

# **Knappa School District**

## **Community Connections Newsletter**

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### **Liquid or Solid?**



Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade have been participating in experiential science learning. Oobleck is a substance that shares properties of liquids and solids. Students got to make it, and then conduct explorations related to states of matter. This looks fun, educational, and gooey.



### **Preschool for 2021-22**

Knappa School District is launching a preschool program for the fall. It will serve children of ages three and four and will help them get a jump start toward kindergarten and beyond. We are currently looking for children to participate. If you know a family with young children, please encourage them to go to the District website at [www.knappa.k12.or.us](http://www.knappa.k12.or.us) and follow the preschool survey link. This will allow them to get continued information regarding registration this spring and into the summer.

### **Athletics**

Football, volleyball, and cross country continue! Finally! Please keep in mind that our home games (and some away games) are live streamed. Results and schedules can be found at <https://khs.knappa.k12.or.us/sports>. Go Loggers and Bulldogs!

## Maintenance and Upkeep

During the break, our custodial team was working hard to deep clean the building. They also did some interior painting. We appreciate this hard work. This spring we will be doing some roofing repairs, HVAC updates (using CARES ACT resources), and tinting windows on the south sides of the buildings to make classrooms more comfortable without having to add air conditioning.



Freshly painted logger pride!



Fresh clean walls.



Doors become scratched and worn over time.

Now they look like new.

## Phone Surveys

The district has initiated a community phone survey to learn more about community sentiment related to a possible November bond for capital purposes. This will help us get our fingers on the pulse of what the community is willing/able to support. Please respond to the phone survey if you get a call. Please also encourage your neighbors and local friends to participate if they get the call. We want to maximize the community's input so that we can accurately gauge priorities. On the table now are electrical and ADA updates at KHS and HLE, roof replacements, "weather proofing" improvements for HLE, inclusion of preschool space (as a CTE option for high schoolers too), removal of the old portables and creation of middle school classrooms, creation of a dedicated middle school science room, creation of a "middle school learning hub" near the classrooms where middle schoolers may participate in research, technology use, and group learning. The plan also includes an additional gym for athletics and community use. If you receive the call, you will be asked about all of these items.



## Middle School Video Club

Hilda Lahti Middle School has started a video club. This group of students is now responsible for creating the daily morning announcements for the school. They are learning how to create informative and entertaining content as well as how to use technology to record and edit their work.

