Major 3B Projects Complete for SY 18-19, Others on Track

By David Nancarrow
Director of Communications

As July comes to a close, while students and staff are getting ready for a new school year, construction crews are still hard at work to bring online major projects around School District 49.

The start of school year 2018-19 will see the grand opening of a new elementary school in the Falcon Zone in addition to the completion of multiple large-scale facility upgrades and improvements. These additions represent significant benchmarks in D49’s Building our Future Community plan supported by the voter-approved 3B ballot measure in the fall of 2016.

That plan is addressing four priorities, which are on track, and include: $1 million annually to recruit and retain top-quality teachers, $20 million every ten years to invest in refreshing our existing schools, making additions to the district’s largest high schools and the construction of two new neighborhood elementary schools, the first of which will open its doors to students in August.

Priority 4 Update - New Schools

The school mentioned above, Bennett Ranch Elementary School, is in the end-phase of construction. Final inspections are taking place as crews begin to install the new furniture arriving at the school. The final move-in and delivery of equipment will happen in the last two weeks of July.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening is scheduled for Monday, July 23, at 1 p.m.

D49 officially broke ground on the second new elementary school in May. As the initial foundations are poured, the naming process is underway for the school that will serve the Banning Lewis Ranch neighborhood.

The school will have a strong focus on the arts, and is scheduled to open in August 2019.

D49 Celebrates New School with Official Groundbreaking

By David Nancarrow
Director of Communications

A small team of School District 49 leaders put their shoveling skills to work on a breezy Tuesday afternoon. As one, the group of diggers scooped some softened earth, marking the official groundbreaking for a new elementary school in the Banning Lewis Ranch neighborhood.

About 70 people braved the breezy conditions to learn more about the new school. Principal Kristina Rigdon spoke about the vision set for the neighborhood elementary school which will serve the Banning Lewis Ranch neighborhood.

The school will have a strong focus on the arts, and is on schedule to open in August 2019.

The still unnamed school is the result of a parent, and Vista Ridge High School student Sierra Tune.

"The arts are where people discover themselves and how truly irreplaceable they are in this world, and how no one else can bring to the table exactly what they can," said Tune. The VRHS senior spoke about her appreciation for the arts and enthusiasm for new school that will soon take shape.

"This school means there is now a place where these feelings of love, diversity, and confidence are not only accepted, but encouraged," Tune said.

As the 2017-2018 school year comes to a close, Colorado-based Nunn Construction will continue work at the site on Vista Del Pico Boulevard, not far from Banning Lewis Preparatory Academy, a D49 authorized charter school. A planning committee is developing a list of potential names for the school, listening to feedback from the community and seeking more input as the project moves forward. Doors are scheduled to open in August 2019.

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Priority 3 Update - High School Remodels and Additions

Construction work is also wrapping up at Falcon High School for a new academic wing on the north side of campus. The final sign-off from all building departments happened in early July on the heel of a building review by the design and construction team. A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new addition is scheduled for Friday, July 27, at 4 p.m. Crews are installing drywall and working on painting the new performing arts space at Vista Ridge High School through July as gym flooring also goes in at VRHS. Construction of a classroom addition is scheduled to wrap by the middle of August with the gym and theater to follow.

Multiple additions prioritized by Phase 1 and Phase 2 including the field house at Sand Creek High School are complete. Phase 3 work has started at SCHS as construction continues in the future Prototype Lab and Cafeteria Commons.

Priority 2 Update - Refresh and Refurbish Existing Schools

The push to refresh and refurbish District 49 schools is one of the biggest tasks on the list of priorities. According to Wember, the project supervising group, work on half of the projects was finished going into this summer with another 25% scheduled to wrap up by season’s end. There are almost 60 projects underway across the district at various existing schools.

The largest of these is, the football field and track remodel at SCHS, to the smallest listed as a lighting upgrade at the Ridgeview Elementary School gym. Going into this summer, work is at least one-third complete at each school while some are nearing 90% completion. Every school with the exception of Springs Studio for Academic Excellence will have at least one project finished by the end of summer.

For more details on the work taking place at our schools, as well as budget and schedule information and monthly updates, go to D49.org/3B, see the next page. We invite you to direct interested neighbors to the district’s digital home for correct and up-to-date information.

2016 3B Priority 2 Projects Update - Refresh and Refurbish All Existing Schools

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A one-time leader on the Falcon High School gridiron is getting ready to make a splash in the National Football League. Kalen Ballage, class of ’14, was selected by the Miami Dolphins in the fourth round of the NFL draft at the end of April. The hard running Ballage is coming off a memorable NCAA career at Arizona State University. In his second year as a Sun Devil, Ballage tied an FBS record, scoring seven rushing touchdowns and catching one pass for a touchdown in a single game.

“As coaches, we all thought Kalen had the potential to play in the NFL,” said FHS coach and teacher Brian Green. Green said Ballage was a clear standout in middle and high school. “What made Kalen special,” Green recalled, “Was his passion for football and how much he cared for his team and teammates.”

At FHS, Ballage exploded for almost 3000 yards and more than 50 touchdowns. Green said Kalen’s current success is a formula of talent mixed with dedication.

“Knowing just how hard Kalen has worked to chase his dream to play in the NFL makes it even more exciting to see him reach that level,” said Green.

Ballage will continue that journey with the Dolphins as the team holds workouts for the 2018 season.

By David Nancarrow
Director of Communications

FHS Grad Selected in NFL Draft

By the Numbers

NCAA Totals
Arizona State University

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Rushing Yards 1984
Receiving Yards 684
Touchdowns 29

During its work session at the end of June, the D49 Board of Education heard some initial information from the D49 Business Office about an exciting opportunity for our families and the district. This November voters will have the chance to ensure D49 funding grows steadily to meet the ever-changing needs of our community. To do this, the business office proposes to lower your tax rate and freeze it for the future.

The Plan: A re-structuring of the 2014 3A MLO from a fixed dollar amount to a fixed rate. This gives us the flexibility to lower that figure for homeowners and pair the redefined 3A with 2016’s 3B MLO into a combined flat rate of 18.500 mills moving forward.

The Results: Homeowners
• Lower tax rate for D49 mill levy override
• Future changes to your D49 tax dollars will only relate to changes in your property value

The Results: School District 49
• D49 improves its ability to continue investment in people and facilities
• D49 funding grows in step with the growing community

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Building Our Future Community 49
Kailyn Hobbs and family celebrating Sand Creek’s 2018 graduation on May 26, 2018. (District 49/Sam Dosen)

SSAE grads Clayton Reeves (left) and Matthew Tavernier break away from the crowd for a few moments post-commencement ceremony. (District 49/David Nancarrow)

Five homeschool high school seniors were honored for their completion during a special ceremony May 19 at the Creekside Success Center. (District 49/Amy Matisek)

Ann-Christine Sarrah Stair (right), who was honored by teacher Beth Rohr, received her Associates of Arts in English from PPEC. (District 49/David Nancarrow)
Patriot High School graduates eagerly await receiving their diplomas at their ceremony May 18 at the Creekside Success Center. (District 49/Amy Matisek)

Sand Creek graduates celebrating after their tassel ceremony on May 26, 2018. (District 49/Sam Dosen)

Falcon High School’s class of 2018 lining up for the ceremony at the World Arena on May 26, 2018. (District 49/Sam Dosen)

Matthew Mahoney entering the World Arena for Vista Ridge High School’s graduation ceremony on May 26, 2018. (District 49/Aaron Villescas)

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Aug. 6 ............................. First Day for Preschool
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By Amy Matisek
Internal Communications Manager

Nearly 400 fourth and fifth-graders from 10 schools across D49 participated at the all-district track meet May 17 at Falcon High School. Students were gathered together to practice physical education skills learned throughout the year and to experience competition.

“It’s my favorite day of the year,” shared Jeff Ingram, P.E. teacher from Springs Ranch Elementary School. “This day shows great collaboration with all the P.E. teachers in the district.” The event began 16 years ago and has expanded to include more events over the years.

Some elementary students were happy just to be there. “This is my first track meet,” remarked Delaila Pena, 10, fourth-grader at Stetson Elementary School. “I’m so excited.”

Student-athletes competed in individual dashes such as the 100m and 200m, relays, frisbee toss, long jump, softball throw and shot put.

“I am pretty athletic, and I like running with my dad,” commented Cori Flanagan, 11, fifth-grader at Remington Elementary School. “But, I learned that if you have fun, you win.”

Students were selected to participate based on sportsmanship, respect and grades. “The day was about giving students a taste of track and field,” stated Kelly Morton, P.E. teacher at RES. “Kids could see if it’s something they like.”

For those students who do want to pursue the sport in the future, they may someday be representing a D49 high school track team together.