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KFCS' District Newsletter

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Every 86 Years or So

Have you ever lived in an old house? My family and I once lived in a house that was built in the 1920s. It was an attractive classic-looking home. However, to continue using it, virtually every component was replaced over the years. This included windows, furnace, flooring, ceilings, lighting, plumbing, electrical, roof and even siding. This was necessary even though previous owners and we had given the home a great deal of TLC. Without replacing key components and doing ongoing remodeling, it would have been unlivable, even embarrassing. The situation with our much loved home is very similar to that of the much loved KU facility.

KU's birth date is 1928. That makes it 86 years old; hardly a baby anymore. In that time, the basic systems and many of the components of the building have gone untouched. It still has the original single-paned windows, heating system, electrical system, lighting, mechanical systems, and plumbing. Needless to say, these 86-year-old components are failing. For example, last winter a third-floor pipe burst, which flooded classrooms in the two floors below.

The interior of the building is also very outdated. It was built for a very different time and very different educational needs. An inspection of the locker rooms gives a grim reminder of the needs of the 1920s compared with those of today. For example, today students prefer warm instead of cold showers! Unfortunately, we can only offer the latter.

This also is true for the small box-like classrooms and the inadequate technology infrastructure. This says nothing of the heating and cooling system (actually, they have no cooling or ventilation system). There is no consistency in temperature across the school. A student may be in a first-period classroom with an 80-degree temperature and move to a different classroom for second period that is 60 degrees. Did I say there is no ventilation or cooling systems in the building? One can easily imagine the learning impact of this antiquated climate and air control system.

Thus, the basic systems throughout the building need to be replaced. Also needing attention are the more cosmetic features of the building such as lockers, ceilings, lighting and floor coverings. Did you know that the vinyl floors are so old that they have to be nailed down to keep them attached? KU is a much-loved local icon; however, even icons need and deserve an update at least once in a century.

The proposed KU remodel would address all the issues mentioned above and many others as well. The project would extend the life of the building by 40 to 50 years. This would be done by replacing all the basic systems in the building including heating, lighting, cooling, ventilation,

plumbing, mechanical, electrical and technological. It would also remodel every space within the school to give the classical old structure an effective and attractive learning environment throughout. This would include the expansion of gym and performing arts spaces.

It would also eliminate old and decrepit areas that are not used for learning. These unused areas require maintenance, upkeep, and constant surveillance. Doing away with this 1930s addition right sizes the building and makes it more attractive, safe and cost-efficient. It will still leave room for 250 more students than are enrolled today.

Yes, once every 86 years or so, a building needs a thorough facelift -- especially when tens of thousands of students have used it over the years. This investment would extend the life of the building well into the future. Without such an investment, it may soon be too late to continue utilizing the iconic landmark. Building new at that point would cost more than twice as much as a remodeling today.

Other News

1. The first ever "Give-Back Day" was a huge success thanks to many people. In particular, the organizers of the event, KU teachers, Valli Lonner and Mary Mateos, deserve our thanks. Many community partners contributed to make it successful also:

Exquisite Limousine

Klamath Falls Firehouse #1

Pelican Charters

Kendall Bell and Bell Hardware

Downtown Business Association

Herald and News

Home Depot

KFCS' Bus Barn

Mountain Valley Garden

Diamond Home Improvement

Air National Guard

Army National Guard

Wing Watchers Club

Waste Management

Klamath County Community Development Department

Klamath County Waste

City of Klamath Falls

Turn Thom Tire Factory

Smith Bates Printing

2. On Sunday evening, our district will be conducting a parent telephone satisfaction survey. Please take a minute to respond to the questions so we can get a good idea of areas on which to focus during the next school year.
3. Attached you will find OIT Summer Camp information.
4. Special thanks to all our parents, staff and students for a great school year. Have a wonderful summer.
5. We plan to send out information on the upcoming KU Bond Remodel Project. If you do not wish to receive this information, please let us know.

The link to the June edition of *KU and You* is [KU & YOU June QT YouTube HQ H264 HD](#).

Oregon **TECH**

YOUTH PROGRAM CAMPS

FILM DayDreamer Film Camp

DayDreamer Film Camp

June 16 - 20, 2014

8:30 am - 5:30 pm each day

5th through 12th grade (for Fall 2014)

Performance night: Friday, June 20, 2014

7 - 9 p.m., College Union Auditorium.

Displays are free and open to the public.

Film Production

Student will participate in activities that encourage creativity, ability to follow instructions, problem solving, critical thinking, leadership, acting and communication skills. Students will walk away with a greater understanding of editing software and techniques as well as the behind scenes activities that take place during film production.

Camp Tuition and Fees:

\$275 for one camper

(this includes a \$25 non-refundable registration fee)

\$250 for each additional camper

(this includes a \$25 non-refundable registration fee)



LEGO Building Block Challenge

LEGO Beginners: Building Blocks

June 16 - 20, 2014

9:00 am - 1:00 pm each day

8 - 12 years old (no previous experience)

Students will focus on the structural engineering concepts of LEGO creations. Oregon Tech, Owens Hall

Camp Tuition and Fees:

LEGO Beginners

\$155 per camper *(additional camper from same family \$130)*

**Please note tuition includes a \$25 non-refundable registration fee due at the time of application.*



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