



# Cherry Crest Elementary School

Bellevue, WA

**New Construction/Addition**  
Entire school/campus building

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**OWNER/CLIENT**

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**KEY STATS**

Grades Served: K-5  
Capacity: 650 students  
Size of Site: 10 acres  
Building Area: 76,950 sq. ft.  
Space per Student: 118 sq. ft.  
Cost per Student: \$34,243  
Square Foot Cost: \$289  
Construction Cost: \$22,258,119  
Project Cost: \$35,000,000  
Completion Date: August 2012  
Percentage Complete: 100  
Sustainability Rating System/Applied/Status/Level: WSSP

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Respect an exceptional site: Inspired by the context of the secluded and heavily wooded site within the fabric of the surrounding residential neighborhood, the design pursues a deliberate “site weaving” of the natural environment and the school. The students tell you that “the classrooms feel like tree houses.”

Expand integrated curriculum and environmental learning: Within the exterior courtyards and plazas particular attention is focused on storm-water runoff. Water flows down the rain chains through plated runnels, to emerge in the courtyard’s stream feature. This discharges to the rain





gardens, which in turn discharge to the historic site runoff channel. The water path provides ample environmental education opportunities.

The school achieves exceptional energy efficiency (EUI around 18) through daylighting and lighting controls, ground source coupled heat pumps, a super-insulated envelope, and a roof-mounted 100 kW photovoltaic array. Real-time figures are displayed on a monitor in the

lobby, making data on usage as well as production available to students.

Foster collaboration: Grade-level houses are clustered around shared learning spaces and outdoor plazas. By encouraging learning to move outside the individual classroom, collaboration is fostered as is the staff's development of integrated and project-based learning opportunities.

