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SUMMER 2021

CONGRATULATIONS
Class of 2021!

We are proud to recognize the Class of 2021! This year, 348 seniors graduated from Arlington High School and 34 seniors graduated from Weston High School, Open Doors, and the Arlington Online Program. We know you have a bright future ahead of you!

Class of 2021 earns scholarships, awards

The graduating class of 2021 earned numerous awards and scholarships this year. Students received $1,295,730 in scholarships!

382... Graduates (Arlington and Weston High Schools)

16 ..... Earned Associate Degrees (Everett College and Skagit College)

1 ..... Board of Directors' Award

1 ..... Superintendent's Servant Scholar Leader Award

67..... Community Scholarships and Awards

13 ..... Arlington Education Association Scholarships

8..... Arlington Dollars for Scholars

6..... AHS Booster Club Scholarships

15 ..... APS Payroll Deduction Scholarships

2..... APS Classified Employees Scholarships

1 ..... PTSA Scholarships- Haller Middle School

1 ..... PTSA Scholarship- Post Middle School

2..... Boyer Award and Duskin Scholarship

20..... Students participating in college athletics

81 ..... Scholarships from colleges or other organizations

Arlington Public Schools educates all students, preparing and inspiring them to graduate and seek their full potential as lifelong learners.

Kent Prairie Elementary Carpet

Kent Prairie Elementary Gym Floor

Post Middle School Security Fencing

Detail of footing construction for Arlington High School classroom addition

SUMMER 2021 *Construction Update*

In February 2020, Arlington School District voters approved a $25 million capital levy to support construction, modernization, and renovation of school facilities. The Arlington School District is grateful to the community for its support to improve school buildings. All the projects provided by the levy meet at least one of three goals:

- Provide adequate classroom space for a growing student population.
- Improve safety and security at school sites.
- Extend the useful lifespan of school buildings.
- Improve the efficiency of heating, ventilation, and cooling systems at schools.

The levy will be collected in 2021-2024. The levy project team is comprised of school district staff, architects and engineers from McGranahan Architects of Tacoma, and project manager Fred Owyen of Owyen Consulting, Lakewood, WA.

Arlington's project team got to work immediately upon levy passage to jump start construction in 2020. First up was the installation of new floor coverings at Kent Prairie Elementary. Kent Prairie was built in 1991; floor coverings had not been replaced since the original construction and have supported 18,000 students since that time. Carpeting was replaced in classrooms and common areas like the library and hallways, and a new floor was installed in the gymnasium.

Other work completed in 2020 included the installation of security cameras, improved classroom door locks, and building access control systems at Arlington High School, and a new security fence at Post Middle School.

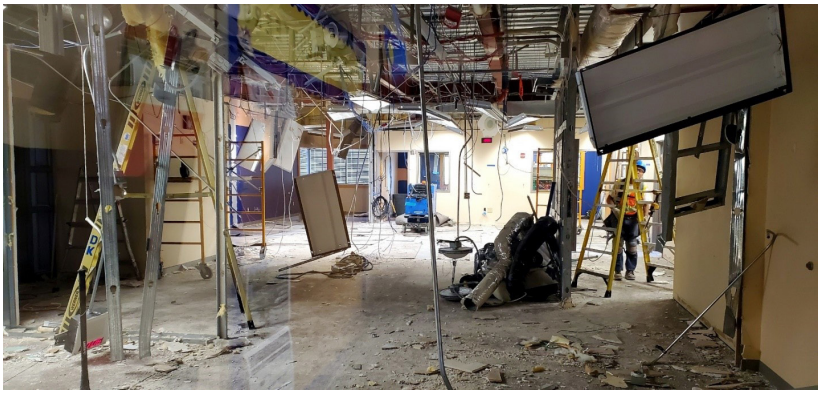
The district's project team and contractors continue their school improvement work in 2021. In April, ground was broken at Arlington High School to add classrooms to the building's C-Wing. The classroom addition will include a new technology workshop and eight classrooms to support a growing student population and provide additional high-tech education opportunities. Other work underway at the Arlington High School site includes:

- Installation of a secured entryway at the building's main entry;
- Construction of a scene shop addition at the Byrnes Performing Arts Center;
- Repainting of metal exterior steel surfaces like doors, soffits, and structural steel columns; and
- Application of exterior masonry sealant and anti-graffiti coating to exterior walls.

Kassel & Associates of Redmond, WA is the general contractor.

This summer will also see the construction of secured entryways at Haller Middle School, Kent Prairie Elementary, and Eagle Creek Elementary and continued installation of security cameras, improved classroom door locks, and access control systems at all school sites.

Overhead view of footing construction for Arlington High School classroom addition



(above) View of Arlington High School administration area demolition in preparation for secured entryway construction

(right) Construction equipment staged at Kent Prairie Elementary for the installation of a secured entryway at the school.

Karl Olson **Colleen Van Belle** **Bob Stoddard** **Jamie Miller** **Lisa Foslien**

School and administrative changes for the 2021-22 school year

The following Arlington Public Schools administrative changes went into effect on July 1:

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

Karl Olson, current principal of Kent Prairie Elementary, will be the new director of categorical programs.

KENT PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY

Colleen Van Belle, current assistant principal at Kent Prairie Elementary, will be the new principal for Kent Prairie Elementary.

Bob Stoddard, an assistant principal at a middle school in Marysville, will be the new assistant principal at Kent Prairie Elementary.

PRESIDENTS ELEMENTARY

Jamie Miller, current assistant principal at Presidents Elementary, will be the new principal of Presidents. She will replace current principal Derek Larsen, who is leaving for an elementary principal position in the Snohomish School District.

Lisa Foslien, an assistant principal in the Marysville School District, will be the new assistant principal at Presidents Elementary.

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Excellence is alive and well in Arlington!

The last few weeks of the 2020-21 school year have been filled with many year-end activities to wrap up this unique school year. Along with these activities, we acknowledged and celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of our students.

Our middle schools – Post and Haller – celebrated our amazing eighth grade students transitioning to the high school. Each school provided a festive drive through celebration where the red carpet was rolled out, flowers were given and so much more.

Our high schools – Arlington and Weston – celebrated our remarkable 2021 graduates in style. Weston High School held graduation in the Byrnes Performing Arts Center and honored 34 graduates. The Weston graduation began with a slide presentation with personal messages from each graduate's family which touched all who saw it. Arlington High School (AHS) held graduation in Larson Stadium where 348 blue and gold graduates proudly shined throughout the sunny evening. The student speakers shared beautiful and funny stories as well as wisdom and advice. Both graduations were impressive celebrations demonstrating excellence is alive and well in Arlington!

Five years ago when I arrived here in Arlington, I started the Superintendent Student Servant Leadership Scholarship Award to honor a senior student who has demonstrated leadership by serving others. This year, Teagan Sutherland from AHS was selected for this award. She is an excellent student, kind and a humble leader. One project she led this year was focused on campus beautification and an equity project entitled, "See Every Eagle!" This project culminated with the displaying of 28 canvas photos illustrating the diverse and inclusive AHS campus life and student body. Teagan's student leadership has forever impacted her school campus. Congratulations, Teagan!

I am so proud of the continued pursuit of excellence by both students and staff even when faced with a global pandemic. We will keep moving forward and continue planning for the next school year 2021-22 which includes returning to five days of full time in-person instruction.

Have a great summer!

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Dr. Chrys Sweeting
Superintendent

Arlington Public Schools provides equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The District will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with hearing, vision, or speech disabilities.

The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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