

## News release



Everett Public Schools

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### **Forest View Elementary receives Washington Green School award**

Forest View Elementary School has been honored with a Level 2 Washington Green School certification for the 2010-11 school year. The Forest View Green Team is headed by fifth-grade teacher Debbie Strong and her students who continue to work on green certification for Forest View. They will be honored at a school assembly on Wednesday, June 15, at 2:45 p.m.

To achieve certification at Level 2, the Forest View Green Team conducted a rigorous assessment of [recycling and waste reduction](#) on its campus. As a result of the assessment, the Green Team carried out a program to reduce uneaten and unopened food in the garbage. The school's "No Waste Lunch" on

Earth Day resulted in a 40 percent reduction in food waste. In addition, the Green Team held a community electronics recycling day, students created skits to share about air pollution, and researched and informed the community about carbon footprints, as well as proper hand-washing techniques to reduce toxins from hand sanitizers in the school.



The statewide [Washington Green Schools](#) program provides a free web-based structure, tools, and resources for public and private K-12 schools to use to reduce their campus environmental footprint and utility costs. Student leadership and community service are also key goals.

Currently, 159 Washington state schools are active and seven have achieved Level 2 since the program began in 2009. Schools assess and take action in [energy efficiency](#), [recycling and waste reduction](#), [toxics reduction and indoor air quality](#), [transportation and outdoor air quality](#), and water quality and conservation on campus.

Washington Green Schools was developed by environmental and education experts throughout the state and is currently funded by a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology. Any K-12 school in the state can register and participate in this five-level program.

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