Tahoma Elementary School

School District: Tahoma
School Location: Maple Valley
Began participating in the Green Schools Program: September 2017
Sustaining Green School 2017-18: Achieved in May 2018

Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Tahoma Elementary School maintained a recycling rate of 49 percent.
- Green Team members regularly monitored lunchroom waste stations and assisted students with proper waste sorting.
- Students created and posted signs listing what can and cannot be recycled and composted throughout the school.
- The school made weekly announcements to promote waste-free Wednesdays where students were encouraged to reduce food waste and plastic packaging waste during lunch.
- The Green Team emptied all classroom recycling, taking note of any contamination. Recommendations and recognition was then shared with teachers and students.

Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- Signs were posted near all light switches to encourage staff and students to turn off lights when not in use.
- Student monitors in each classroom ensured that all energy conservation practices, such as closing windows in air conditioned rooms and using natural daylight whenever possible, were being followed.

Water Conversation and Pollution Prevention (Level Three)

- Students posted signs near all sinks as a reminder to conserve water by turning off the faucet when not in use.
• The school made regular announcements to encourage students and staff to never litter by explaining how litter contributes to water pollution.

**Sustaining Green School 2017-18**

• Tahoma Elementary School sustained its Level One waste reduction and recycling practices, Level Two energy conservation practices, and Level Three water conservation strategies.
• The Green Team created educational videos to encourage students to recycle properly and reduce contamination in recycling bins.
• Classrooms with zero contamination in their recycling bins were recognized with Green Club awards.

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

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