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Executive Director
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Dear Carmichael Campus Families,

On November 29th, Executive Director, Gary Bowman, and I held our fall facility update meeting. For those of you who were unable to attend, I would like to summarize what we communicated that evening.

Our first order of business was to share what has been accomplished since our meeting at the beginning of the year. With safety always as our number one concern, parents and staff alike are thrilled to have the following in place:

- Alarmed doors in the 800 wing (where the office was originally)
- Locked gates surrounding the campus
- Speed Tables, School Zone signs and Crosswalk installed on Gibbons Drive

Plans are in place to add cross-hatching in the parking lot/loop area to connect with the crosswalk on Gibbons as well as in front of the buildings to be a visible reminder to drivers to watch for pedestrians.

Another accomplishment was the campus office move to the 700 wing which gave us access to the Gibbon's Multi-purpose Room for student lunch times, meetings and campus events. Parent parking was created near the office to allow easier access to the campus.

The student bathrooms in the 300 wing were renovated, the remaining asbestos was abated in the 400 wing, hooks for student belongings were installed outside of the classrooms, and the Reading Lab space was completed. Room 500 has been renovated and awaits the set up of our future Science Center. We are very excited to have this available space for our classes to utilize. Information is currently being gathered to assist us in planning the Science Center.

Teachers began utilizing the Koob's Nature Center for student educational outings as well as the gymnasium for Physical Education and Monday morning assemblies.

With the demolition and electrical upgrades completed in three of the 400 wing rooms, the finishing touches of paint and new flooring will take place over winter break. The Anemone, Puffin and Sea Dragon classrooms will relocate to rooms 430, 435 and 440 respectively.

At the time of the meeting, Gary and I had just been informed that the Community Collaborative Charter School (CCCS), located in the other half of the 600 wing, would be moving to another facility in December. Carmichael Recreation and Parks Department (CRPD) offered this space to CMP. Gary and I were pleased to take on this space which has renovated rooms ready for occupancy. This will allow the Kindergarten Sea Horse Class to move across the hall into a larger room, #620. The Angelfish class will move from their temporary space in the Central Administration office to room #625. Orca will move into room #615, which will allow the students and teachers to be together in one large room. A temporary library will be put together in room #600, with additional rooms being used for teacher resource.

The CCCS Charter also occupied rooms across from the Central Administration office (by the side parking lot and driveway). This space will be used for Club Montessori, giving them their own designated space at last! The staff is thrilled to have rooms that will better meet the needs of the students in Club M. There will be a large room for games and activities, with a separate area for the Homework Club. Bathrooms are also in this area, which means students will not have to walk out onto the campus. Parents dropping off and picking up their children for Club M will be able to park in the side lot and come in through a separate entrance, or through the office if desired.

Of great interest to us all are the plans and installation of a play structure for the children. Gary and I have met with CRPD staff to consider our options for placement. Due to water and sewer lines in the field area on the other side of the fence, the play structure cannot be placed there as hoped. The CRPD Project Manager will be providing us with plans for installation near the basketball courts. We will be visiting other parks to get an overview of options and catalogs of recommended vendors have been given to us for review.

Once more information is gathered, Gary and I will form a committee to make more specific decisions. Gary and CRPD have each committed $35,000 for the project and plans are to start the installation this summer. Additional blacktop usage is also being considered to bring in other play areas for the students. We will continue to keep you apprised as more information comes our way.

Gary and I, and all of the Carmichael staff, thank you for your continued support of our new campus. This move could not have happened without the help and patience of our families. Together we can do great things, and we look forward to working with all of you to create a wonderful Montessori school community at the Carmichael Campus!

Best Wishes,
Ms. Kim

Kim Aldridge
Principal