

# Sherman County School District "Builds" Opportunities for Student Success



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## Communication to the Community

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From Sherman County  
School District  
Moro, Oregon

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Above: The new gymnasium. Below Left: The collaboration area adjoining the PK- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classrooms. Below Right: Outside the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Classrooms – photo taken from the playground area.



Overall construction progress is going well and is on schedule for our elementary students to begin attending their classes at the new **Sherman County School** campus in Moro next September! It is also very exciting to report that the two preschools in the county have decided to merge and operate as one entity right inside our new elementary wing.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> school staff members were given an opportunity to tour the construction site. Several teachers have expressed their excitement not only about the functional design, but also about the new spacious classrooms that will finally meet the Department of Education's recommendation of 960 square feet per classroom.

A lot has changed in the last couple weeks. The CMU block on the new elementary gymnasium (pictured left) is complete and construction of the roof structure has begun. The framing at the gym is expected to be complete and sheathed by the end of next week. Once done, the membrane roof will be installed. An exterior water resistant barrier is also currently being installed on the building, as it is essentially 90% dry. This will allow for the veneer to be completed followed by windows and metal siding in the upcoming weeks. On the inside, most of the mechanical, electrical and plumbing are complete in walls and are scheduled for inspection next week. After inspection, insulation and sheetrock will begin.

Now that the plans for the revised secure entrance into the elementary wing through the library entrance have been finalized, all construction efforts will be focused on tying the three buildings together. While this is a complex area, it has been designed to provide a safe and secure, but welcoming approach to our new beautiful elementary wing that our students will enjoy for generations.

If you have any questions or would be interested in a tour, please contact me at (541) 565-3500, (541) 333-2250 or [wowens@sherman.k12.or.us](mailto:wowens@sherman.k12.or.us).

Sincerely,

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