

## Maywood Hills Elementary School

**School District:** Northshore

**School Location:** Bothell

**Began participating in the Green Schools Program:**  
 September 2014

**Level One of the Green Schools Program:**  
 Achieved in May 2015

**Level Two of the Green Schools Program:**  
 Achieved in May 2016

### Waste Reduction and Recycling (Level One)

- Maywood Hills Elementary achieved a 42 percent recycling rate by May 2016.
- In winter 2014, the school held two assemblies to introduce milk carton recycling to students and staff.
- Associated Student Body (ASB) students talked about milk carton recycling in each classroom and surveyed teachers on the success of the milk carton recycling program.
- A monthly Spirit of the Milk Carton Recycling Award was given to classes that showed the greatest commitment to milk carton recycling.
- ASB students promoted paper reuse by making and distributing G.O.O.S. (Good on One Side) paper boxes for each classroom.
- In winter 2015, the school received the King County Earth Challenge assembly and follow-up classroom workshops.
- Librarian Renee Huizenga taught lessons with repurposed materials and installed a space in the school library for students to create using reusable building materials and software.
- Staff members used durable utensils in the staff room and teachers shared office supplies before purchasing new products.



Custodian Greg Shumway and teacher Laura White with display of milk cartons.



Teachers Renee Huizenga and Laura White presented the monthly Spirit of Milk Carton Recycling award to classrooms.



- With support from a King County Green Team specialist, teacher Laura White's science classes made several worm bins to teach students about worm bin composting and the importance of reducing food waste.
- The school participated in grass-cycling under the school's "Popcorn Tree," also known as a Chinese tallow tree or Florida aspen tree, and ASB students planted bulbs under the tree in spring 2015.
- In 2015-16, the school started a composting pilot program to collect food scraps and other compostable materials for transport to a regional composting facility. The program involved students and staff members.

## Energy Conservation (Level Two)

- "Turn off Lights" and "Turn off Equipment" signs were placed in all classrooms to remind students and staff to turn off any lights and computers when not in use.
- The Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students), a program connecting fathers with classrooms, volunteered to label classroom light switches with "turn off the light" stickers. The volunteers talked with students about energy conservation.
- Science specialist Laura White educated students about energy conservation practices.
- To conserve energy, the school turned off refrigerators and other appliances during long breaks and vacations in order to conserve energy.
- The technology resource teacher sent email instructions on how to place technology equipment in power saving modes.

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