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Plans for the building's interior are being finalized. The goal of the interior design is to bring the outside in, with ample amount of natural daylight and colors mimicking what you'd find in a healthy forest. Picture various shades of greens, wood textures and even entire tree trunks used as columns.

Once complete, the building will be 63,814 square feet, have 19 general education classrooms and five additional specialty classrooms (for programs such as preschool, and speech therapy), a library (which will be tucked in

the rear of the building and will give the feeling of reading in a tree house), dedicated rooms for art, STEM and music, shared spaces for project-based learning, a gymnasium and a cafeteria/assembly space.

The wetland buffer and landscaped areas will be planted with more than 350 trees.

The project is constantly evolving! To stay up-to-date with the building's progress, visit www.bisd303.org > Departments & Programs > Capital Projects. The new building is slated to open in the fall of 2019.

Thank you, Bainbridge Island for supporting this exciting project and providing students with an ideal learning environment for years to come.



The architect's rendering of some of the new building's interior spaces. The building is designed to take advantage of natural daylight and feel closely tied to the outside. (Courtesy of Mithun)

Important Dates:

- June 20 Last Day of School
- August 27 BHS Back to School Day (grades 11th and 12th)
- August 28 BHS Back to School Day (grades 9th and 10th); WMS Back to School Day (8th grade)
- August 29 WMS Back to School Day (7th grade)
- Sept. 4 BHS Spartan Startup (9th-graders and students new to the school); WMS New Student Orientation (for all 7th graders and students new to the school); Meet & Greet for Blakely, Ordway and Wilkes; EHHS Ice Cream Social; Odyssey Ice Cream Social; Sakai Ice Cream Social (Times vary, check bisd303.org for details)
- Sept. 5 First Day of School for grades 1-12
- Sept. 5 - 7 Kindergarten intake conferences
- Sept. 10 First day of school for kindergarteners



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A Message from the Superintendent



Dear BISD Community,
It's hard to believe the 2017-18 school year is coming to an end. What a fabulous year it's been!

I am so grateful for our inquisitive students and our engaging staff. This combination makes for lively conversations and lightbulb moments. When my head is swimming with too many district details, all I need to do is walk into a classroom and see students in action and am instantly reminded of all the great work our schools accomplish on a daily basis.

The volume of learning that takes place over the course of the school year is remarkable. From high school students in the Honors Advanced Applied Statistics using logistic regression models to analyze cancer treatment success rates, to the elementary students composing heartfelt poetry, to Sakai students mentored by high school English students, BISD provides ample opportunity to stretch minds and hearts, while strengthening our district community. Turn the page to view a sampling of highlights from this year.

Though this school year is wrapping up, plans are well underway for the next — I look forward to continuing the Island tradition of providing a high-quality education to our students.

Peter Bong Krasow

Hold on to your hardhats — the new Blakely Elementary is underway!

Ground broke on the new Captain Johnston Blakely Elementary in March 2018, and since then, there's been a whirlwind of activity.

Earthmovers are excavating the fields behind the current building to prep for the new site and are making space for an underground stormwater vault. The vault will

prevent water run-off and will hold 350,000 gallons of water. That's more than half the size of an Olympic pool!

Underground utilities will be laid this summer and by early fall (if all goes according to plan), you'll be able to see footings taking shape and the building emerging on the hillside.

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▲ An historic moment: Blakely students helped break ground for the new school. (Photo by Julie Schick) ▼ The architect's rendering of the exterior of the new Blakely Elementary. The new building is being built behind the current Blakely. (Mithun)



2017-2018 School Year in Review



SEPTEMBER
 ◀ On the first day of school, this fourth-grader was most excited about making new friends.

▼ The Opening Ceremony at Sakai Intermediate School always gets the new year off to a great start.

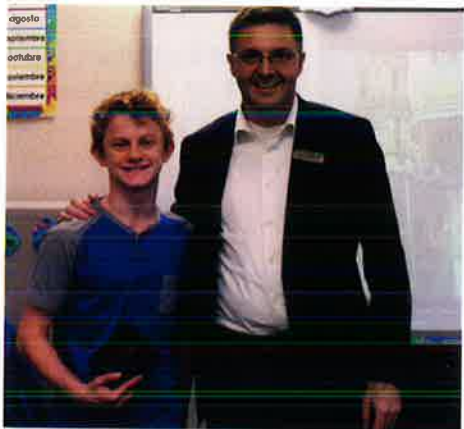


OCTOBER
 ▼ Ordway Otters enjoy the fall sunshine while participating in their annual jog-a-thon. Each class had their own theme, like these Otters who made a splash!



▲ BISD launched a Social and Emotional Health initiative this year and held a parent seminar to share ideas with the community on ways to enhance students' sense of well-being.

NOVEMBER
 ▼ The BISD STRONG Award is awarded to students and staff who demonstrate strong minds, strong hearts and a strong sense of community. Here, 8th-grader Alex Miller is surprised by Superintendent Bang-Knudsen and received an award for leadership and the constant encouragement he gives to his fellow classmates.



▲ The Woodward Middle School Band performed the Marches of the Armed Forces at its Veterans Day Assembly.

DECEMBER
 ▼ Odyssey 7/8 students participated in Yes! Magazine's national student writing competition and Ruby Wynne-Jones (left) won the middle school division, Lelia Dugan (middle) was a semi-finalist in the Powerful Voices category and Lily Lashmet (right) was a Literary Gem. They are pictured with teacher Liz Finin.



▲ Mosaic Home Education Partnership held its annual Craft Festival and students and families created projects and long-lasting memories.

JANUARY
 ▼ The Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly at BHS is always inspiring and this year's included a motivational speaker, student performances in song and dance and an award ceremony.



FEBRUARY
 ▲ Tenth graders were issued a Chromebook to assist with their school work both in and out of the classroom. BISD students in 7th-10th grades now have take-home devices. That equals almost 1,400 Chromebooks!

▼ Hearts-a-plenty! Bainbridge High School's Ceramics Club surprised students by hanging hearts around the BHS campus on Valentine's Day.



MARCH
 ▼ The annual salmon release at Sakai took place in March. For more than 15 years, Sakai students have released salmon in the stream behind the school.



▶ At Wilkes, pancakes are more than just a breakfast food: They're a math lesson (if the recipe makes 64 five-inch pancakes, how many will you get if you make four-inch pancakes?); A cooking lesson (the difference between a teaspoon and a tablespoon); A lesson on how to be a good host (serve your guests first). Those are some pretty tasty 'cakes!

APRIL
 ▼ The Tree of Gratitude was in full bloom at BHS. On the blossoms were words of appreciation from students to staff.



◀ For poetry month, Ordway poets wrote heartfelt prose. I am like a horse galloping through the sunset always with open arms, guiding people through their dreams and out. Always naying.
 By: Ava



MAY
 ▲ BHS Decision Day! Seniors gather wearing sweatshirts from their soon-to-be schools.

▼ Eagle Harbor High School students scale new heights during physical education class.

