



Custodial Department

Dec 30, 2014

Safety

Once again the custodial staff did a great job focusing on safety throughout the month. I am very happy to report that custodial did not have any incidents or injuries in the month of December. That's now 4 months in a row. Weekly safety topics covered in were:

- **Body Motion/Back Injury Prevention** – With winter break upon us this is an important safety topic because we will be moving table, desk and other heavy items for cleaning during the break. Bodily motion/back injuries resulting from improper lifting, twisting, reaching and bending continue to adversely impact custodians nationwide. Most bodily motion injuries can be prevented or avoided. This brief encourages all of us to demonstrate safe actions and behaviors while any item no matter the size or weight.
- **Winter Driving Tips** – Tell them to exercise caution and good sense when driving in snow or icy conditions and avoid driving too fast in bad weather. Recommend they estimate plenty of distance for stops. Urge them to make certain their vehicles have good tires.
- **Holiday Distraction** - As we approach the holidays, it's important for all of us to work safely and avoid distractions that can lead to unexpected injuries. This brief is used to reinforce "Safety First." Encourage all of us to practice safe behaviors to achieve our "Target Zero" goal.

Our Custodian: In The Spot Light

None this month. We will have pick back up with this in January.

Training/ Sub Custodians

Held custodial training and indoctrination at Jerome Prairie for 3 new substitute custodians. They were instructed on the Aramark/Districts cleaning process and procedures. Along with safety and security while on campus. Each sub is trained to the same standards as the full time custodians.

We are currently providing long term custodial substitutes as fire watch at IVHS and one at food service for food break out and delivery.

Environmental/Recycling

We will be kicking off our waste audits beginning on January 7th at Madrona. By the end of the month we should have a good idea on how we may be able to recycle more throughout the district.

New Equipment

It's an exciting time to be part of the custodial business. There are many new cleaning innovations taking place. One of those innovations is our new Orbio os3 System which has been installed in our food service warehouse. The os3 system is an on-site generation system that produces a concentrated cleaning and disinfecting/sanitizing solution. It does this by using ordinary tap water sending it through the machine which in-turn produces both cleaners. The concentrated cleaning products are then taken to the 3 high schools where they are attached to a dispenser.

This new cleaning system replaces 13 Aramark conventional cleaning chemicals. Greatly reducing the required shipping, storage, dilution, training, packaging, waste and disposal. It also reduces the exposure of students and staff to concentrated, odor causing chemicals. The new Orbio cleaning products leave no chemical residue behind. So far our custodians are very satisfied with its ability.

The new system is not an added expense to the district due to the reduction in having to purchase conventional cleaning products. Currently the district's three high schools have been placed on the new system. Once the remaining conventional cleaning products have been expended we will convert the remaining schools. I encourage you to stop by the food service warehouse to see the new machine and get a better understanding on how it works.

Aramark also purchased 2 new True HEPA Tennant Back pack vacuums. These were purchased to replace aging vacuums at Hidden Valley H.S and Madrona Elementary.

Winter Break Projects

Over the winter break our custodial staff replaced all the air filters throughout the district.

The High School extracted their carpets using the new Orbio cleaning product. Deep cleaned restrooms, classrooms and hallways

The other schools also extracted carpeting and conducted deep cleaning throughout their buildings.

Fruitdale Elem. Cleaned, prepped and laid new finish in the cafeteria, along with extracting carpet.

Respectfully Submitted
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