

Conservation News & Announcements

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Disposable Water Bottles Eliminated at Concord



Concord Students in the school garden. Photo courtesy of Soren burns/IslandWood.

The Green Team at Concord Elementary noticed that there were a lot of disposable water bottles being thrown away and recycled during WASL testing last year. The water bottles were used for convenience during the tests. In the past, over 100 disposable water bottles were used for each day of WASL testing.

As they prepared for the WASL this year, students wrote persuasive letters explaining why the use of disposable water bottles was not environmentally responsible. In response, Concord purchased reusable water bottles for the students!

This follows Mayor Greg Nickels announcement in March that the City of Seattle will stop buying bottled water. According to the executive order, producing bottles for U.S. consumers requires more than 17 million barrels of oil, not including transport, and only 1 in 10 bottles are recycled.