

Modernization

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Branciforte Elementary School

Fall 2002

A "new" 87 year-old building

Branciforte Elementary students are back in school and bounding up the "grand stairway" to class once again. As part of Branciforte's modernization project, the granite railings of the main stairway have been recapped in their original neoclassical style. When you enter through the front doors, it's hard to believe the school is 87 years old! Students file down hallways that have been freshly painted and refinished with new carpet. The classrooms on the north end of the building have reopened after months of hard work on the part of Selden & Son, a local general building contractor from Watsonville, and their team of subcontractors. The classrooms have received new carpet, paint, whiteboards and ceiling tiles where needed. The fire sprinkler system has been extended to provide broader and safer coverage throughout the entire building. Additional electrical and data raceways have been installed to provide web access for students. The auditorium, stage and food services area has received a rich, new, sapphire blue vinyl floor.

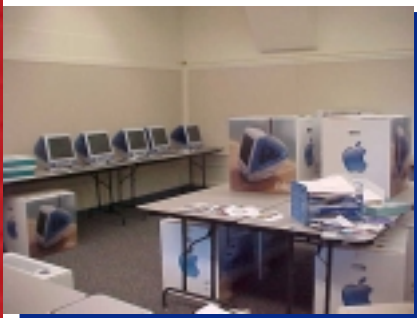
The student restrooms were completely gutted and renovated with tile on the floor and walls, new partitions and plumbing fixtures. The color scheme is carried throughout the building in primary colors of blue and red. "It's the most beautiful half of a building I have ever seen. I can't wait until it's done!" said Principal Mary Anne James.

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Preparing for new elevator tower



New computer lab being set up on first floor

Currently, the south end of the building is under construction and work is expected to be completed by January 2003. At that time, seven of the interim housing classrooms on campus will be removed, opening up space for recreational use and additional parking. The main building will be fully operational at this time.

The computer lab has been relocated to a full-size classroom on the first floor and houses 35 new computers. Now an entire class can be working simultaneously at computers.

<http://www.sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us/bizservices/BondProject/bondproject.htm>



New sapphire blue floor

The original 1915 vintage steam boiler has been replaced by a new hot water boiler, new piping and new unit ventilators throughout the building. A new phone-intercom system will be installed and the fire alarm and security systems also will be upgraded.

In the coming weeks, students will watch the arrival and installation of a four-story modular elevator on the northeast side of the building. The elevator will provide handicap access to the building. The elevator is scheduled to be operational by January 2003.

The project will wrap up with the expansion of the parking lot. A new trash enclosure will be built to relocate dumpsters away from the permanent

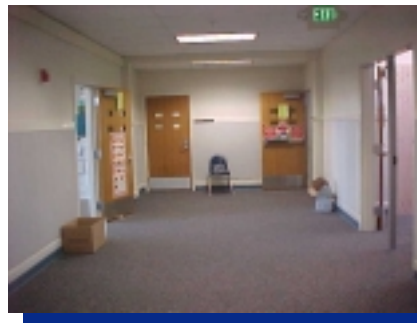
portable classrooms. The entire project will be completed by April of 2003.



Remodeled bathrooms show school colors



Classroom in process of being remodeled



Freshly painted and newly carpeted hallways

Branciforte Bears



Construction Budget Summary

Original Contract Amount	\$2,194,095.00
Additional Costs	\$45,575.00
Total Cost to Date	\$2,239,670.00

	2002												2003		
	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
MODERNIZATION															
Selective Demolition	█	█	█					█	█	█					
Elevator Construction			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█					
Mechanical Work			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█					
Plumbing Work			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█					
Electrical			█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█					
Doors & Hardware			█	█	█	█	█	█							
Floors, Walls, Ceiling				█	█	█	█	█	█	█					
Painting						█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█		
Special Systems: Fire, Security and Communications						█	█	█	█	█					
Site Work											█	█	█		

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