

City of Lakewood

SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2016

DEFENDER OF THE PLANET

YOUTH AWARD



Kids Working Towards a Better Environment

South Lakewood Elementary Student Leaders



In 2015, student leaders at South Lakewood Elementary took a holistic and comprehensive approach to thinking about sustainability by developing an outreach and education plan that covered renewable energy, water conservation, and waste diversion. Student leaders first taught themselves about the programs and technologies in use at the school and then educated their fellow classmates about how they reduce the school's environmental impacts.

The students spent time with the school's building engineer to learn about the amount of energy saved through the school's solar panels, as well as how weather affects energy use. They also learned about smart irrigation systems, water conservation and how to expand recycling to each classroom. The student leaders then used educational programs to inspire nearly 1000 members of the school community, including students, parents, and faculty.

These student leaders proved that leadership in community sustainability comes from community members of all ages.

Achievement Area

- Waste Reduction & Recycling



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