

Montrose Community Schools
Superintendent - Winter Break Update

Saturday, December 29, 2018

While students spend winter break enjoying their families, friends, and resting up for the final push for semester exams, Our maintenance and custodial staff seize the opportunity to take care of a few overdue projects and pay special attention to some areas that may have been neglected when there is a building full of children.

With the first week of break complete, I'm happy to report that we are making headway on the "to do" list. The plumbing and electricity in the high school/middle school cafeteria has been installed for the new dishwashing unit. I am sure the kitchen staff will be happy to see that when they return after the new year!

Another welcome addition to the high school/middle school cafeteria is the new HVAC unit. On Thursday morning, Walters Mechanical had a crane on site to lift the unit to the roof and put it in position. I have to admit that even at my age, I still got excited to see the the heavy equipment on site. Truth be told, if you were to look at the middle school parking lot Thursday morning when they fired up the crane, you would have seen a very excited superintendent run across the parking lot because he didn't want to miss it.



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On Friday, Walter's Mechanical began wiring and installing the unit. They will be on site to continue working on and completing the installation.

Walter's also took a look at the waterline and began prepping the area so they could start right away next week. They discovered three areas that were wrapped in asbestos. We have called a company to get it removed first thing on January 2nd. That increased the cost of the project by \$1,000.

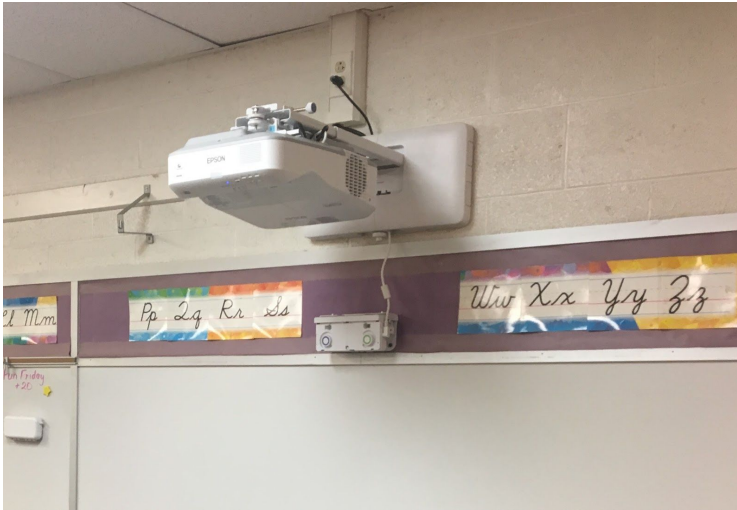
Weinstein and Denise Wissenger from Triple D were on site at 6:30 am on December 26th ready to begin wiring and mounting projectors for the 10 classrooms in Carter Elementary. Each classroom was checked over with the project leader from Weinstein. Denise has been key throughout this project making sure each classroom is completed to specification and expectation of the administrator and teachers.

This project has come with two issues that were not expected. The first issue has to do with some of the whiteboards in the classrooms. We ordered new whiteboards for each classroom that was getting a projector. Upon pulling down the old boards, we discovered that a number of the classrooms have boards that are connected to bulletin boards and seemed to have been pre assembled in 16 foot sections. We decided we will wait until summer to replace the boards in case we get them down and discover more problems than we can solve in a two week window.



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The second issue we ran into is the computers we ordered for the teachers have not arrived. We were able to install the computers that were supposed to go in the business lab. When the computers we ordered arrive we will need to change those out

All of the projectors will be installed and the work Weinstein's portion of this project will be completed on December 31st. Triple D has been calibrating the projectors as each room is getting completed.

Denise has the usernames and passwords for all of the teachers and will have all teachers loaded and ready to go when they arrive after

break. Even though all of the software remains the same, I have scheduled for Denise and a representative from the GISD to be on site when the teachers return to ensure they understand how to operate the new projectors.

Finally, our DM Burr employees have been busy deep cleaning floors, changing light bulbs and scrubbing carpets in our lower elementary classes. They are going through each classroom and mopping them in an attempt to bring back "that after summer cleaning shine". I'm very happy to see the pride they are taking in there work and I have been certain to tell them how much I appreciate their efforts. Please make sure you share you appreciation if you happen to see them.

I will send another communication at the end of next week. Hopefully, it is all about each project is completed and NOTHING is leftover! We will see!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas!

Happy New Year!

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