

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Commendation for Sheryl Lundahl
DEPARTMENT: CMO/CCK
PRESENTED BY: Sharon Mattioli, City Clerk

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Each year, the King County Executive recognizes outstanding work for the environment among teachers, students, staff and programs at King County Schools. This year a teacher in the Shoreline School District, Sheryl Lundahl, was recognized as a King County "Earth Hero at School." Ms. Lundahl teaches at Parkwood Elementary School.

For the past several years, she has facilitated Parkwood's 3rd – 6th grade volunteer afterschool Recycling Club. Twenty or more students each year have participated and taken on the responsibility for Parkwood recycling. Ms. Lundahl teaches the club the importance of recycling and waste reduction, and the students in the club then help to raise the awareness of recycling for the rest of the school.

Among the club's activities are creation of a challenge bulletin board with recycling tips for the rest of the school, sharing a "recycling tip of the week" every Monday morning during announcements, and doing surprise checks of other classrooms' recycling to provide encouragement or suggest improvements. The club has had the positive impact of building personal knowledge, reducing the amount of waste generated by the school, and thereby it has preserved natural resources.

Ms. Lundahl and members of her Recycling Club will attend tonight's meeting to accept the commendation and describe some of their recycling efforts.

RECOMMENDATION

No action is required.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney 



COMMENDATION

WHEREAS, each year the King County Executive selects from among teachers, students, staff and programs at King County schools to recognize “Earth Heroes at School” for their outstanding work for the environment; and

WHEREAS, this year Sheryl Lundahl, a teacher at Parkwood Elementary School was recognized as such an “Earth Hero”; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lundahl has facilitated Parkwood’s 3rd – 6th grade volunteer after-school Recycling Club for several years and has encouraged 20 or more students each year to assume responsibility for Parkwood’s recycling; and

WHEREAS, she has helped students understand the importance of recycling and waste reduction through creation of fun opportunities for the children to learn as they volunteer; and

WHEREAS, the Parkwood Recycling Club has benefited the entire school because those involved with the club go beyond their basic recycling duties to teach recycling to others; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline School District is considering using Ms. Lundahl’s efforts at Parkwood as a pilot program for other district schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby commend

SHERYL LUNDAHL

for her efforts to make recycling a part of the lives of students at Parkwood Elementary School and for being a King County 2004 Earth Hero at School.

Ronald B. Hansen, Mayor