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The Walls are Going Up!

By Dylan Hess

Great progress being made at GBSD Bond Building Projects! If you have functioning eyes, and have been anywhere near East Gresham Elementary, you've noticed the ongoing construction taking place. At the site, they've got all the big machines out, like cement trucks and big orange concrete pumps. From over the fence next to Dexter McCarty, you can see that the concrete is currently being poured. In a few weeks, the workers of Bremik construction will be putting up the school's first walls and begins the vertical construction of the building that will be the new East Gresham Elementary..

The new building will have a very modern design, with the main focus on daylighting, which means letting in natural light, better HVAC, (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning), better classroom technology and design, safety and security improvements, and improved parent and bus pickup. It will also have all-new furniture and electricity/water systems. The building is scheduled to be completed by October of 2019, if not sooner.

Last week, we interviewed Grant Lang, a superintendent of Bremik Construction. We learned a lot about the construction from him. For instance, the school will cost about \$26.5 million! Most of that money is coming from you or your parents, with the new bond that was passed in 2016. Also, if you look outside the school, you may see a big orange arm stretching into the sky. That's a concrete pump, and they cost anywhere from 250 to 500 thousand dollars. The ones at our school cost about \$130 an hour, and the cost includes the time it takes to get on site. For its price, the concrete pump is surprisingly easy to operate. One worker operates it, using a device that is sort of like a video game controller.

As you can see, along with the renovation of Gresham High School, the new school will make learning up through the grades a better experience for all!



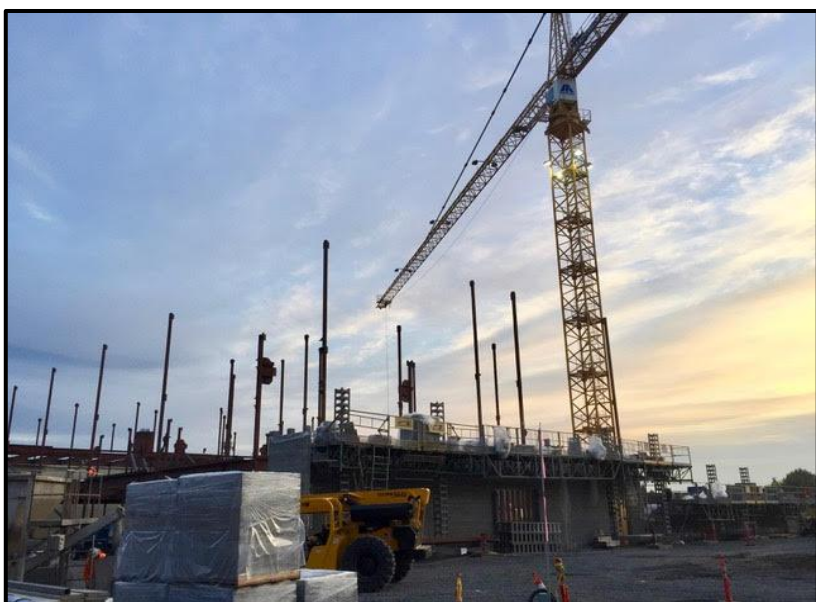
A concrete pump controller

Safe Trick or Treating?

By Liam Hay

What is Safe Trick or Treating? Where is this Safe Trick or Treating? Well, STT (Safe Trick or Treating) is a place where lots of people will be going and you could possible get more treats. Hosting the event will be The Historic Downtown Gresham Business Association. Business Owners will be handing out candy to people in costumes (not people with a shirt that says costume). Why STT? Well, it's where parents can take their children without any worry of children getting lost in the dark or kids being taken in the night. Thankfully the event will be in the day time where people can see what is going on.

Right when you get out of school, go home and get dressed in your halloween outfit then you are ready to go to STT. The event will be hosted on Wednesday, Oct. 31st on Main Avenue between 1st Street and 4th Street from 4:00 pm to 6:00pm PDT. Sadly, the weather forecast says that there might be a couple of showers on the 31st, but come have some anyway. The event will be free for anybody that comes. We hope you come to the event and enjoy the treats, and hopefully no tricks.



Gresham High School Progress

Dexter McCarty & Gresham Youth

Boys Basketball

By Moriah Massman

Are you trying to be more active? Try out for the Boys Basketball team here at Dexter McCarty Middle School or join the Gresham Youth Basketball. Actually, you could do both if you wanted!!

The Dexter McCarty Boys Basketball 8th grade tryouts are after school in the main gym November 6th and 8th. 7th grade tryouts are after school on November 5th and 6th. Practices begin after school Tuesday, November 13th. Teams will have two weeks to get prepared for their first game on Wednesday, November 28th. If you don't have a ride home after practices you can ride the S.U.N bus which leaves at 5:30pm. It costs \$80 for the season and you have to get your physical, have constant attendance, and have positive behavior. Find more information in the school office.

If you want to do Gresham Youth Basketball, tryouts are October 27, 28 and 29th at Gresham High School. The tryout fee will be \$15. The goal is to keep two teams in each age group this year. October 26th is the deadline to register for tryouts. Practices will start mid November, on November 16th league schedules will be released. For more information, contact Erik Lyslo at lyslo@timbers.com.

Other Safe Halloween Options

By: Alexis Ortiz

Are you excited for Halloween? Or is it going to be a boring holiday at home? Well, maybe this article will inspire you to go out and have some fun with friends or/and family. If you feel too old to go trick or treating there are some things you can do that maybe won't make you bored.

First of all there are haunted houses, there are a lot of gory, and scary haunted houses such as: House Of Shadows, The Fear PDX, and a lot more. I am really used to "scary things" so I definitely wanna check out these haunted houses. There are also some haunted houses when you go trick-or-treating, I remember when I went like 2 years ago these people had a pretty good haunted house. you could tell they really tried.

Another option for Halloween instead of trick-or-treating you could stay home and watch scary movies with snacks. Maybe you wanna do this with friends/family. There are some scary movie suggestions like: Winchester, The Strangers: Prey at Night, 'Unsane', A quiet place, Truth Or Dare, and Upgrade. You could also just stay home and have any type of movie marathon.

Halloween can really be celebrated anyway you want to celebrate it. Or even if you don't celebrate halloween there really is a lot to do even if you don't think so. This Halloween season is gonna be one of the best for me, I'm gonna be at home binge watching scary movies!



Ms. Stein takes 54 girls to GHS to help support the volleyball players of the future!

Volleyball Is ON at DMMS!

By: Hannah Fransen

After their kick-off game, the Dexter McCarty Volleyball team is looking sharp. There are currently around 70 girls playing for our school, all of which are doing amazing. There are four competitive teams this year, with the 6th grade and Varsity teams bringing home incredible victories. Mrs. Stein would like to point out Autumn Gaboury, who scored 21 straight serving points, and was a real epic player out on the court.

The different teams this year entail: 6th grade, JV1, JV2, and Varsity, as well as a team for girls who are looking to improve their skills. Almost 106 girls tried out, an amazing turnout as Mrs. Stein puts it. There are four incredible coaches involved with the program, Mrs. Stein, Mrs. Ihrig, Mrs. Fitzgerald, and Lauren Rooks. The coaches are doing an amazing job, and are training a remarkable group of young women.

Our teams are still on the court, and would love your support at their upcoming games. On Friday, November 2nd, they battle Gordon Russell Middle School, and will take on Floyd Light Wednesday, November 7th. Go support your fellow athletes! Go Hornets!