#### Criteria

Please follow this format when writing your nomination.

- 1. Give a brief description of your project using these headings:
- Start and end dates Methods Background Results
- 2. What are the positive impacts of this project on student learning?
- 3. What are the positive impacts of this project on the environment?
- 4. How do the benefits of the project extend beyond the classroom to the greater student body, the school district or the community?
- 5. For a nominated person, tell how the nominee demonstrates a commitment to the environment beyond the normal requirements of his or her job.

Answers should be brief, but should provide enough detail to fully describe the project and its impact. Submit no more than two typed pages. Be sure to attach the nomination form to your response.

#### Nominate an Earth Hero in one of these categories:

Teacher - A teacher who has introduced students to the importance of preserving and protecting the natural environment through an innovative and creative program or project.

**Staff/Volunteer -** A school staff person or volunteer who has taken the initiative to implement a program/project that educates students about the value of protecting the environment.

Student - A young person who has shown leadership in educating his/her peers about the importance of protecting the environment.

**Program/School -** An innovative or creative project or program in a school that educates and teaches students about the value of the environment; a school that is dedicated to building an environmental legacy for future generations.

**NOTE:** 2007 winners are not eligible for the 2008 award. However, they may be nominated again in 2009.

For more information: Call Gravson Court at 206-296-8440, toll free 1-800-325-6165, ext. 6-4466, TTY Relay: 711 or email grayson.court@kingcounty.gov

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, February 29, 2008.

Self-nominations are encouraaed.









#### Earth Day (ûrth-day) noun

Day celebrating the earth. Usually marked by helping to clean up the community and/or the environment.

Earth Hero at School (ûrth-hero-ât-skool) noun A teacher, student, staff, volunteer, program or school doing exceptional work for the environment in King County.

Earth-shaking (ûrth-sha-king) adjective Having a significant impact, such as an Earth Hero at School.

# 2008 Nominate an Earth Hero at Your School





### **King County**

Department of Natural Resources and Parks Solid Waste Division

For recognition by **Executive Ron Sims** at the annual Earth Heroes at School Awards Ceremony April 2008

#### 2007 Earth Heroes:

Students Olivia Dominguez and Sinclair Nitz accepted the Earth Hero award on behalf of the Laurelhurst Elementary Lunchroom Composting and Recycling Program, which reduced the school's garbage by 88 percent.

## Awards will be presented by Executive Sims at a special ceremony in April 2008.



**2007 Earth Heroes:** This Apollo Elementary team of teacher Karen DeBrueler, Principal Marla Erath, teachers Renee Coon and Eric Nelson and lead custodian Mike Engen, organized a lunchroom recycling program that increased recycling by 30 percent.

The Earth Heroes at School Program celebrates students, teachers, staff, and volunteers who implement projects at their school or beyond to protect our environment. Is there a student at your school who is an outstanding advocate for conserving natural resources? Are your teachers or other staff leading the way in reducing your school's impact on our environment? If so, nominate

them for an Earth Heroes at School award!

Winners are honored each year at a reception featuring entertainment, displays, and refreshments. King County Executive Ron Sims will present awards to winners.



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2007 Earth Hero: Maggie Windus of Juanita Elementary, recognized for her leadership in improving the school's recycling program, received assistance from Executive Ron Sims in holding a photo of her students, all of whom played a part in planning, promoting and maintaining the program.



**2007 Earth Heroes:** Students Blake Rasmussen and Jessica McCall, next to the Tahoma Outdoor Academy display, were part of the program led by teachers Tracy Krause, Mike Hanson, and Jamie Vollrath, which provides students with experience stewarding natural resources through restoration and trail work.



2007 Earth Heroes: Clara Manahan from West Woodland Elementary described the school's composting and recycling program. With her are fellow Earth Hero winners Teal Stannard and Philip Park.

This material will be provided in alternate formats upon request by contacting the **King County Solid Waste Division** at 206-296-4466, 1-800-325-6165, ext. 6-4466, TTY Relay: 711, www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd Please complete this nomination form and submit it with your nomination to:

Grayson Court King County Solid Waste Division 201 South Jackson St., Suite 701 Seattle, WA 98104-3856

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See nomination instructions on back

# Nomination Category (choose one) Teacher Staff/Volunteer Student Program/School Name of Staff/Volunteer

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