

## FRSD Bond Update *Groundbreaking Approaches at Veneta*

The Fern Ridge School District continues its work to ensure that all elements of the \$26.7 million dollar bond approved by voters last May are delivered in a manner that will not only meet, but exceed the expectations of our community, students and staff.

Starting this summer, Veneta Elementary School will undergo a transformation focused on safety and meeting needs due to growth. Getting out of remote portables, separating the bus loop from the main parking lot, enclosing the library, and reconfiguring the office to face the street will all improve safety at the school. A new wing of six classrooms will replace existing portables and accommodate for growth, and adding a new commons will free up the gymnasium to meet new state standards for increased physical education minutes.

A ground breaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction at Veneta Elementary School will take place on Monday, June 8th at 1:00 pm. The building's contractor, architects, elected officials, staff and students will help mark the start of construction. After the dirt has been ceremonially turned, the big equipment will be ready to move in and start construction of the renovations and new additions.

The District's number one goal during construction is to maintain the safety of the public, students, staff, and the construction crews. As such, the building's contractor will have dedicated access to the north portion of the property and the south portion of the parking lot starting June 10th. Temporary chain link fence will be installed in those areas to prevent any interaction between construction traffic and non-construction traffic. The south portion of the parking lot will be turned over back to the District prior to school starting in September, but the north portion of the property will remain closed until the classroom addition is completed in December.

***The Fern Ridge School District provides a monthly update on the progress of the work funded by the \$26.7 million bond approved by voters last May, published on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For more information about bond activities, visit the District's website at [www.fernridge.k12.or.us/bond](http://www.fernridge.k12.or.us/bond), or call the District Office at 541-935-2253.***