



NEWS & VIEWS

. . . . what's happening at Wick

1st Quarter, 2005

CURRENT PROJECTS

Graham-Kapowsin High School, Graham, WA (Job 697)

*Steve Hansen, Sr. Project Manager
Dana Malek, Superintendent
Brett Bennett, Proj. Engineer
Karen Moon & Brittany Vaders, Admin. Assistants*

This 1-1/2 year project is fast drawing to a close, with punchlist activities to start in May. The Main Gym floor is striped and finish coat is being applied. In Area B, MDF wainscot installation is proceeding at public areas such as corridors, and painting and VCT work is finished at the Auxiliary Gym.



03-22-05 - Kidder Anderson & Eric Dysert in manlift at Commons installing MDF wall panels.

Ceiling tile is being dropped throughout and casework installed. Stage rigging is progressing and painting is done in the Music classrooms. Food service equipment is installed at the Kitchen, and storefronts are completed at the exterior. Final grading is progressing at the east & north sides of the building, which is being followed by site concrete and landscaping.



03-29-05 – Northwest Side of Graham-Kapowsin High School

Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus - formerly known as Issaquah 9th Grade Campus (Job 700)

*George Mason, Superintendent
Allan Beattie, Superintendent
Terry Lavin, Project Manager
Dave Pederson and Dave Proctor – Proj. Eng.
Karen Moon, Admin. Assistant*

This project is also going well - ahead of schedule in some areas and a little behind in others. Casework is already being installed at the Southeast 2-story Classroom Wing, with taping, veneer plaster, and painting progressing in the other areas of the classroom wings. Fireproofing, followed by interior wall framing, is proceeding through the Commons, Stage, Library, then out into the Gym Wing. Exterior siding at the Classroom Wings is nearing completion and site finish work around these areas is gearing up. The sitework subcontractor has returned to the project to finalize grades for fields and underground work. Plantings are being installed at the right of way area and paving will start soon.

Dave Pederson, who had been handling submittals and RFIs from the main office, is now on-site, trading places with Dave Proctor, who has moved back to the main office and will be helping with estimating.



03/22/05 - NW Elevation – Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus - Library in foreground & Main Entry in background.



03/30/05 – NE Wing Classrooms with loading dock to the left.

**North Hill Elementary School, Des Moines, WA
(Job 701)**

*Les O'Dell, Superintendent
Ryan Rudolph, Project Engineer
John Newman, Project Engineer
Kelly VanHooser & Brittany Vaders, Admin. Assist.*

The building is substantially closed in and brick veneer will be complete in a few days. Exterior windows are substantially complete and the storefront & entries are being installed.

The Activities Wing and 1st Classroom Wing have been sheetrocked. Acoustical grid and casework installation has commenced, with ceramic tile and mechanical & electrical fixtures soon to follow. Final mechanical & electrical rough-in work is being completed in the Northerly Classroom Wing, and sheetrock activities are expected to commence in the very near future.

Work is starting on the covered play area, which is the last structure to be built on-site. It has been left out until now in order to accommodate access around the exterior of the structure. Site finish grading has commenced and site concrete activities are soon to follow.



03/25/05 – North Hill Elementary - Looking North as covered play area is erected on east side of the Gymnasium.



03/25/05 – Typical two story Classroom Wing.

**Kent Middle School No. 7A, Kent, WA
(Job 702)**

*John Carlson, Superintendent
Duane Baker, Project Manager
Nathan Kirstein, Project Engineer
Kelly VanHooser, Admin. Assistant*

At Building A, drywall is stocked and ready to install. The roof is 95% complete (excludes octagon area which has a complicated canopy that framer & Wick are working diligently to install).

Kent Middle School, continued

The penthouse areas have had to be reconfigured a few times via the coordination process, but now are ready for trades to install their work. At Building C, drywall is 50% complete.

Utilities are 95% complete, except for the sewer line connection at east end of Bldg. A.

Overall progress on the Kent Middle School has been great, assisted by our unexpected period of early Spring. Also, Wick and the design team have taken a proactive approach that thus far has led to successful problem solving which is helpful to our schedule.

Qwest Projects

Our major work for Qwest this year has been associated with relocating operations from Qwest's Terry Avenue Administration building to Bell Plaza and the 120 Lenora Building. The largest part of this work for us is the relocation of the Computer Data Center from the 2nd floor at Terry Ave. to the 9th floor @ Lenora. At the time of this report, we are in the middle of the mechanical HVAC, electrical power & UPS system, and raised computer flooring installation. The revised schedule has us completing work by the end of April.

(Contributed by Dana True)

INSURANCE/CONSULTING

As led by Kit Bratlien, and assisted by Andy Martinsen and Brent Buzard, our insurance consulting division has been busy lately.

We have been doing some exploratory work at the old Queen Anne High School, which was converted to condominiums several years ago. After limited demolition and evaluation, repairs are being made to wallboard, plaster, and other surfaces possibly damaged by our earthquake a few years ago.

You may remember that Reno, Nevada had quite a winter storm a few months ago – dumping an unexpected load of snow which caused several warehouse collapses. During repairs, we will be furnishing clerk-of-the-works services.

And, in Selah, Washington, the Elementary School has a problem with a beam failure, which may involve repairs by Wick Constructors. Decision pending by insurers.

BIDDING

Newport High School, Bellevue, WA	04/07/05
Rose Hill Elementary, Kirkland, WA	04/12/05
Redmond Ridge Elementary	05/03/05

GENERAL COMPANY NEWS

We have a new phone system in the main office, which should help us all function more efficiently – once we come up to speed with the changes! The previous hardware was over 20 years old and on its last legs.



Meet our new receptionist/administrative assistant, Brittany Vaders, (she's a little camera shy) here at her station with 'dueling' monitors – regular computer programs on the left and phone monitor on the right. She didn't skip a beat on changing systems only six weeks after first learning the old one!

ACTIVITIES

The social committee has a couple of new volunteers – Kelly VanHooser and Rob Lang. If you have ideas and want to pass them along, please contact one of the people listed below.

Social Committee: Mike McCorvy, Kristin Betancourt, Ryan Rudolph, Rob Lang, and Kelly VanHooser.

WICK ANNIVERSARIES

April:	Terry Lavin (Office) – 21 Years Les O'Dell (701) – 2 Years David Bratlien (701) – 6 Years Dale King (Office) – 14 Years George Parent (Qwest) – 6 Years
May:	Dave Proctor (Office) – 3 Years Dave Pederson (700) – 2 Years Brian Michalek (701) – 2 Years Craig Papke (Office) – 3 Years Laura Rupert (Office) – 4 Years Robert Fischer (700) – 2 Years
June:	Rico Andrade (Qwest) – 11 Years Ron Couch (702) – 2 Years Joe Malloy (701) – 4 Years Bruce Myers (Office) – 27 Years Andy Martinsen (Office) – 9 Years Brett Bennett (697) – 2 Years

PARTING SHOT - Wick Constructors is environmentally friendly to our neighbors at Pond #4, Pacific Cascade Freshman Campus jobsite in Issaquah.

SAFETY

Spring Safety



Fire Up the "Q"

Mmm BBQ season is coming up. Make sure you clean your BBQ and check for leaks, breaks, and other wear & tear. Also make sure that you never store propane inside your house or garage. For more information check out www.stayingalive.ca/bbq_safety.html

Have you checked your smoke alarm?



You should check your smoke alarm once a month to make sure that it's working properly. Just press the little test button - if it's beeping, it's working. If your smoke alarm is battery powered, you need to replace the battery once a year. Hey let's make that a part of your spring-cleaning routine too. A smoke alarm can save your life; all you have to do is keep it working properly.

