Fowler General Construction is making excellent progress on the new Marcus Whitman Elementary School. The new Marcus Whitman will be 65,000 square feet in size and house 630 students. It’s right on schedule to open this coming August (photo gallery).

Whiteboards and tackboards being installed in Marcus Whitman classrooms

When the new Jefferson Elementary School opens in 2018, it is likely that the 1982 wing of the old school will be demolished. It will not be renovated for a new RSD administration building. More info at this link.

STEM education has taken off in the Richland School District. Sacajawea Elementary students, parents, and grandparents explored STEM concepts at Family Engineering Night (photo gallery). “Families worked together to solve a number of engaging challenges,” said teacher Karen Bryan.

The Enterprise Middle School drama department presents the musical Aladdin Jr. on March 4, 5, 11 at 7:00 pm, and March 12 at 3:00 pm. Tickets are $5 students/kids, $7 adults.

The Hanford High School Key Club led a successful school-wide effort to raise $2250 for “Pennies for Patients”. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society uses these funds to find cancer cures and to improve the quality of life for patients.
“Pennies for Patients unified Hanford High around a central issue,” said student chair Isabel Bartholomew. “This hit especially close to home as fellow student Grant Sandy was diagnosed with leukemia last year.”

Feature Image: HHS pennies added up to over $2200 for cancer research.

Chief Joseph Middle School drama invites the community to “The Sound of Music” (youth version) on March 3-4 at 7:00 pm, and March 5 at 2:00 pm, in the auditorium. Tickets are $5 adults, $3 students/seniors.

“The cast and crew are learning about the Austrian culture and having fun bringing to life such favorites as Do-Re-Mi,” says director Janice Waters. “These middle schoolers have taken on a beloved classic and done a remarkable job with it.”

Feature Image: Chief Joseph Middle School students prepare for “The Sound of Music.”

RSD community members are invited to attend the Instructional Materials Committee meeting Wednesday, March 9, 4:00-7:00 pm, at 415-C Wright Avenue. The committee will review materials being proposed for the high school social studies curriculum adoption.

Articles of interest:

“Can high-tech helmets solve football’s thorniest problem?” – Crosscut

“When Social and Emotional Learning Is Key to College Success” – The Atlantic

Feature Image: High school students lead the demonstrations at Wiley’s Science Night.

Wiley Elementary School’s recent Interactive Science Night was a resounding success. Wiley families had a chance to explore a variety of scientific phenomena as Hanford and Delta High School students hosted 12 hands-on exhibits.

“We wanted families to experience scientific inquiry and give students some ideas for the school science fair next month,” said teachers Tami Simundson and David Krieg.