

Kudos!

A huge and heartfelt congratulations and kudos goes out to all involved with the Rawson Homecoming Festival! While I'm sure there were challenges along the way, the end result was an excellent event this past Saturday! On behalf of the school, our sincerest appreciation goes out to all involved for making this event such a success. Thanks goes out to our staff members for helping out at the festival, and a special thanks goes out to Tina Bils for initiating this great show of support from our staff! It truly was a great way to connect the school and community – I can think of no better way to spend what turned out to be a beautiful Saturday afternoon! (P.S. – thanks to all those who DIDN'T dunk me...I'll trust that you missed the target on purpose!)

Projects

As I stated earlier this summer, there are a number of projects going on in and around the school buildings. You'll be in for a treat when you stop by the school. Our custodial staff has done a top-notch, thorough cleaning and waxing of the facilities. The new fuel pump station required by the fire marshal is nearing completion. The old cafeteria ceiling replacement and painting is just about finished up and has really brightened that space. As I write this update, our crew is putting the finishing touches on the installation of the commemorative bricks located just outside my office (and they look amazing!). The crew also put down mulch around the building to spruce up the flower beds. Additionally, you'll note a big difference behind the school building. We have new concrete in several areas that were long overdue. The ancient dust collector outside the ag shop has been removed. A few areas on the high school building will be repaired and re-sealed. Inside, later this summer, we will see the installation of a new fire alarm system and new lighting controls and sound equipment in the auditorium. To be sure, it has been quite an undertaking, but one that is long overdue and much needed. This unprecedented effort was made possible by three things – first, your willingness as a community to pass a permanent improvement levy, sound budgeting over the past few years which protected that budget for projects such as these, and the excess funds from the building project which are required by law to be used for permanent improvement projects.

High School Principal

I have recently been informed that our newly hired high school principal has resigned to take another position. While this certainly is not the situation which we envisioned ourselves in, it is the one in which we find ourselves. Due to the hard work and commitment of a very dedicated committee that we assembled in February of this year, I believe the school demonstrated its passion and determination for ensuring we find the best possible person to lead our high school. That goal has not changed. Our students, staff, and community have high expectations and deserve the best. In seeking resolution we will leave no stone unturned in our search to equip our high school with the best possible person for the role.