

# Earth Heroes at School

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For their outstanding contributions in schools, King County recognizes the following Earth Heroes for their work to protect our environment.



## TEACHERS

**Janet Charnley** The Evergreen School 206/364-2650

An outstanding environmental leader for over 15 years, Janet involves students in such hands-on projects as Thornton Creek restoration and creating wildlife habitat on school grounds and at the neighborhood park. She excels at helping students learn about and love science and the environment.

**Bill Hayden** Snoqualmie Elementary School 425/831-8050

Through Bill's ongoing work on the Snoqualmie Wetland Project, a garbage-filled, overgrown, inaccessible oxbow slough near the school has been changed into a healthy wetland that serves as an outdoor classroom.

**Peter Hayes** Lakeside School 206/368-3600

As founder and co-director of the Thornton Creek Project, Peter forged a new model of watershed education which involves school and community members, including businesses, working together as stewards of their local creek.

**Bill Levin** Hamilton Middle School 206/252-5862

Bill involves students in a number of environmental and community projects, including building an organic garden, sending the produce to the food bank, and having students work at the food bank. He has also instituted a number of innovative waste reduction and recycling efforts at the school.

**Naticia Litven** Des Moines Elementary School 206/433-2541

Naticia has been conducting the Des Moines Creek Enhancement Project for three years with her sixth-grade students. They monitor water quality and stream ecology and have planted trees along the stream bank to support salmon habitat.

**Gale Lundberg** Rock Creek Elementary School 425/413-3300

For five years, Gale has led the school Environmental Club, whose projects include picking up litter at Rock Creek, writing letters to elected officials on environmental issues, and performing a play, "Save our Salmon," for the community.

**Maggie Wheatley** Skykomish School 360/677-2623

Maggie involves her students in litter clean-ups, tree planting, composting, and using recycled materials. Through these activities, a week at science camp, and hiking trips in the mountains, Maggie teaches her students the importance of taking care of their community for future generations.

**Seth Adams, Alice Finch, Jacquie Hylar, Tara Nessen, Dawn Robinson, Bob Ruud, Mike Sullivan, Holly Wagner**

Maywood Middle School 425/837-6900

This team of seventh grade teachers integrated a curriculum that explores the difficult question of how to manage forest practices in King County given increased human populations and decreased fish populations. A community education component includes stenciling storm drains with "no waste" messages.

## STAFF

**Trish Hamilton** Cherry Valley Elementary 425/844-4750

Trish has organized the fourth and fifth grade students into the "Recycling Brigade." She also started the lunchroom recycling effort, giving the school's food waste to a local pig farmer. Trish's actions in turn inspire the students to carry the environmental message to their families and community.

**Lynn Ronald** View Ridge Elementary 206/729-3270

An interpreter for the deaf and hard of hearing, Lynn has been a strong inspiration to kids by leading the Student Council in environmental projects such as working on the school's butterfly garden, a registered site with the Wildlife Federation.

**Selim Uzuner** Tolt Middle School 425-844-4613

Selim set up the school recycling program by recruiting students for the Tolt Recycling Club which recycles 800-1000 lbs. of aluminum cans and up to 15 tons of mixed paper annually. Students further learn about the positive effects of recycling through classroom workshops and field trips.

## STUDENTS

**Bruce Heather Jr., Vicki Huggins, Sara Ladenburg**

Tyee High School 206/433-2341

Bruce, Heather and Sara conducted an extensive water quality project for a Science Fair and then continued to research water quality in their community. As leaders of their school's Environmental Club, they have shared their findings through presentations to the community.

**Ivana Mohar** Bothell High School 425/489-6100

Ivana leads and organizes the Bothell High School Earth Club and spearheads numerous school and community activities including recycling and litter control. Her efforts have raised environmental awareness on campus significantly.

**Tor Pederson** Woodinville High School 425/489-6794

Tor actively participates in the operations of a campus and community recycling program and puts in the extra effort to make the recycling program the best it can be. His consistent dedication has been a big part of the success behind this award-winning recycling program.

## PROGRAMS

**Eagle and Orca Clans (3rd, 4th, and 5th graders)**

Pathfinder School 206/933-5380

The Eagle and Orca Clans have provided ongoing stewardship of Mee Kwa Mooks Park in West Seattle for the past five years. The third, fourth, and fifth graders have cleared away noxious weeds, planted the area with native plants and done stream bank restoration.

**Soul Salmon Team led by Marcia Wubbens, Pat Valle, Kim Pesik, Cinead Kubiak** Einstein Middle School 206/368-4730

These seventh grade teachers created the Soul Salmon Project, the culminating event of two years of intensive environmental study involving their 300 students. Last year students conducted field research on Boeing Creek and this year will focus on Thornton Creek and will create and install two salmon sculptures for the Shoreline community.

## SCHOOLS

**Environmental and Adventure School** 425/825-1411

The school provides a unique environmentally-focused, integrated, thematic curriculum to multi-age classes of middle level students. Students do over 10,000 hours of stewardship each year.

**Orca Elementary (Anza Muenchow, Master Gardener)**

206/760-4660

The school garden introduces all students to composting, planting, planning and maintaining a garden and is a focal point for the community.

**Two Rivers School (Joe Burgener, Elise Cooksley, Denise Atkinson, and students)** 425/888-4394

The school has been involved in restoring one-quarter mile of shoreline along the Snoqualmie River at Tolt MacDonald Park in Carnation and planting trees at Three Forks Natural Area in Snoqualmie. Plans are underway to restore more habitat areas.

The Earth Heroes at School Program is part of a countywide Earth Legacy Initiative, which consists of a number of programs that protect and enhance the environment of King County.

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