
Summer Renovations Give Glenwood a New Look



New classrooms, kitchen and nurse's office are among improvements that put smiles on the faces of Glenwood students and staff.

Major renovations at Glenwood during the summer have resulted in many improvements throughout the building. In the high school wing, "new" now describes state-of-the-art restrooms, the nurse's office, kitchen, and more. Much of the work fell under the heading of life/safety renovations, including new doors and lighting,

as well as air conditioning and a new boiler. The gym got a fresh coat of paint to go with its new ceiling and floor, and all lockers were resurfaced.

"The impact of these improvements on students has been tremendous. We've seen an attitude of pride in their school and respect for

the changes," said Principal Christine Granrath. "The renovations help convey the message that special education kids are important and their education matters."

Glenwood is home to the C.A.S.E. program for special education students. The cooperative leases the building from Queen Bee District 16.

"We sincerely thank the District 16 School Board, Superintendent Vickie Tabbert, and Mike Auney, Director of Facilities and Network Systems, for all their hard work on this project," said C.A.S.E. Executive Director Georgia Peceniak. "It is appreciated by all our students, parents and staff."

An Emphasis On Crisis Intervention

The Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Program developed by the Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) is a holistic behavior management system that focuses on preventing disruptive behavior by communicating respectfully with students, exhibiting concern for their well being, and providing safety and security for those around them. The program is designed for early childhood through high school settings, and has been used by C.A.S.E. for more than eight years.

"The main focus of this program is to emphasize the need for verbal de-escalation first," explained Kimberly Borri, C.A.S.E. Behavior Consultant, "and staff are specially trained in the proper use of interventions."

Approximately 85 C.A.S.E. personnel have been trained in the CPI behavior management program since April 2009, and Ms. Borri estimates that about 45 more will be trained by the end of November. Initial staff training is extensive, involving 8 hours of instruction. Once certified, an annual 3-hour refresher course is required.

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