rain barrel to collect water to irrigate the school’s garden.
- Signs encouraging students to soap up their hands before rinsing were posted next to bathroom and classroom sinks.

For more information about the school’s conservation achievements and participation in the Green Schools Program, contact:

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