

Knappa School District Community Connections Newsletter

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We Just Got Our Newest School Bus and You Can Drive It!

Knappa just took delivery of our newest school bus. It is a 14 passenger “Micro Bird” bus. This bus was purchased to be primarily used for smaller groups of students, to/from school transportation, pre-school, and athletic trips.

When it arrived, it had only 148 miles on the odometer.

It even has that *new bus smell!*

By the way, if you are interested in driving a bus like this one, making some money, and serving our community, consider being a bus driver. We are accepting applications now (we provide the training). Feel free to call us at 503-458-5993 x303 if you or somebody you know are interested.



Knappa Boys Succeed at State



The Boys Basketball Team was undefeated in 2A Northwest league play, going 6-0. The season also saw highlights with wins over Warrenton (twice), Astoria, and Rainier.

Knappa made a strong showing in post-season play with wins over Heppner, Jefferson, and their final game with Western Christian (score pictured to the left). Our team not only played successfully, but they also showed excellent sportsmanship.

Congrats to the team and to Coach Isom!

Getting Ready for Fall

With students gone for the summer, we are already getting our campus prepped for a new year. Last week, we did our routine maintenance on our septic system, and we are planning multiple building repairs and minor improvements. Projects include roofing repairs at KHS to extend its life, replacing heating and ventilation units at the high school, and restroom fixture replacement at Hilda Lahti.

Just before school ended, new tinting was added to the high school windows, which will allow the District to keep the south facing classrooms cool without the expense of adding air conditioning.



New School Hours for 2021-22

Grades K-5 8 am to 2:30 pm
(after school program available)

Grades 6-12 8:50 am to 3:20 pm





The current Knappa Middle School Facility

Planning for the Future

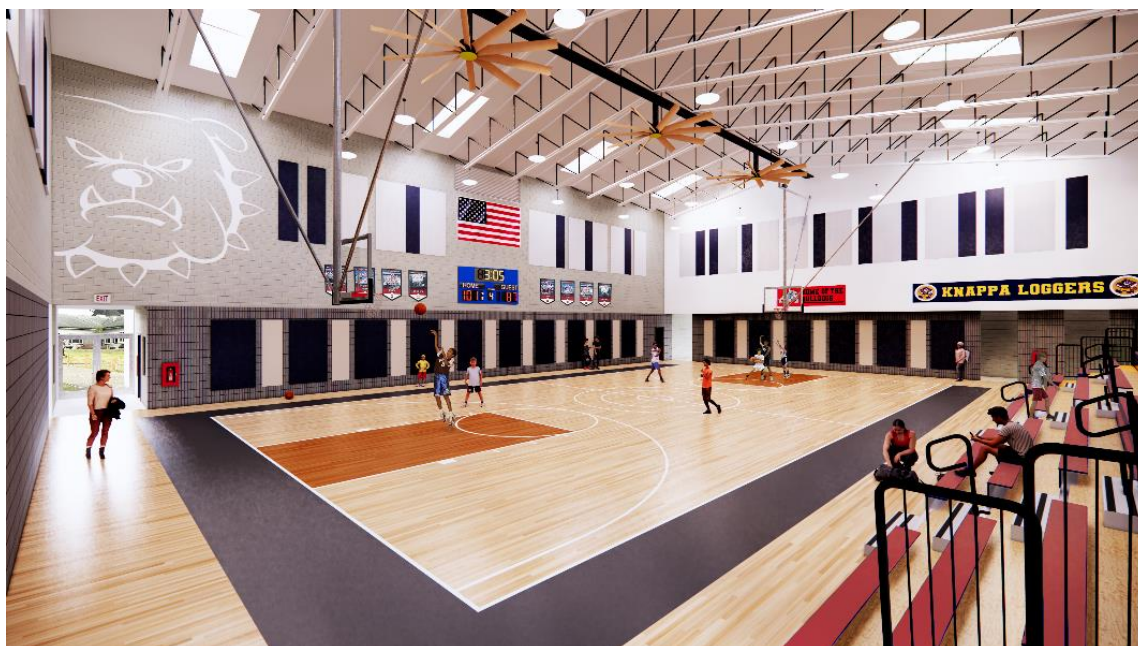
On May 17, 2021, the Knappa School Board authorized a Resolution for a November 2, 2021 Bond Measure. The proposed bond will address critical maintenance issues, improve safety, and update middle school classrooms.



A rendering of the new middle school learning hub adjacent to the new science lab and one of the classrooms.

Elements of the Bond project include...

- Creation of a dedicated space for middle school students, including three classrooms and a middle school group learning space.
- Replacement of the science portable with a dedicated science lab space that will help students meet new state science learning mandates.
- Additional single user restrooms at Hilda Lahti School.
- Safety and security updates (all schools)
- Infrastructure improvements (heating and ventilation, plumbing, roofing, siding, fire safety)
- Addition of a gym facility that can be used by community groups, for middle school athletics, and as a high school practice gym
- ADA updates at Knappa High School



A rendering of the new gym facility.

The proposed bond is in the amount of \$14 million. The proposed tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed value is estimated to be \$2.20. As a means of comparison, the average rate over the life of the last bond was \$2.23 per thousand.

The Mission of the Knappa School District is to INSPIRE all students to ACHIEVE academically and THRIVE as independent and PRODUCTIVE citizens

Summer School



Mr. Miller led the Social Studies Local History Camp this summer. Students had the opportunity to hike the Fort to Sea Trail, visit Fort Clatsop to learn about Lewis and Clark's winter encampment, visit the Knappton Cove Heritage Center to learn about the former quarantine center, tour the Astoria Underground, and learn about the work of the Obon Society in Astoria.



Summer programs will begin again in August with Kindercamp, High School Success Boot Camp (a program for incoming ninth graders), High School Life Fitness Camp (hiking, golfing, kayaking, etc.), Elementary/Middle School Adventure Camp, Metal Shop Camp, and Performing Arts Camp. The sign up portal is on the District webpage.

VISION: All students prepared to RISE to the opportunities and challenges of the world.



Class of 2021



Graduation was held in Knappa on June 12 and even the rain couldn't keep it from happening! Yes, the class of 2021 weathered a final year that included a blend of virtual learning, hybrid learning, and in-person learning. With masks and abbreviated athletic schedules they persevered, along with their dedicated teachers and families. Congrats to the class of 2021...we are confident that you are well prepared to face the opportunities and challenges of the world. Thanks to families and the community for joining the festivities. Thanks also to the Knappa Schools Foundation for their generous scholarship support.



Do you know somebody who may wish to enjoy a copy of this newsletter? Please send their name and e-mail address to jmorgan@knappak12.org and we'll add them to the list!