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## REMINDER FROM FAM STAFF:

- FAM requires a completed Project Development Request (PDR) form to initiate any volunteer or district-funded project at your site (including painting, room change of use, etc.).

## Nancy Bond & Catherine Diviney Receive Award for Work in Energy Efficiency

Catherine Diviney and Nancy Bond have received industry awards and recognition by their peers for their work in the field of energy efficiency. Together they have been awarded the Oregon Association of Professional Managers (APEM) Energy Manager of the Year Award. For more information about APEM, visit their website at [www.oregonapem.org](http://www.oregonapem.org).

Catherine Diviney also has been nominated for the Energy Trust of Oregon for Better Bricks' Energy Advocate of the Year Award. Better Bricks defines potential recipients of this award as "Those who advocate that energy efficiency is the foundation of sustainability in commercial buildings. These champions work both within

their professions and throughout the commercial building market to preach for and support the design and operation of high performance buildings." This award is open to consultants, government, non-profit, educators and others.

Randy Miller, the Assistant Director of Project Management, said, "PPS is the real winner insofar as the initiatives that they have undertaken result in real monetary savings. We are fortunate to have their creativity, focus and initiative." Join FAM in congratulating Catherine and Nancy on their accomplishments!



## FAM Project Managers Initiate Projects During Winter Break

While students and staff are enjoying their time off during winter break, FAM project managers will be busy completing projects in PPS schools before the new year. Some of the work being completed includes dishwasher replacements, oven replacements, painting projects, and carpet installation. Work

requested by principals and Recovery Zone Bond work will continue as well (refer to the Summer 2010 FAM newsletter for more information about these projects). The holiday break is an optimal time for FAM to complete work in the schools that might be difficult to complete

when students and staff are in the school buildings.



## Heads up about Benson and Buckman Sewer Repair Projects

The Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) is undertaking capital improvement projects to repair and replace the existing sewer lines in front of Benson and Buckman schools. Both projects require reducing traffic along the main, west frontages to the schools. Facilities and Asset Management will work with the school administrators to keep students, parents, and families informed as the construc-

tion schedule becomes more defined.

BES anticipates completing the Benson project in early 2011 and Buckman several months later. Schools can encourage parents/students to walk, ride, or take public transportation to minimize the impact of the projects on staff and families. Schools should encourage families to approach the properties from the west for drop off and pick up,

avoiding the construction.

Facilities will be contacting Student Transportation, Nutrition Services, and Waste Management to discuss possible impacts of the project on these services.



## Roosevelt's New Artificial Turf Field

Through a collaborative effort between PPS and the Teddy Roosevelt Athletic Complex (TRAC), a new artificial turf field was installed at Roosevelt High School this fall. Construction began on August 19, 2010, after two years of planning. Project team members hoped to complete the project in time for the last game of the football season on October 29. Unfortunately North-

west weather conditions did not cooperate with the planned timeline; however, the field was completed and ready for the playoff game on November 5.

This project would not have been completed without the enormous effort of the TRAC Committee and all their supporters. It was the energy of these people that made the project a success. TRAC members

hope to raise enough money to install a new track this spring.



## Fork It Over Program Proves Successful Again in 2010

FAM and Nutrition Services worked together to complete another successful Fork It Over in November. Anders Christensen and Carrie Snow worked with six community agencies and 70 schools to arrange for the donation of over 2,400 pounds of food to feed the hungry in our community. Donations included leftover entrees,

fruits, vegetables, milk and yogurt that would have expired over the break. Anders and Carrie have lined up another donation for December 17th.



## Electricity Conservation Program Continues to Bring Savings to PPS

The Electricity Conservation Incentive Program, launched last March by AmeriCorps member Aleta Mills, encourages students, staff, and custodians to strive for a 3% drop in electricity use at their schools over the course of a year. Thirty-two schools and two administrative buildings committed to this year's program, which concludes in February 2011. As a whole, the participating sites have reduced their

electricity consumption by 5% compared to the previous year, equating to \$39,000 in savings. The most successful schools attribute their electricity reductions to mindful night custodians turning off lights, teachers turning off lights and computers, and students spreading the word to conserve.

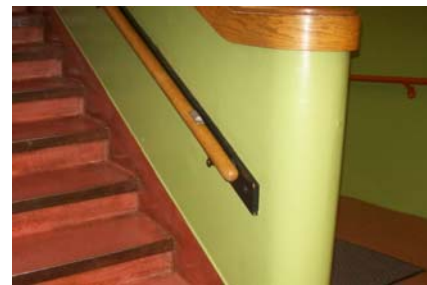


## Volunteer Painting Project at Cesar Chavez a Success

On November 5, 2010, 65 volunteers from Systemax and Playworks completed a successful painting project at Cesar Chavez School. Volunteers painted corridors and bathrooms, and other areas of the building were touched up. The District painter, Holly Tasoulas, supervised the work to ensure the volunteers followed FAM painting protocols.

Anyone interested in engaging in a volunteer painting project at a PPS site should refer to the PPS Volunteer Painting Projects document posted on the Volunteer Projects page on the FAM website. These guidelines were recently created to guide those interested in engaging in this type of project. From project initiation, project preparation, clean up/touch up, and project closeout,

the success of a painting project is directly related to the care in planning its execution. Feel free to contact the Project Management division of FAM with inquiries about these guidelines.



## Fundraising Underway to Improve Field Surfaces at Grant

PPS is working with the Friends of Grant Athletics and Portland Parks & Recreation to raise funds and plan for improved playing surfaces of the fields at Grant High School. The existing, poor-performing grass football and baseball/soccer fields will be replaced with artificial turf, and the soccer field at Hollywood Park will be re-

graded and receive new natural turf as a result of this project.

PPS has contracted with Dull Olson Weekes Architects, Inc. for the design phase of the project. Construction may begin as early as summer 2011.



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### PPS Mission:

*At Portland Public Schools, this is our goal: By the end of elementary, middle, and high school, every student by name will meet or exceed academic standards and will be fully prepared to make productive life decisions.*

### Portland Public Schools Facilities & Asset Management

The Facilities & Asset Management (FAM) Department supports classroom teaching and learning by providing a safe and healthy environment that is conducive to learning for students and staff.

## Franklin Gets a Face Lift and Needed Improvements

FAM, in conjunction with Ankrom Moison Architects, managed several exterior projects last summer that addressed a multitude of site issues. ADA access was dramatically improved with a ramp and power-operated doors at the front entrance and allowing the side entry to be secured at Franklin High School. The ramp follows the curve of the original 1915 sidewalk.

Drainage and landscaping were improved, and seating added in the entry courtyard. Parking areas were re-stripped and site signage upgraded.

In all, seven different contractors and four subcontractors were involved along with 10 crafts from PPS's Maintenance Services. The work was planned and carried out in close cooperation with parent, alumni and teacher members of the Franklin Landscaping Improvement Plan (FLIP) in addition to school staff.

A proposal from Ankrom Moisan and Mayer/Reed Landscape Architects for bioswales in the courtyard to further improve the site drainage is under consideration and possible fund-

ing sources are being pursued.

The blog *Portland Architecture* recently featured Franklin High School, saying it "definitely the best looking high school in the PPS system and the staff are rightly proud of their building."

