

Central Middle School

Week of December 6, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

WE ARE GETTING REAL CLOSE! Please remember as you read this that I type a newsletter for both boards and then remove most pictures and change the script as needed to turn the newsletter into a newspaper article.

I have a very busy day tomorrow as I have had today. I decided to go to the school to take pictures about 7:30 tonight (Thursday) so I could fit everything in the next four days. I have access through one door after hours so I took advantage of that. I think you will like what I found.

The first thing I need to mention is there have been some calls concerning lights being on in the new school when nobody is there. All lights in the new school are LED so the electrical draw is minimal. As we work to complete camera installation, the lights help the sheriff's department easily see if anyone is inside that should not be there. I called Sheriff Campbell before I went tonight to make sure I did not create any unnecessary excitement. Most classrooms were dark until I entered. The lights come on shortly after entry into the classroom. When I went past classrooms as I was leaving, those lights were off as they are programmed to shut off after ten or fifteen minutes of inactivity.

Two things caught my attention as soon as I walked into the first hallway. The door closers are installed! There was a smell in the west hallway I had not observed before and it was wonderful. It smelled.....NEW! That is the only way I can describe the smell. It was a combination of the mastic for the tile on the floors of each classroom and the new tile combined with the lack of concrete dust odor.



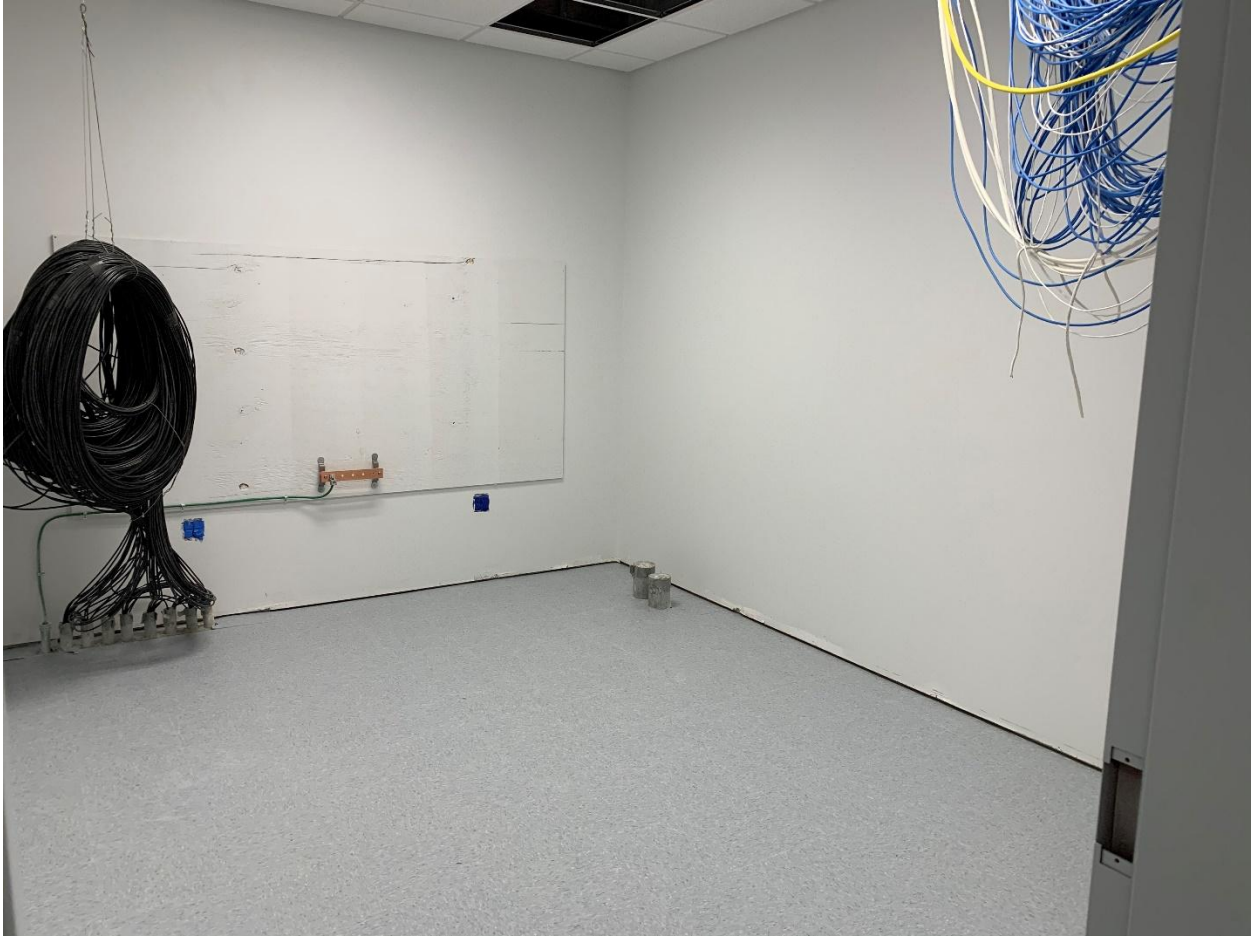
The classrooms look great with the new tile floor in place. Painting is complete. Switch and receptacle cover plates are in place and all we need is the baseboard around the floor edges and put up the different boards in the classrooms.



The Media Center Computer lab classroom is ready for tile installation tomorrow morning.



The Storage, Electrical and Data room floors are complete. The data room will get the equipment installed next and give someone the thrill of determining where all those wires coming from the floor and ceiling connect. I would have no idea of where to start.



The Business Computing lab floor and cabinets are installed. Those square holes are where the data cables will terminate for the computers to plug into when we get to that point. I feel sure there will be a cover flush with the floor when everything is complete.



The Health classroom is ready for floor installation.



I walked in the gym and was quite surprised with all the progress from last week. The center dividing wall is up. This wall will raise and lower electrically and will allow two gym classes to take place at the same time.



All basketball goals are up and folded out of the way. If you look closely, you might be able to see the actual goal is still in the box.



I did notice one thing new that really caught my eye. The condensate drains from the HVAC units in the ceiling are installed with insulation. I feel sure the black insulation will get a white plastic cover before being declared complete.



Ceramic tile walls are up in both the locker rooms. Some grout work remains but the tile is in place and certainly looks good. This is the girl's shower area.



Sinks and toilets are in place in both locker rooms. I am not joking about getting close!



The boy's locker room is very similar to the girl's with the exception of the floor color.



This should make you start getting excited.



Now for the news we have all been waiting for. **We expect to have students and teachers in the news school at the start of the second semester January 23, 2020.**

We will not be able to use the gym until the end of February because all work has to be complete before starting the floor. The HVAC will be run to dehumidify the area, the floor material will be stored to acclimate to the climate it will be in and then it will take about two weeks to install the floor including putting lines, logos and varnish.

I could not be more thrilled and hope you are as excited for our teachers, students and administrators as I am. They have endured trailers, schedule shifts, a bathroom shortage and hurdles we cannot even begin to imagine and they have kept a positive attitude the whole way through. Please take time to thank those folks who have endured so much as we have worked together for this goal.

Thank you for your interest, support and patience.

Ray