

THE OLD vs. THE NEW

W.T. Woodson Renovation Update February 2008

In each Newsletter this year, we are keeping you updated as to the progress that is being made with the Renovation, as well as to let you know of any changes in the expected Renovation schedule. The renovation team is happy to report that they are ahead of schedule in a number of sections. They also wanted to thank the Woodson staff, teachers, students and parents for their cooperation, patience and understanding during what is a difficult time for all of us.

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Hallway's A & B 100 and 200: Have been completed 5 months early. New classrooms for Math, English, Social Studies, Special Education, Language Arts, Student's with Physical Disabilities and the WTW TV Station will find new homes here. Moving dates are scheduled for April 4th and 5th.

Air Quality: Continues to be monitored weekly. No problems have been reported.

Asbestos Abatement: The PTSA has received two inquiries concerning how FCPS and the renovation team are handling this issue. There are pockets of the building infrastructure that have various levels of asbestos. However, as the team enters a section of the school they are pre-checked prior to the start of any work. FCPS Safety Inspectors check the areas weekly to ensure they comply with all OSHA and EPA rules and regulation to safeguard all who occupy the building and the contractors and FCPS staff working on renovations. Should you have questions or concerns please contact Mr. Robert Robyak, FCPS Renovation Liaison at 703-898-4468 or Jim Scutt, the PTSA Renovation Liaison at jscutt@cox.net.

Ceilings: (repeated from previous reports) If you who have traveled the hallways since renovations started you have noticed that most, if not, all of the ceilings are exposed. This is necessary as the infrastructure is continually being improved throughout the renovation process. Unfortunately this situation will not improve except over time. There is a need to be able to access this area throughout the various stages of the renovation. New ceiling tiles and lighting will be replaced as each new wing is turned over to the school. Therefore, it is most likely that in much of the school the ceilings will continue to be exposed this school year as well (other than the new Science and English wings).

Library: As you know the library has been temporarily relocated to the new Lecture Study Hall in the Science Wing. Renovations are well underway there.

Milestone: Anticipated delivery date of the renovated library is on schedule for school opening in September 2008.

New Fine Arts Wing: They are well on their way toward completing this new and much anticipated wing.

Milestone: Anticipated delivery date to the school administration is expected for May of 2008.

Auditorium: It is expected that renovations to the auditorium will begin in September 2008 and continue through March 2009. This means that the auditorium will be unavailable during this time.

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Cafeteria: Cafeteria A and B along with the kitchen will close for renovations at the end of the school year.

Milestone: Expected return date to the school is September 2008

New Administrative Offices/Student Services Wing: The large steel structure that will become our new grand entrance is well underway. The administrative offices are also under construction.

Milestone: Expected delivery date, May of 2008.

Athletic Facilities:

1. **Main Gym:** This gym will be taken off line during the Spring Break timeframe in 2009. **Milestone:** They expect to return it to the administration by Sept. 2009

2. **Weight Room/Driver Ed classroom:**

Milestone: Expected delivery date is September 2008

3. **Stadium Lighting System/New Press Box** Baseball field lights are being installed and will be ready for the Spring 2008 season. Football Stadium lights will be completed in time for the Fall 2008 season. The softball field press box is currently under construction. Press box for the football field has had its foundation set and it should be ready for the Fall 2008 season.

4. **Locker Rooms/Dance/Gymnastic Room/Trainers Room:** These rooms are completed and staff has begun to move in. The move should be completed this week 2/15.

Suggestion Box. Don't forget to let us know what's working and what's not as we begin to transition over into the many newly completed areas of the school. If you have a question or concern about renovations, drop a note into the PTSA Renovation Suggestion Box just inside the Administration Office. We will work with Principal Yost and the FCPS Renovation Team to answer these concerns in a timely fashion.

Finally, please do not hesitate to email either of us if you have any questions or concerns about the renovation.

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