

COMMUNITY CONNECTION - WINTER 2021

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Safe, Warm, and Dry Stewardship of South Kitsap Facilities

While most students are learning from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic, work continues to maintain, upgrade, and care for the facilities in South Kitsap School District. The Facilities and Operations department, led by Director Joe Riley, works every day to keep all sites safe, warm, and dry. This is no easy task due to the age of many of the systems and structures. The team is full of experts in their field and includes 21 staff (12 journeyman, 7 helpers, 2 office support staff). The team works to maintain the facilities across the district covering all facility grounds, to electrical work, plumbing, HVAC, and general building improvements. The Facilities department also includes warehouse staff, a district courier, and laundry.

The Facilities team has made the most of the time without students on campus. It has been an opportunity to complete many projects that would normally be disruptive to student learning.

The South Kitsap facilities team covers a large area with limited staffing. There are ten elementary schools, three middle schools, one large high school, two alternative learning centers, and several support buildings to maintain. The majority of students are learning from home, but staff are using their classrooms on a daily bases. This requires frequent daily cleanings and intensive cleaning on a rotating basis.



Concrete work at Marcus Whitman Middle School.



Facilities crew at Orchard Heights Elementary.



Safe Playgrounds and Access for All Students

The new play structure at Orchard Heights Elementary is a true gem. It has wheelchair accessible ramps and play areas so all students are able to enjoy the fun.

The play structures at Burley Glenwood Elementary, Manchester Elementary, and Olalla Elementary also received updates while school campuses have been closed. The installations are complete and new fall surface material is in place. They are ready to welcome students back on campus. These four campuses were the first phase of the playground refresh planned district wide. Mullenix Ridge Elementary, Hidden Creek Elementary, and South Colby Elementary are next in 2021.



New play structure at Orchard Heights Elementary.



Olalla Elementary.



Manchester Elementary.



Burley Glenwood Elementary.

Facility Planning Committee SK Facilities in 5 years, 10 years, and beyond

The School Board has called for the formation of a SK Facility Planning Committee. The committee will consider, develop, and recommend long-term plans for the physical facilities needs of the District, with benchmarks at a minimum of five years, ten years, twenty-five years, and beyond. They will recommend priorities for addressing deferred maintenance and planned upgrades to physical facilities of the District. The committee will serve in an advisory capacity and will report regularly to the school board as they consider future ballot measures. There is no capital bond planned for 2021. Contact the Superintendent's Office for more information 360-874-7001.



Maintenance, Updates and Improvements



The gymnasium floors at John Sedgwick Middle School and Marcus Whitman Middle School were refinished and branded with school logos.



The grounds at Cedar Heights Middle School were cleaned of run down structures and cameras were added to aid campus security.



Approximately 75% of school parking lots were re-stripped and curbs were painted.



Aluminum ramps replaced rotten wooden ramps at several portables district wide. Surrounding landscape material was added to aid maintenance and upkeep.



Fixtures were replaced at Burley Glenwood Elementary to mitigate water quality issues.



Interior painting was completed at South Kitsap High School and other campuses while students are learning remotely.



A day in the life of South Kitsap remote learning

Nearly 1,000 staff report to work each day to support learning in South Kitsap. This is true when students are on campus and even during remote learning. Along with teachers, staff in facilities, technology, food service, communications, transportation, school office support, special education, nurses, counselors, highly capable services, career and technical education, business services, human resources, safety and security, and school & family support all work to support district operations and services for students.



Counselors, Psychologists, and Security Staff, and the district Social Worker connect with students.



Teaching staff deliver live instruction and record asynchronous lessons to support student learning.



Paraeducators work with small groups of students and support learning.



Food Services staff provide 24,000 free meals to students each week.



Music and PE Specialists deliver instruction during asynchronous learning.



Custodial staff keep school sites clean.

Facilities and Operations staff keep school sites running smoothly.



Transportation staff get students to campus to receive special services and help deliver meals.

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