

Construction Updates

Lake Washington School District



September 2018

Featured projects

“Make new friends, but keep the old”: Students explore new schools



Excited parents and students filled the halls of the district’s two new elementary schools during Meet and Greet events on Aug. 30. Ella Baker Elementary at Redmond Ridge East and Clara Barton Elementary School in north Redmond celebrated the first day of school on Sept. 4.

Families met teachers, signed up to volunteer and saw their classrooms for the first time. One student was happy to find that a friend from a previous school was in his class.

Hand-written messages on SMART boards encouraged students to sign their names or complete an activity to help them get to know their classrooms and meet other students.

After visiting the classroom, students participated in a scavenger hunt to explore the library, the commons/gymnasium, the music room and the playground.

The two new elementary schools will provide space for 1,380 students.

Watch photo slideshows from the school Meet and Greets:

- [Ella Baker Elementary](#)
- [Clara Barton Elementary](#)

Open Houses scheduled

As a thank you to our community, we want to share these new schools with you. LWSD, Ella Baker Elementary, Clara Barton Elementary and the PTSA's are teaming up to offer tours to the public in October. Each school will have more details on its website closer to the event.

Open House tours for Ella Baker Elementary: Saturday, October 6 from 10 to 1:30 p.m.
9595 Eastridge Drive N.E., Redmond, WA 98053

Open House tours for Clara Barton Elementary: Thursday, October 11 from 4:15 to 7 p.m.
12101 172nd Ave. N.E., Redmond, WA 98052

Videos: New schools focus on service and empowering changemakers

While preparing for the first day of school, the principals of Clara Barton Elementary and Ella Baker Elementary spoke about how the new schools support learning. The schools also incorporate features that conserve natural resources and reduce energy costs. Watch the videos:



Ella Baker Elementary Updates

Clara Barton Elementary Updates

Middle school teachers building school culture for student success



The new middle school at Redmond Ridge opens in one year. A planning team of 15 teachers have started preparing for that first day. The school will accommodate up to 900 students when it opens in fall 2019.

In August, planning staff received their first tour of the school. Throughout the year, staff will meet to develop the school's culture. This early work will support students' academic needs. It will also nurture social and emotional skills.



The planning principal, Heidi Paul, is working closely with the construction team and is providing feedback throughout the process. Staff are discussing logistics such as student drop-off and brainstorming strategies to keep teachers connected.

The building is designed with the needs of community users in mind. Restrooms are strategically placed within public areas of the school and gymnasium for easy access. The future running track and grass field are taking shape on the south end of the property.

[Watch a photo slideshow from the teachers' tour.](#)

Wondering where your student will attend middle school?

The [2019-20 middle school boundary map](#) for the Redmond Learning Community was approved by the school board in November 2017 as part of the LWSD Boundary Committee's [final boundary recommendations](#).

New Middle School - Redmond Ridge

Updates on other 2016 bond projects

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

- [Juanita High School](#)
- [Margaret Mead Elementary School](#)
- [Peter Kirk Elementary](#)
- [Old Redmond Schoolhouse](#)
- [Explorer Community School](#)

Juanita High School



- Juanita High School students returned to campus for their first day of school on September 4. Students will attend classes in what remains of their old building, as well as in 15 double-classroom portables. The first phase of the new school building will open in one year.
- Roof installation is complete.
- Masonry at the theater is complete.
- Exterior work – including brick veneer and window installation – has begun.
- Sheetrock installation has begun.
- A regional operating engineers union strike has been resolved.

Juanita High School

Margaret Mead Elementary School



- Concrete floors started.
- Structural brace frame concrete footings are complete.
- Borings for geothermal wells started.
- Utility work is in progress.
- A regional operating engineers union strike has been resolved.

Margaret Mead Elementary School

Peter Kirk Elementary School



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Peter Kirk Elementary School

Old Redmond Schoolhouse

- Bids for the project have been advertised.
- A pre-bid contractor site walk was held.
- Construction is expected to begin this

fall.



Old Redmond Schoolhouse

Completed projects



Explorer Community School

The school opened in fall 2017. Four innovative and energy-efficient modular classroom buildings replaced aging portable classrooms.

Explorer Community School

Have a question about a bond project? Let's Talk!

Have a question about any of these projects? [Ask us through our "Let's Talk" system](#). This system allows you to share comments or ask questions to members of our team.



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