



# Phoenix-Talent Schools Facility Maintenance Newsletter

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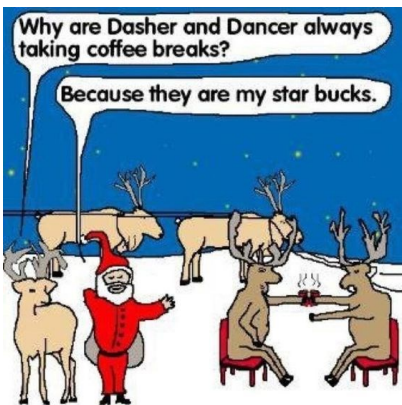
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## Meet Phoenix-Talents Grounds Crew



Robert Blood and Matt Spurlock are no strangers to the School District. Both excelled as custodians and are dedicated to making our grounds program the best it can be. Robert worked at Phoenix High School as a night custodian until accepting the grounds position this March. Matt Spurlock worked at Orchard Hills Elementary as a night custodian until accepting the grounds position in November. Both are working towards obtaining their herbicide and pesticide spray licenses so that we can have better control on what is being used,

with a goal of using organic compounds whenever possible.



## Winter Break Tips

- Clear out expired and unwanted items from breakroom refrigerators
- Unplug classroom electronics not in use.
- Secure snack items to prevent pests.
- Submit any last minute work tickets.
- Turn off classroom projectors.
- Stack chairs to make it easier to clean the floors.
- Have a wonderful, relaxing break! You have earned it!!!

## Phoenix-Talent School District is Working Towards Being Green

We regularly attend meetings and trainings to learn new methods of pest mitigation with OSU, community partners, and our neighboring school districts on low impact methods of pest management.

This past summer we hosted the IPM training with OSU for our neighboring districts. Afterward we toured our facilities with OSU to get advice on ways to strengthen our turf to minimize or eliminate herbicide use.

In addition to training, the District has purchased numerous pieces of equipment to aid in care of our turf, to eliminate the need for herbicides, and we are currently pursuing licensing our own grounds crew to be able to try any approved organics on the Oregon schools approved list.

We have purchased vegetation torches to attempt at controlling weeds using that method.

We paved PES and TES tracks to eliminate goat heads and the need for spraying to mitigate them.

We have installed weed blocking fabric and bark to many of our planting beds, and plan to do more every year.

We have installed over \$30,000 in new irrigation over the past two years to strengthen turf and eliminate the need for herbicides.

Last summer we began an experiment to install road maintenance sprays on our dirt and gravel parking lots at the Colver sports facility. Essentially this hardens the ground making it less conducive to plant growth to see if that would control the weed issues, and we had success! We hope to expand that to a greater area next year.

We have added many raised bed planters with drip irrigation for students to plant bee and butterfly friendly gardens.



**The Bond oversight committee met on 12/11/19 here is the agenda, we also discussed budget on all of the projects.**

**OHES:** The project bid in October, with Outlier Construction being selected. Since contracts were issued last month, Outlier has worked with the district and design team to submit for permits. Last week, we conducted a pre-construction conference to kick off the project. Outlier is working on a staging and circulation plan, which will be sent to project stakeholders for approval. Outlier will start to mobilizing December 16th, while getting a ground permit to start deconstruction of the playground and excavation.

**PES/TES:** Building permits are in process for the seismic renovation of the gymnasium, main classrooms and annex classroom wing. RFP for the Design/Build project is drafted and will be released on December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**TMS Roofing:** No bids were received last month. The bid documents will be re-released and there will be another pre-bid meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The documents were revised to address concerns relating to no bids being received. Bids will be due for this project January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**TMS HVAC:** Building permits are in process. Pre-Bid walkthrough was performed with Marquess on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Bids are due December 19<sup>th</sup>.

**PHS:**

**Sector A** (classrooms/shops) - window installation is complete, and windows are being tested for water penetration on 12.11.19. Interior door frames and store front installation is underway with planned completion of drywall by 12.20.19.

**Sector B** (classrooms) - framing is substantially complete, HVAC , plumbing, electrical rough, and the roof installation has started. Weather barrier installation is nearing completion.

**Sector C** (office/special education) - HVAC, plumbing, electrical rough is well underway with completion in late December. Window installation should be completed this week (12.13.19).

**Sector D** (commons/administration) – structural steel erection is complete, and first floor framing is underway.

The existing wrestling room is complete and occupied.

**Stadium:** The north area of the stadium stem walls and grandstand retaining wall were poured. Rough grading completed in south area for sidewalk and ramps. Seating canopy piers are complete. Excavating and prep for the interior track curb has started.