## Knappa School District Community Connections Newsletter

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Welcome to the 2021 calendar year with Knappa Schools. Within this newsletter are many of the things our crew has accomplished while students were out for the break. Yes, we deep cleaned the building but here are some other things that may (or may not) be noticed when students return. Thank you to our tech and maintenance crew for their hard work during the break preparing for students to return to a well maintained facility.



Siding repairs were completed at Hilda Lahti Elementary in addition to roof repairs above the library and ceiling tile refurbishment.



Game cameras were installed in the gym and at the football field. These will be used to live stream Logger games so that families and friends can watch them via the internet during socially distanced times. These are funded using subscription fees.



Basketball lift motors were replaced in the Logger gym.



The Knappa Schools foundation has provided a new sound system for the Logger gym to replace the old one that was over 20 years old. It was installed during the break.



Fifth graders in Christal Miller's classroom have been engaged in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) learning using kits provided by the Knappa Schools Foundation.

We appreciate the ongoing support of the Knappa Schools Foundation including support for the projects on this page!



The current Knappa Middle School Facility

## Join Us in Planning for the Future

Over the last few years, a facilities assessment was conducted to determine the condition of Knappa school buildings and the campus. These results have been used to create a list of facilities needs so that our buildings provide a safe and effective educational environment for Knappa students and community users.

The School District has pursued a \$2.5 million seismic grant from the State of Oregon to address some of these needs, but is considering a local Bond to keep our facility safe and to meet the educational needs of students. The District also plans to seek state match dollars in the amount of \$4 million.

An architect firm will be engaging with our staff, students, and community to conduct further listening and planning related to safety updates, providing adequate classrooms for our middle school students, ensuring code compliance, and providing dry spaces with appropriate temperatures for learning.

Be on the lookout for an invitation this month to join us to plan and dream what the future of Knappa's facilities will look like. As the centerpiece of the community, we need you to help us with this.

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

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