

February 24, 2020

Dear Muddy Creek Community,

As we approach spring and summer of 2020, we are preparing for some major construction work on our campus. Due to this planned work the following points are essential that all families understand and comply with:

- ✓ **Muddy Creek will end the school year one day early. Thursday, June 11,** will be our final day of school. This will allow the staff time on Friday, June 12, to pack up their rooms to make way for the construction work beginning on Monday, June 15. *Thursday, June 11 will be a full day of school, with dismissal at 3:00.*
- ✓ **The campus and building will be closed during all construction activities.** This includes March 21 – 29 and June 15 – August 24.
- ✓ **The office will have limited days and hours starting June 15.** We will inform you of those details prior to summer break.
- ✓ **We are seeking volunteers who can assist in packing rooms and moving material out of the way of the construction work.** Volunteers will be needed by all staff on June 12 and possibly the weekend of June 6 - 7. Let the office know of your availability to help on June 12 or the weekend of June 6 - 7.

March 21 – 29 – Spring Break – The initial phase of the seismic rehabilitation work is the removal of the cover over the playground between the north wing and the main building. The covered play area will be reduced to the extended roof over rooms 4 and 5 (Mr. Day's and Ms. Elizabeth's room), leaving very little playground area sheltered from the rain. We will continue to promote rainy day recess play and ask that you send your child to school with appropriate rain gear. If you are certain you have sent a waterproof coat to school this year please stop by our lost and found, as there is an incredible amount of clothing collecting there this year. If you need assistance in obtaining a waterproof jacket and/or boots let us know as we may be able to assist.

June 15 – August 24 – Summer Break – Our Board, in collaboration with the Corvallis School District, obtained a Seismic Rehabilitation Grant from the state of Oregon. As a result, over \$1,000,000 of work will be done to reinforce our building to the level of *Life and Safety*, meaning that the building should be able to withstand a significant earthquake. Most of the work will be bracing interior walls in every learning space in the school. The project also includes new windows and roofing over the north section of the school (rooms 1 – 5), which was originally constructed in the 1950's. The grant does not include construction of a new covered play area, so we will be exploring options to provide a covered play area before next winter.

A new modular classroom building is in the plans, as well. Our goal is to have a new building that will provide space for music, a computer lab, storage, and some office spaces in place by the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. Design and planning work is underway to have this

building in place by the first day of school, September 9th. At this time, the building is expected to be placed in the northwest corner of our grounds, when our current “construction zone” is located. We plan to move that creative play area to another location on our grounds.

We are excited about this significant investment in the safety of our school and realize it creates considerable inconvenience for our staff, students and families. We are confident our community will work together to support one another through the next eight months. If you have any questions about the above information, please contact the office.

Respectfully,

Muddy Creek Staff