

WOODBURN Pride

SCHOOL DISTRICT



Winter 2016-17

Straight from the Superintendent

Bond Projects Progress

Welcome to 2017! The new year has certainly started out with some challenges for all of us weather-wise. Despite freezing rain and snow, we continue to make good progress on bond projects, and I wanted to share some of that information with you.

The Welcome Center and District Offices are finished. We chose to do this project first because it was the least disruptive to student learning. It also helped us meet the state procurement law requiring that 5% of the overall bond amount be used within the first six months.

We also have broken ground on the new two-story classroom edition planned for Washington Elementary School. The construction is expected to start in a few months.

Before construction can begin on any project, a significant amount of time goes into planning, design and permitting. We have completed the design phase for Success High School, and construction is expected to begin this spring. This is dependent on securing an easement from a neighboring property, as well as a permit that involves state and federal agencies. The Heritage Roofing Project is also entering its design phase.

Sometimes new opportunities come up along the way. A local family has offered six acres to the school district adjacent to Nellie Muir. This is an exciting opportunity to significantly improve both the form and function of the school.

We have broken the High School project into three phases. First, we are required by the city to engineer a Master Sprinkler System for the facility. Second, we are renovating areas damaged by fire that are still structurally sound. The final phase will be to rebuild the areas that require more extensive work.

You can sign up to receive regular bond updates on our web site at www.woodburnsd.org. It's an exciting time for Woodburn schools, and you have made this possible.

Thank you,

CHUCK RANSOM, Superintendent

State Champs

Congratulations to the Bulldogs! In November the Boys Soccer team brought home the 5A Championship trophy to Woodburn again! In 2010, the Bulldogs brought home its first Championship trophy following a 25 yearlong streak of making it to the playoffs. The team has a long history of playoff runs—more years in a row than any team in any sport in Oregon. Since 2010, the Bulldogs have won State three more times.



Thank You, School Board Members!

January is School Board Recognition Month in Oregon. The Woodburn School District wants to thank our unpaid, elected volunteers who serve our students and community. Our dedicated local leaders give their personal time and energy to provide the best possible education for our students. They also serve as a board of directors for one of our community's largest employers. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thank you for all they do.



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Superintendent Chuck Ransom
[@SuptRansom_Wb](https://twitter.com/SuptRansom_Wb) is tweeting
this school year!

Spotlight on Woodburn Grads HS Sweethearts: Gustavo Vela-Moreno & Alma Vela

Gustavo Vela-Moreno and Alma Vela—both 2009 graduates of Woodburn High School—went on to study together at George Fox University before getting married. The couple always hoped to return to Woodburn to settle down as both of their families are in the community.

A 2009 graduate of the Academy of International Studies, Gustavo went on to study at Stanford and receive a master's degree in civil and environmental engineering after earning his bachelor's degree in civil engineering at George Fox University. He has enjoyed following the news of his high school alma mater and is proud of recent and current students' successes and achievements. It was an opportunity for him and his wife to return home when he was hired as an engineer by Marion County in 2016.

Also a graduate of AIS, Alma earned a bachelor degree from George Fox University in elementary education. Following graduation she taught Kindergarten and first grade for two years in East Palo Alto while Gustavo was studying at Stanford. Since returning to Woodburn in 2016, she has taught first grade at Washington Elementary. She enjoys the support of fellow teachers and the community that share the desire to see students thrive. When she was still in high school one of things that was instilled in her was the value of working to serve your community— and she's pleased to be able to come back to Woodburn and do so.

The couple enjoyed exploring during their time in California, and now look forward to delving into areas surrounding their hometown. They also like to dream of ways that they can give back to Woodburn and how they can help their community in their spare time.

