

MEETING NOTES POSTED BEFORE APPROVAL

January 18, 2011 Herod PTO Meeting

6:15 pm – Meeting called to order

Treasurer report / Update on Fundraising programs:

- Not much has changed since last meeting.
- Cookie Dough sales start Monday, January 24th. The school gets \$5.85 profit for each box sold. This is a big Spring fundraiser. Cookies will be delivered the Friday before Spring Break and will need to be picked up that day as the cookies are perishable.
- Starting in January, there will be a 3% convenience fee for debit and credit card payments to the PTO, there will be no extra fee for cash or checks.

Other items:

1. Directories have not yet been delivered. They should have been here by now. Many problems have been encountered trying to get them completed. We are not sure when they will be here.
2. The minutes from the last PTO meeting were approved.
3. The school store is located next to the PTO room (near the front office desk). It will open this Friday (January 21st) and then be open most days after that. Items such as folders, erasers, school shirts, rulers and pencil are stocked in the school store.
4. Auction is set for February 19, 2011 at Gatherings in Bellaire. The theme is “Into the Future.” This is our major Spring fundraiser. Room parents, please submit your class basket ideas. About 35 teacher dates have already been submitted.

Principal Report:

Everyone has worked tirelessly the past few days to get things ready in the new building. For the tours tonight, the teachers’ rooms will be locked, but the specialist rooms will be open. Work started right up this morning for teachers and students, no time was lost. Although there was a fire drill during car pool this morning, which was unexpected but did go very smooth. The car pool line went good. Thank you for not parking on Jason Street. Remember that there is no parking on Jason on school days from 7 am – 9 am and 2 pm – 4 pm. Also you cannot park within 30 feet of a corner. There will be signs posted and you will get a ticket.

HISD Magnet Program

Herod had a very positive visit from the Magnet Schools of America (MSA) team. You can find the reviews on the HISD website.

MSA was hired to come in and look at the schools’ programs. In current reports, it is suggested that a Vanguard Magnet does not meet the definition of a Magnet program. Herod received very positive reviews, but it is recommended that our school not receive any Magnet funding. Currently Herod receives about \$202,000 / year for magnet funding, which benefits all of the students in the school not just magnet students. Worst case scenario, it that this additional funding would no longer be received. We can live without this additional funding and things would not change too much. Our capital needs should be minimal for the next 5 -6 years because of our new building and new supplies.

Please see the flier with dates and locations of the upcoming Magnet Meetings and consider going to one. These meetings are not kid appropriate and will probably last about 2 – 2 ½ hours. You can also send any suggestions or comments that you may have to Mike Lunceford.

Is the Herod Dual Language program effected by all of this? No, because it is not a Magnet Program. It is our own bilingual program. Our Dual Language students do very well in Junior High and are very well prepared. The closest Dual Language Middle School is Johnston. The kids are doing very well on the AP tests and most of them test out of college classes.

The old furniture and equipment in our old school was donated. Some of the schools in our area were given a chance to come in our old building and take our old items.

There are still a few more things to be done to complete the construction and demolition. It is expected to take about 90 days to complete everything else that needs to be done.

- The playground should be back around Spring Break.
- The old building should be gone pretty quickly.
- The PTO paved entrance in front of the old school will stay in place.
- The school garden will be accessible again soon.

6:55 pm - Meeting called to an end

**Herod Elementary School
PTO Meeting
January 2011**

Welcome	Kristin Reeves/Danna Garcia
Treasurer Report	Lisa Murray
Principal Report	Jerri Nixon
Announcements	Kristin Reeves
Present PTO minutes	
Shirts	
Auction	
Directories	
Magnet School Report	Jerri Nixon

Important Dates to Remember:

Mon, Jan 24	Cookie dough sales begin
Wed, Jan 26	Chick-fil-A night
Wed, Thur, Feb 2-3	Gugliani's night
Thur, Feb 10	Cici's Pizza Night
Tues, Feb 15	PTO meeting, 6:00 library
Sat, Feb 19	Auction Night, Gatherings
Mon, Feb 21	Beck's Prime Night
Tues, Feb 22	Math/Science Night
Wed, Feb 23	Chick-fil-a Night
Wed, Thur, Mar 2-3	Gugliani's Night
Tue- Fri, Mar 8-11	5th grade camping trip
Mon-Fri, Mar 14-18	Spring Break
Mon, Mar 21	Beck's Prime Night
Tues, Mar 22	PTO meeting, 6:00 library
Wed, Mar 23	Chick-fil-A night

SAVE THE DATES:

Feb 22	Math/Science Night (Pizza/drinks for sale)
April 19	PTO meeting and ice cream social
May 2-6	Celebrity Readers week
May 20	Field Day

Please contact your PTO Board Members for any questions or Volunteer Opportunities

Kristin Reeves	alvis3@earthlink.net , Co-President
Danna Garcia	athdanna@gmail.com , Co-President
Lisa Murray	lisabmurray@gmail.com , Treasurer
Shannon Groenewold	shannon_groenewold@yahoo.com , Secretary

Carpool Lane – Jason Street

(No Parking 7 am – 4 pm from Pontiac to Mullins corner and all marked areas)

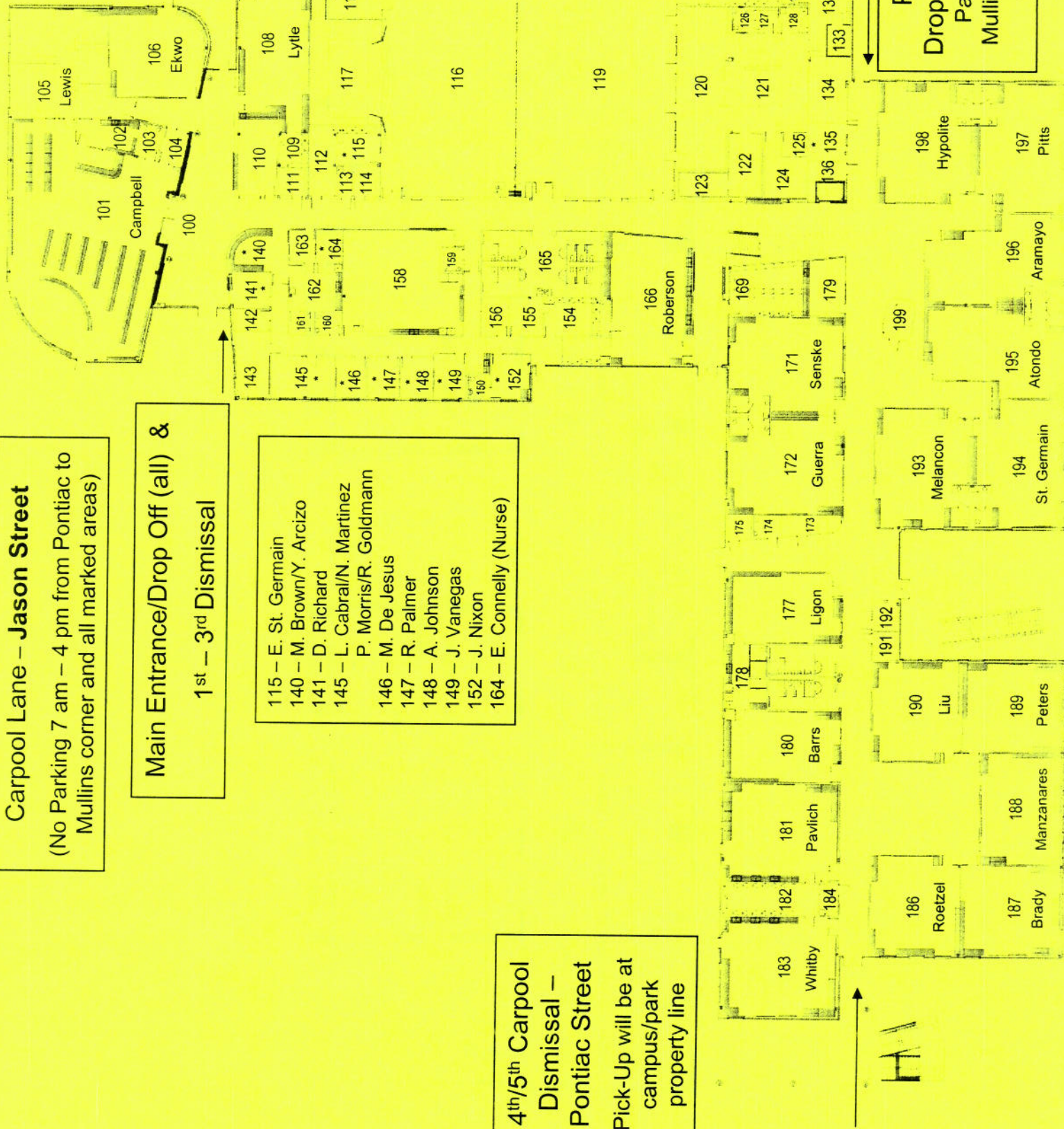
Main Entrance/Drop Off (all) & 1st – 3rd Dismissal

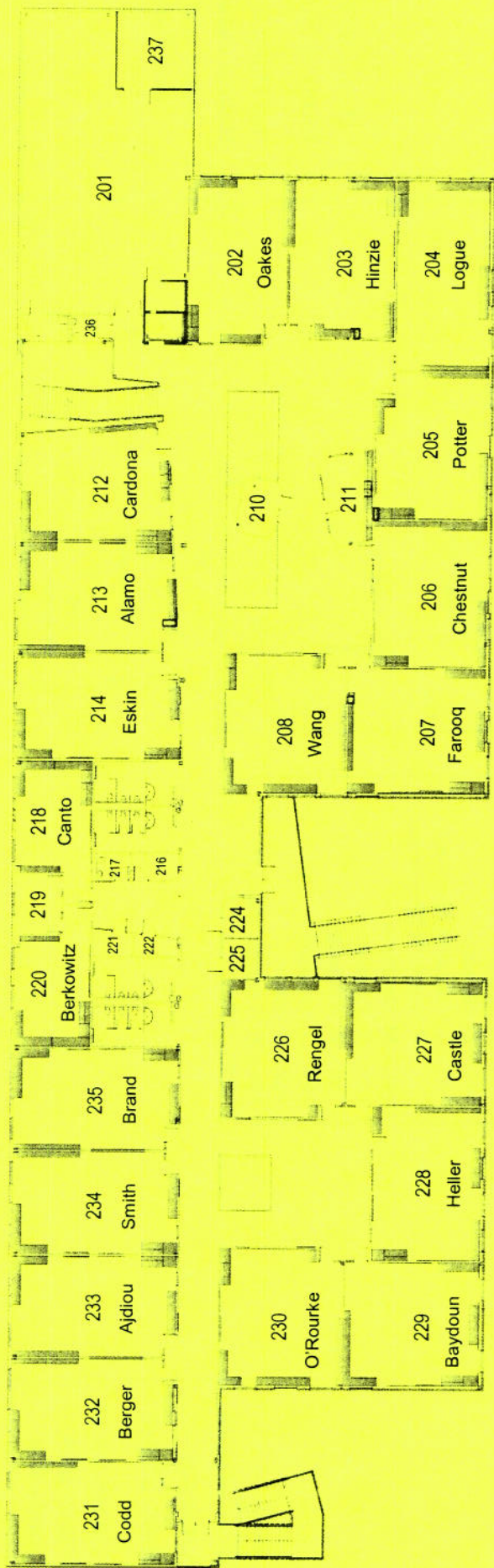
- 115 – E. St. Germain
- 140 – M. Brown/Y. Arcizo
- 141 – D. Richard
- 145 – L. Cabral/N. Martinez
P. Morris/R. Goldmann
- 146 – M. De Jesus
- 147 – R. Palmer
- 148 – A. Johnson
- 149 – J. Vanegas
- 152 – J. Nixon
- 164 – E. Connelly (Nurse)

4th/5th Carpool Dismissal – Pontiac Street
Pick-Up will be at campus/park property line

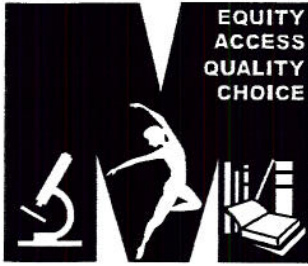
Bus Lane – Mullins Street
No Parking on Mullins between Jason corner and Park

PK/K Walk-Up Drop Off & Dismissal -
Parking available on Mullins next to Park and on side streets





Houston Independent School District



**MAGNET
PROGRAMS**

Be Part of HISD's Ongoing Magnet Discussion

Parent–community meetings to gather input

The Comprehensive Magnet Program Review conducted by Magnet Schools of America was submitted to HISD on January 7, 2011.

Details of this report can be found at www.houstonisd.org/magnetreview.

To learn more about the report's recommendations and to share your thoughts and opinions with the district, attend one of the meetings listed below:

Meeting Dates and Locations

Tuesday, January 25

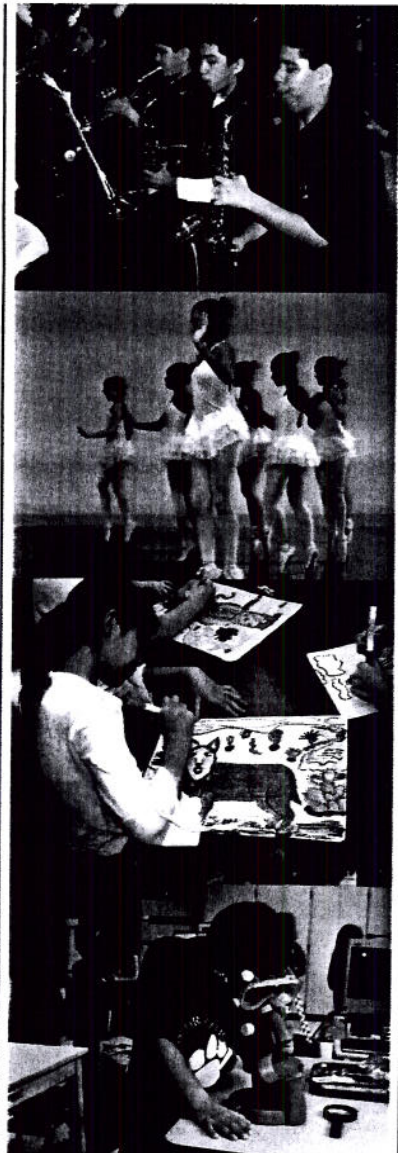
- 6:30 p.m., Bellaire High School (5100 Maple)
- 6:30 p.m., Kashmere High School (6900 Wileyvale)
- 6:30 p.m., Lamar High School (3325 Westheimer)
- 6:30 p.m., Madison High School (13719 White Heather Dr.)
- 6:30 p.m., Ortiz Middle School (6767 Telephone)
- 6:30 p.m., Sterling High School (11625 Martindale)
- 6:30 p.m., Waltrip High School (1900 W. 34th St.)
- 6:30 p.m., Austin High School (1700 Dumble)
- 6:30 p.m., Westside High School (14201 Briar Forest)

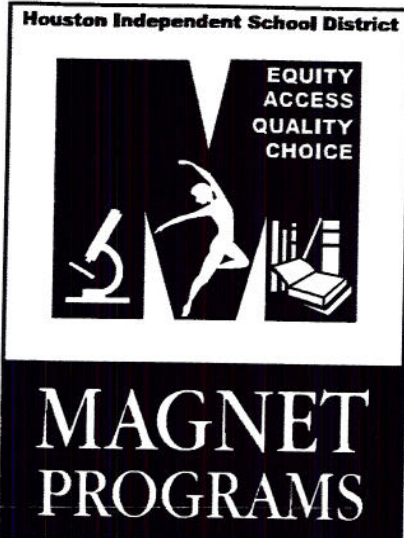
Tuesday, February 1

- 9:00 a.m., Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center
Board Auditorium (4400 West 18th)

Saturday, February 5

- 9:00 a.m., Hattie Mae White Educational Support Center
Board Auditorium (4400 West 18th)





Participe en las conversaciones continuas sobre el programa Magnet

Los padres y la comunidad brindarán sus comentarios

El informe sobre el programa Magnet realizado por *Magnet Schools of America* ha sido presentado al distrito el 7 de enero de 2011.

Detalles sobre este reporte está disponibles (en inglés) en www.houstonisd.org/magnetreview.

Para obtener más información sobre las recomendaciones de dicho informe y expresar sus comentarios, asista a una de las siguientes reuniones:

Fechas y lugares de las juntas

Martes, 25 de enero

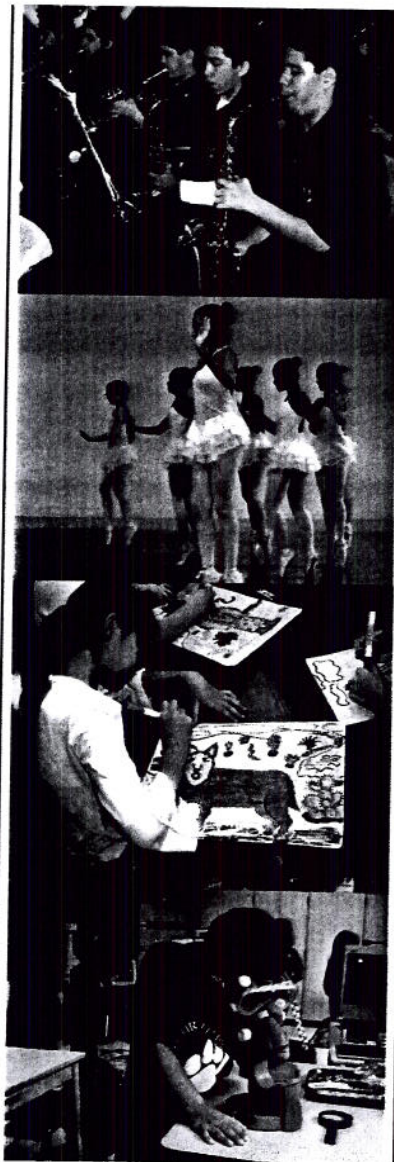
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Martes, 1 de febrero

- 9:00 a.m., Auditorio de la Mesa Directiva
Centro de Apoyo Escolar Hattie Mae White (4400 West 18th Street)

Sábado, 5 de febrero

- 9:00 a.m., Auditorio de la Mesa Directiva
Centro de Apoyo Escolar Hattie Mae White (4400 West 18th Street)



HEROD TOUR TIPS

Tour Guidelines

- No Food or Drink allowed in the building.
- Children must be accompanied by adult at all times for safety.
- Bathrooms not available for use.
- Look with your eyes - not your hands!
- Walk - don't run! Be careful of slippery floors due to rain.
- Be respectful of the space.
- Use the map to orient yourself in the new space and to locate drop off and dismissal areas.

Fun Facts about the Design

- Kirksey Architecture worked with a team of more than 25 Herod employees, parents, and community members to create the design.
- Anslow Bryant our contractor and Kirskey have worked together with HISD Bond Dept. to bring the project in on-time and under budget.
- Our building is one of the first HISD schools to be part of the LEED for Schools green building initiative. We will also have lessons designed to teach students about being "green".
- Our design works to create a connection to our original campus by space that blending outdoor and indoor spaces through the use of windows and skylights. Our "heroes" design inspiration came from our namesake Gary L. Herod - a local hero to this community. Inspirational quotes selected by students will be added to the central kiosk in the PK/K area.
- Some key inspiration words during the design process were: public, private, light, outdoor learning, community, and learning. Gathering areas to bring kids together were created in the classroom areas and 3 outside areas.
- A photo collage of 5,000 - 7,000 images of Herod, our students, employees, and events is being created by Jerry Jones, a neighbor who is a professional photographer and artist. This image will be printed onto large acoustic, fabric squares in the oval display case in the reception area.
- Notice the playfulness vertically and horizontally throughout the inside and outside of the building in the "random" placement of the windows. All exterior windows are 5' x 5' but the placement makes each space seem unique. Classroom ceilings are slanted to bring light further into each room.
- All interior floors (not carpeted) are diamond-polished stained concrete or poured resinous floors. No surface requires any wax in the whole building.
- Paint colors have meaning: yellow (public spaces light halls and Specialist classes); green (office and restrooms); blue (classrooms). Paint colors on floors and walls take their cues from natural colors of the ground and sky/sunlight.
- The sides of the building progress to form a pattern- there is a connection between each side and the adjoining one(s). Mullins has orange brick on the library and changes to buff brick with an pattern in green tile. Park side has the same pattern as Mullins but the pattern is achieved through varying the brick placement. Jason side has buff brick on the bottom and green metal panels on top. Main entrance side and Library have the orange brick again.