

Vessels Elementary



Principal's Bulldog Bulletin



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Vessels Ground Breaking

On December 9th the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Loewenstein - Superintendent, Mrs. Snyder—Principal, the architects, and construction team met at Vessels for the ground breaking. Pictures were taken, and hard hats were given out. The campus is now fenced off so the construction can begin. The completion date is targeted for the end of May or first part of June.

The expansion includes an additional ten classrooms and a large covered lunch area located near the multi-purpose room, and modernization will happen in all current classrooms, restrooms, library, and computer lab. Each classroom will have updated technology including a SMARTBoard. Other improvements that are not as visible include updating the electrical service, new air conditioning (excluding MPR), plumbing, phone systems and the technology infrastructure.

We are looking for to returning to the new and improved Vessels in the fall of 2010!



Jan. 29
Non Student Day
(Staff Development)
Feb. 8, and
Feb. 15



School Site Council

The 2009-2010 School Site Council members met in October and November. Mrs. Loewenstein, Superintendent, attended the November meeting. The council members include: Jane Snyder, Esther Korody, Andi McCoy, Jamie Fournier, Sarah Baye, Cathy Richards, Tammi Ramsey, Randy Harper, Di-
anne Badua and Angie Santo.

The Site Council set and adopted the school improvement goals for the 2009-2010 school year.

Goal 1 - Students in grades 2nd through 6th will score proficient or advanced in ELA on the CST. Students K-6 will meet the DIBELS fluency benchmarks.

Goal 2—Students in grades 2-6 will score proficient or advanced in math on the CST.

Goal 3—Students K-6 will score proficient on their grade level writing standards as measured by the LHQ writing rubric.

Goal 4- Number of students considered truant, 3 unexcused absences or tardies, will decrease from 17% to 16%.

Goal 5—Students K-6 will improve their physical fitness.

Benchmarks for each goal area have been set, and to reach these ambitious goals students, parents, and staff will need to work as a team!

Next meeting Feb. 1 @ 6:00 PM.



Talent Show February 19

Vessels will be hosting a Talent Show highlighting our talented students and staff. Applications are available in the classrooms or office and are due by Friday, January 15th. Auditions will be the week of January 25th. There will be matinee performances on February 19th and an evening performance at the Cypress Community Center for selected performances on February 19th.

6th Grade Peer Tutoring

We have just completed a five week peer tutoring program. Teachers recommended students, tutees, that would benefit from additional support in reading or math. Interested sixth grade students applied to be tutors before school or during the morning or noon recess. The tutors were trained by Mrs. Snyder. Sixth grade students were compensated for their services with 'funny money' that will reduce their sixth grade camp cost.

In the near future, we will have a McTeach Night at McDonalds to raise money to support this program. Teachers have agreed to work a shift and a percentage of the proceeds from the sales that night will be given to Vessels school.



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Juice It Up is sold each Friday during the lunch-times. \$3 for 12 oz. and \$4 for 16 oz. Proceeds from the funds raised are used to support various incentives for students throughout the school year.



Muffins for Moms

Thursday, January 14

Serving 7:30—8:15 AM

Sponsored by the PTA
(No cost & No Registration Required)

Reflection participants and place winners
will be honored at 8:00 AM in the MPR.

