

Bond Projects Update

Lake Washington School District



April 2018

Samamish community celebrates groundbreaking of Mead Elementary



Margaret Mead Elementary School students welcomed visitors to their school with drumming and singing during the groundbreaking ceremony on March 28. Parents, dignitaries, architects and contractors attended the event.

Principal Sandy Klein said the new building will allow Mead to offer more opportunities for learning. It is set to open in September 2019.

Representatives from the district and community came to celebrate the milestone with students, including:

- Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent
- State Sen. Manka Dhingra
- Christie Malchow, Sammamish Mayor
- Kathy Lambert, King County Councilmember
- Siri Bliesner, School Board President
- Cassandra Sage, School Board Member
- Dr. Jon Holmen, Deputy Superintendent
- Barbara Posthumus, Associate Superintendent
- Dr. Matt Livingston, Director School Support for Eastlake Learning Community

Mead Elementary is one of eight projects approved by voters as part of the 2016 bond measure.

[Watch the video.](#)

Margaret Mead Elementary School

Kirkland community celebrates groundbreaking of Peter Kirk Elementary



"We are Peter Kirk!" Students sang enthusiastically during the ceremonial groundbreaking for Peter Kirk Elementary School on March 30. The new building will house 690 students and is expected to open in September 2019.

Principal Monica Garcia said input from community, staff and students is helping guide the construction project. She said the new building will match how students and staff already feel about the school. Former Kirk Principal Rick Burden also attended in his role as Director School Support for Lake Washington Learning Community.

Representatives from the district and community came to celebrate the milestone with students:

- Dr. Traci Pierce, Superintendent
- State Rep. Roger Goodman
- Jay Arnold, Kirkland Deputy Mayor
- Toby Nixon, Kirkland City Councilmember
- Jon Pascal, Kirkland City Councilmember
- Siri Bliesner, School Board President
- Cassandra Sage, School Board Member
- Dr. Jon Holmen, Deputy Superintendent
- Barbara Posthumus, Associate Superintendent

Kirk Elementary is one of eight projects approved by voters as part of the 2016 bond measure. [Watch the video.](#)

Peter Kirk Elementary School

Concrete for foundation footings poured at Juanita High School



As students returned from spring break, construction on their new Juanita High School was moving forward. The first concrete pour on April 10 set the footings for the school's foundation. With parking reduced due to construction, more students have been carpooling and riding the bus. JHS staff and Kirkland Police also helped families navigate revised drop-off and parking routines. Construction workers and staff expressed appreciation for the positive attitudes of parents, students and the community.

Juanita High School is one of eight projects approved by voters as part of the 2016 bond measure. [Learn more.](#)

Juanita High School

LWSD names planning principal for new middle school at Redmond Ridge

Principal Heidi Paul has been selected to serve as planning principal for the new middle school at Redmond Ridge. The school will open in fall 2019.

Paul is currently the principal at Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School in Kirkland. She has both middle school and elementary school experience. She also has experience opening a new school.

Paul will continue to serve Bell Elementary during the 2018-19 school year. Associate Principal Ann Balicki will serve at Bell Elementary full-time next year to provide additional support.



New elementary schools select mascots

The Ella Baker Bears (Redmond Ridge East) and the Clara Barton Bobcats (North Redmond) will bring their school spirit to the two new elementary schools in the fall. Students submitted mascot nominations and voted on the top choices. The LWSD School Board formally voted to approve the new mascots at the April 16 board meeting.

Updates on projects

Click on a link below to jump to updates for other projects funded by the 2016 bond:

- [Clara Barton Elementary \(New Elementary School in North Redmond\)](#)
- [Ella Baker Elementary \(New Elementary School in Redmond Ridge East\)](#)
- [New Middle School - Redmond Ridge](#)
- [Explorer Community School](#)
- [Old Redmond Schoolhouse](#)

Clara Barton Elementary (New Elementary School in North Redmond)

- The walk-in freezer and refrigerator were installed in the kitchen.
- Drilling of geothermal wells completed. The wells will provide heat for the new school.
- Installation of interior doors, flooring, casework is beginning.
- Elevators are being installed.
- Foundation poured for covered play area.



Clara Barton Elementary Updates

Ella Baker Elementary (New Elementary School in Redmond Ridge East)

- Exterior metal panels are being installed.
- Interior framing and ceilings in progress.
- Brick installation complete.
- Interior painting beginning.



Ella Baker Elementary Updates

New Middle School - Redmond Ridge



- Interior insulation being installed.
- Installation of exterior framing.
- Work is progressing on the gymnasium and the locker room.
- Framing is beginning in the classroom wing.
- Electrical and plumbing installation has begun.

New Middle School - Redmond Ridge

Explorer Community School

- Students are attending school in the new modular campus.



Explorer Community School

Old Redmond Schoolhouse

- Design development is complete.
- Permit application submitted to the

City of Redmond.

- Building will be transitioned from city to district on May 1.
- Construction anticipated to begin in July.



Old Redmond Schoolhouse

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