A Review of the Great Things Happening in Our Schools.

Building Beat

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Special Edition!

Ready to go!

District digs out after historic snowstorm cripples county

It has taken three days but custodians and snow removal contractors have finally been able to clear the more than 17 inches of snow that Mother Nature dumped on the area January 5.

Students and all staff are expected to return to school on Thursday, Jan. 9, following an extended winter vacation that included four days of school closures due to the snow and dangerously cold temperatures.

A special thanks goes out to our custodians who have worked tirelessly to not only remove the snow and clear sidewalks but to make sure school buildings are clean and spotless for students and staff when they return tomorrow.



Above, Hill Head Custodian Joe Francis uses a snow blower to make a path to the playground. Below, Technology Department staffers Chris Kinney and Co-Op student Kenny McGuire search for phone wires above the new ceiling at Central Elementary.



Cardinal's Nest Director Marilyn Strader said 50 students were registered for latchkey Wednesday.

Also working during the snow days were Cardinal's Nest staffers who provided latchkey services. The Center was closed Monday due to the dangerous road conditions but open Tuesday and Wednesday.

Some staffers returned to work this week including bus drivers who drove their routes today to make sure there won't be any problems on roadways when picking up students tomorrow.







Above, the snow is cleared and buildings like Davison High School are ready for students and staff to return Thursday. Below, Alger Drive. Left, the sidewalk to Hill Elementary.



Technology Department employees also worked throughout the snow days as well as winter break. Some of their projects included the installation of Apple TVs for CTE teachers at the high school and replacement of a computer lab at Gates Elementary as well as PCs for staff. They also worked to reinstall technology in eight classrooms at Central Elementary after construction crews replaced ceilings and drywall as part of the “Back to the Future” project.





Right, seven classrooms at Central Elementary received upgrades over the winter break including drywall, new ceilings and installation of the VRF (variable refrigerant flow) heating and cooling system (inset). The renovations are part of the Central Elementary “Back to the Future project.





Clockwise beginning with above, Hahn Intermediate is dwarfed by the huge snow piles that were removed from school parking lots. Benches at the entrance to Central Elementary indicate the significance of the snowfall. Hahn Intermediate Head Custodian Dan Monroe was a fixture on this tractor for the past two days, trying to remove snow from around his building. Retired Custodian John Frerich worked during the winter break to help get Central Elementary ready for students. High School AM Head Custodian Dan Riegle moves snow with the front loader at the west entrance.





