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MEASURE J SCHOOL BOND UPDATE

JEFFFERSON SCHOOL SET TO OPEN JANUARY 5, 2016

Jefferson Facade

While rain would have been nice to help alleviate the drought conditions, the lack of rain has allowed for construction schedule to remain on track for the renovated Jefferson School. All of the building exteriors and roofs have been completed and stucco and brick veneer will be going up on the exterior of the building over the next few weeks. The interiors of the building are currently receiving drywall and wall coverings will be installed over the upcoming months. A tremendous amount of progress has been made on the new gym including the roof, stage wall, and heating and air conditioning systems. In early summer the old district office will be torn down and work will commence on the new main parking lot of Linne Road. While the site appears to be close to opening, the interior finishing work will take a few months to complete. In addition, we are hoping to have the new well drilled in July and the fire tank installed over the summer. All of this work will lead to an on time completion date of November 30, 2015.

View From the South Parking Lot of Chrisman Road

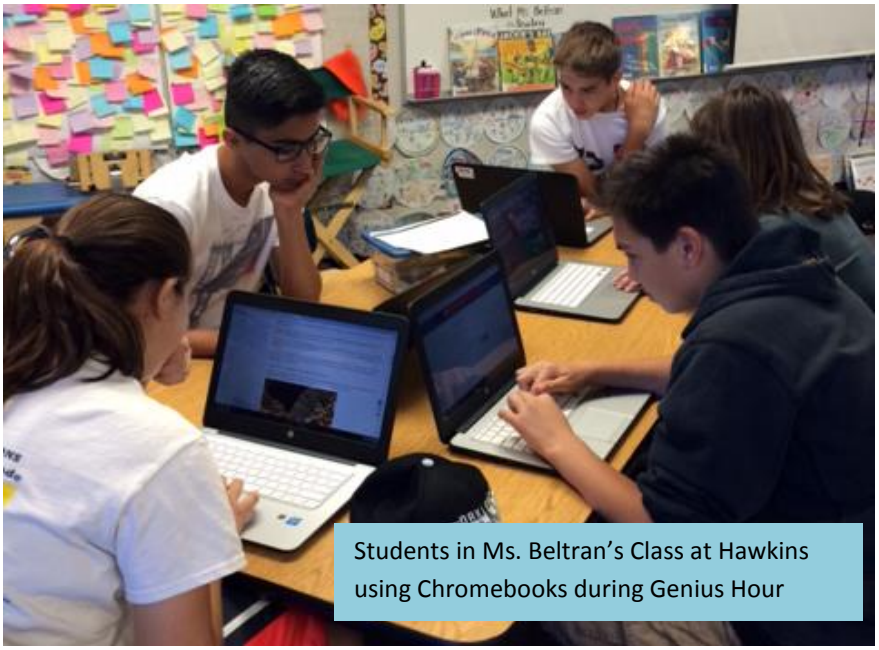
New School Gymnasium

TRAINA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM REACHES AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE

On Monday April 27, 2015, the steel columns that will eventually support the roof trusses rose out of the ground. This small step will lead to the community being able to see the walls go up over the next month. The construction company is quickly laying a few course layers of blocks that will serve as the frame for the concrete foundation to be poured. Once the foundation is in place scaffolds will wrap the future building and crews will begin setting the course of block walls that will eventually reach 32 feet in height. Once the final blocks are put in place, crews will begin to install the roof system and frame in the interior storage rooms, music office, and exterior bathrooms. PJHM Architects have been working with District to carry the color scheme from the current campus over to the new gymnasium. With some delays in construction the facility is slated to open February 2016.

Traina Gymnasium

STUDENTS AND TEACHERS EXCITED ABOUT USING GOOGLE DOCS



Students in Ms. Beltran's Class at Hawkins using Chromebooks during Genius Hour

oversight committee

JESD Is now Accepting Applications for Measure J School Bond Citizens Oversight Committee

The District is seeking representatives from the following categories:

- *Senior Citizen Organization*
- *Taxpayer Organization*
- *Agricultural*
- *At-Large Member of the Public*

The Committee will meet at least quarterly and is responsible for overseeing Measure J bond projects and funds.

Applications are available on the website.

In late January, 6-8th grade classrooms received Chromebook Carts consisting of 34 new HP Chromebooks. Over the past few months classroom teachers participated in professional development on effective strategies for utilizing the new devices as a tool for students to reach the California Standards. With parent permission, each student was provided with a Google account which provides them access to Gmail within the district and their own Google Docs suite of software. Google Docs can be used by students to collaborate simultaneously, collect and analyze data, develop ePortfolios to showcase their work, and invite experts into the classroom through video chat. While student accounts may be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection, students are only able to send and receive email from teachers and classmates. Students and teachers are beginning to use Google Classroom, which is a learning management system that aims to simplify creating, distributing and grading assignments in a paperless way.

14" HP Chromebook

Students in Ms. Beltran's 7th grade class at Hawkins are using Chromebooks during language arts instruction and in Genius Hour. Genius hour is a movement that allows students to explore their own passions and encourages creativity in the classroom. It provides students a choice in what they learn during a set period of time during school. Christian Labasan commented, "I like using Chromebooks because they help the environment and it improves my productivity in class because it's easier to complete assignments than doing it by hand."

A team of Jefferson educators will attend the Google Apps for Education conference this summer to learn about additional ways to integrate this new tool to help students reach the new California Standards.

MEASURE J BOND BALANCE

As of April 30, 2015 the Measure J Bond Balance in Series A is $506,241 with $352,125 reserved for upcoming technology purchases. The next technology purchase out of Series A will consist of 550 Chromebooks that will be rolled out to 3-5th grade classrooms at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year. Series B and C have a combined balance of $17,443,026 and all of the remaining funds are currently encumbered for the completion of the new Traina School Gymnasium and Jefferson School renovation project. Both projects have contingency accounts and any funds remaining in these accounts will be repriotized by the Board of Education for additional construction projects.