

**Jan. 21, 2011**

**Dear Keller Family,**

I would like to update you all about upcoming events and announcements that are important for everyone.

**Parent/Student Conferences** are January 27, 28, and 31. Student dismissal is at noon on those dates.

**The capital projects levy election** for additional classroom space to house a growing student population is Feb. 8. Lake Washington School District is growing! Nearly 600 more students arrived in district schools in September than the year before. Growth is projected to continue at a rate of about 450 students per year, which equals the number of students in an average elementary school.

The proposed capital projects levy would allow the district to build additional classrooms. This proposal provides for permanent classroom space that will continue to be needed in coming years based on current student population projections. Classroom additions to Redmond High School and Eastlake High School would be built, as well as a new small school open to secondary students from around the district, focusing on science, technology, engineering and math.

Ballots were mailed on Jan. 19 and must be postmarked by Feb. 8. More information, including frequently asked questions, is available on the district's [website](#).

**Congratulations to Kamiakn Junior High School!** Our very own Kamiakin was recently selected as one of the top five schools of the year by the National Association of Middle School Principals. The reasons cited for the award included:

- Kamiakin's work with transforming instruction through the "Success at the Core" program, and



their efforts to build leadership capacity and collaboration with all staff.

- Kamiakin's innovative efforts to ensure success for all students, including their Learning Plans and their new Achievement Guide.
- Kamiakin's continued work with the community through the CAPstone 9<sup>th</sup> Grade culminating projects, as well as a focus on involving parents of minority students.
- Kamiakin's cocurricular efforts to communicate opportunities and provide a well-rounded education for all students.

Congratulations to students, parents and staff at Kamiakin! Go Cougars!

Most of you know that we are in the planning stages for our new building. Please check out the architects' renderings of the north entrance and the main entrance, below or on our website. More information will be coming to you in the months ahead.

**Tim Stonich**

**Principal**



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