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Participants in the ribbon-cutting ceremony included, from the left, Tyson Nunn (Nunn Construction), Dennis Neal (WSD3 Chief Operations Officer), Brian Pohl (Principal Grand Mountain School), Andy Lewis (LKA Partners Inc.), Theresa Watson (Board of Education Treasurer), Susan Graham (Board of Education Vice President), Charron Schoenberger (Board of Education president), Scott Campbell (Superintendent), Neil Nelson (Board Member), Jim Boudreau (Board Member.)

# It's Grand to be in D3

BY SCOTT CAMPBELL  
SUPERINTENDENT

Like any project you start, there is nothing like seeing the final result. In 2017, we started the project of expanding and making improvements in Widefield School District 3 by going to our voters and telling our story. Our story was simple and honest; we needed community support to build a new school, make repairs at existing schools, expand innovative programming, and do what is right for our students and staff. Thankfully for us, our community came through and approved a much-needed bond and mill levy.

During the last two years, we've made tremendous improvements to all our facilities and completed construction of our first new school in 22 years, Grand Mountain School. The new PreK-8 computer science innovation school held its' ribbon cutting and grand opening on August 9, and welcomed students on their first day

on August 16.

While this was our biggest bond project, and probably the most popular to follow along with as a community, we are equally as proud of other projects that took place across the district and will continue to take place this year. All of our projects are posted on our website, [wsd3.org](http://wsd3.org), under the About section.

Also new this year are school boundary changes within our district. Those changes stemmed from opening a new school and alleviating crowding at current schools. New boundaries also means new and changed bus routes. We have been working diligently to ensure a smooth start to the school year, but we graciously ask for your patience as we work out any kinks along the way.

We are also very proud to have four schools with innovation status from the Colorado Department of Education. Talbott STEAM Innovation School, King

Elementary - A Project Based Learning School, Widefield Elementary School of the Arts, and Grand Mountain School - Computer Science Innovation. This status allows schools greater control over matters such as educational programming, calendars and scheduling, and budgeting. It provides a pathway for schools and districts to obtain greater individual school autonomy and managerial flexibility in order to implement diverse approaches to learning.

Alongside our innovative programs is our growing manufacturing and construction program at the Manufacturing Industry Learning Lab (MiLL). We've tripled enrollment and will be adding a welding and metal fabrication program in January. Our Careers in Construction students will continue their home build project this school year and students in the manufacturing side will be building cabinets for the new home. We are so grateful to our indus-

try and community partners including the Housing and Building Association of Colorado Springs. Additionally we have partnered with the Springs Rescue Mission, and Catholic Charities to provide skilled trades programs for adults. We look forward to building additional partnerships this school year.

We invite the community to our annual District Parade & Community Day on Saturday, September 28. The parade kicks off at 10:30 a.m. from the Big R parking lot and ends at C.A. Foster Stadium behind Widefield high school. Following the parade is our Fall Festival, the Fountain Valley Scholars cookout, and of course the big football game between Mesa Ridge and Widefield high schools.

As always our door is open in WSD3, and we look forward to serving your families this school year. Be sure to visit our new website, [wsd3.org](http://wsd3.org), or call our main office at (719) 391-3000.

# Bond Update

BY CAROLYN STEPHEN  
BOND COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

There are many things to be excited about for the 2019-2020 school year. The district has been hard at work throughout the summer in completing multiple bond projects, as well as maintaining our buildings.

Several schools received facility upgrades to create a safer and better learning experience for our students. Mesa Ridge High School added outdoor seating near the cafete-

ria so students can sit outside during their lunch period. Talbott STEAM Innovation School and North Preschool both received electrical, fire safety, and life safety upgrades to their buildings. Venetucci Elementary added 35 various shaped tables for classrooms. Watson Junior High School upgraded its facilities with new lighting, plumbing fixtures, refreshed paint, and new bathroom stalls.

The district is also continuing to improve accessibility in all our schools. Widefield High School recently installed ramps and handrails into Bowers Gym. The school will be adding new ADA compliant handicap and van accessible parking areas and a wheelchair lift for people to access the lower level of the gym.

All projects are made possible thanks to the passage of

3A & 3B, the bond and mill levy override in November 2017. Though it has been nearly two years since then, the bond dollars will positively impact the district for years to come. We will work diligently on future projects to help enrich our schools and our facilities.

With so many grand plans, we are happy to announce that Grand Mountain School held a ribbon cutting on August 9, 2019. Close to 300 people including students, parents, and community members were invited to the event and were able to tour the building and explore classrooms.

To learn more about bond projects happening throughout the district, visit our website at [www.wsd3.org/about/bond-2017](http://www.wsd3.org/about/bond-2017) under the "School Projects" tab.



A yellow school bus with its front door open. Two people, a man in a plaid shirt and a woman in a red shirt, are standing next to the bus. The bus has "WHEELER SCHOOL DISTRICT 3" and the number "115" on its side. The license plate also reads "115".

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Photo by Carolyn Stephen

Lily Willett, Venetucci first grader, gets her hair styled by her father before the first day of school.



Photo by Carolyn Stephen

Jaden (third grade) and Isaiah Prater (first grade) are prepared for their first day of school at Webster Elementary.



Photo by Carolyn Stephen

Discovery High School students, Joslyn Shedd and Kayla Neese, eat breakfast before the first day of classes.



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Assistant principal of Talbott STEAM Innovation School Laura Hill poses with Talbott Tiger mascot.



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# Swing for Scholars

BY SAMANTHA BRIGGS  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION

Fountain Valley Scholars (FVS) would like to thank the community for a successful golf tournament to raise college funds for students in the Fountain Valley. FVS raised more than \$19,000 in July at our sixth annual golf tournament hosted by Cheyenne Shadows Golf Club on Fort Carson. The money raised will be distributed through scholarships to qualified high school students in both Fountain-Fort Carson and Widefield school districts.

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  - Mesa Ridge High School

FVS is always looking for community members to volunteer on our board and help us continue to give back to students. We typically meet on the fourth Thursday of every month. For more information visit our website at [www.fountainvalleyscholars.wordpress.com](http://www.fountainvalleyscholars.wordpress.com) or call (719) 391-3019.

## Important Dates

**Internet Safety Community Meeting**

August 28, 2019 ~ 6 p.m.  
WHS Auditorium

**D3 Parade & Community Day**

September 28, 2019 ~ 10:30 a.m.  
Starts: Big R / Ends: C.A. Foster Stadium

**Surviving School Event: Tools to Navigate Life Challenges**

October 28, 2019 ~ 5-8 p.m.  
Mesa Ridge High School

**Geography Bee (6-8th grade)**

November 7, 2019 ~ 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
MRHS Auditorium



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