



## Addendum to New K-5 Elementary Naming Report

Here is some additional information for the School Board to consider for naming the new K-5 Elementary School on Kaiser Road.

### **Additional Honorary Name Suggestion**

James DePreist Elementary School

### **Background and use in OR or WA schools**

James DePreist (1936-2013) was born in Philadelphia. He is the nephew of contralto Marian Anderson, and became one of the first African-American conductors on the world stage. He endured a lifelong disability after contracting polio while conducting on tour in Thailand in 1962. He went on to become the assistant conductor of the New York Philharmonic for 1965-66 (chosen by Leonard Bernstein). DePreist also conducted the Orchestre Symphonique de Québec for several years. In 1980, he was named music director of the Oregon Symphony, a position he held for 23 years.

There is no school in Oregon or Washington named after James DePreist.

**Charli Hagseth, planning principal for the new K-5 Elementary School** has also prepared some information for the School Board to consider. She held several focus groups with students who will be attending the new school opening September 2017.

See report on following pages.

**District Goal: WE** empower all students to achieve post-high school success.

The Beaverton School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Beaverton School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

## **New K – 5 School Planning Principal Charli Hagseth’s Community Outreach and Recommendations**

The new K-5 elementary school planning team, along with 32 fourth grade students, worked with twenty-one student-generated school names for submission to the School Board. We incorporated suggestions generated on the BSD Facebook page, as well as the new K-5 Facebook page. In addition, the planning team also provided input as to their top school name choice. We also used two resource books, “Bethany: A Community in Transition”, and The Bethany Community: as it was...and is today”.

Principal Charli Hagseth and Cristina Guajardo, Principal’s Secretary held six sessions with 112 current Springville 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students who will attend the new school to discuss and vote on the school’s colors and mascot. Students were asked to “share their favorite thing about their current school, Springville K-8 of which they were all very proud. Students were also asked to share one thing they hoped the new K-5 elementary school would have, and if they ruled the world – what one thing they would change at the new K-5 school.

We understand that the School Board does not pick the colors or the mascot. Students discussed the color selections posed to them as well the mascots. We discussed indigenous animals to our area as well popular school mascots around Oregon. 112 students voted for school colors and a mascot. Our new color scheme will be Red, Lime Green, Orange and Silver. Our new mascot, the Raccoon inched out the Tigers and Cobras by a small margin.

The name of the school was narrowed to two choices with the help of the New K-5 Planning Team:

**First Choice:** Abbey Creek Elementary

**Second Choice:** Kaiser Elementary

**Here is the rationale for each name suggestion:**

### **#1 Abbey Creek Elementary**

Abbey Creek runs through the north and south side of the school’s property. As the District’s first elementary STEAM school, the name reflects an important feature on the school site. Our STEAM theme will run through kindergarten and fifth grade, and students will share the common thread or focus which is “water”. Each grade will study and embed water into various units incorporating Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. All students will be working with the “Honor Our Rivers” program which is supported by two of our partners - the Portland Metro Stem Partnership (PMSP) and Clean Water Services. Fifth grade students will build a 12-foot rowboat with the Wind, Boat, and Oar School while utilizing such skills as geometry, patterning, scale, measurement, teamwork, and collaboration. Students will have an opportunity to study indigenous plant life, creek critters, and utilize water testing kits to measure specific phenomena at Abbey Creek. Each grade will have comprehensive units as they study the various aspects and importance of water. We also like how Abbey Creek Raccoons sounds.

### **#2 Kaiser Elementary**

Kaiser Road has been the home and workplace to many early settlers and their descendants: Jacob Brugger, Marie Pfister, Henry Gaus, Ulrich Gerber, Jacob W. Stoller, Jacob and Fredricka Wismer and others.

The first Bethany Presbyterian Church was organized and ministered by a German settler, Reverend Henry Gaus in 1873 on Kaiser Road. A newer version of the Bethany Presbyterian Church still stands at the intersection of Kaiser Road and Springville Road. An old Kaiser Road photo was but a dirt road in the 1920’s. Eventually, the road transitioned to gravel and then a paved road. (see Maureen Wheeler’s Naming report for more information on early settlers). We also like the name Kaiser Raccoons.

The New K-5 Elementary School on Kaiser Road will give recognition to the early Bethany area settlers by creating a permanent historical display including photos and stories.

**Additional names submitted by current 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students of Springville K- 8:**

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Abbey Creek Elementary       | Mt. Hood K-5 Elementary       |
| Awesome Elementary           | Poke Elementary               |
| Azalea Elementary            | Pokeman Elementary School     |
| Coyote Elementary            | Rulio Eementary               |
| Griffinolor Tiger Elementary | Shining Raccoon Elementary    |
| Hazlenut Elementary          | Springville Junior Elementary |
| Heather School Elementary    | Steaming Cobra Elementary     |
| Hollow Elementary            | STEAM Elementary              |
| Jinxen Elementary            | STEAM Punk Elementary         |
| Kaiser K-5 Elementary        | Timberlake Elementary School  |
| Lewis and Clark Elementary   |                               |

Submitted by: Charli Hagseth, Planning Principal, new K – 5 Elementary School, opening September, 2017

**References**

- The Bethany Community: as it was...and is today. Donald R. Nelson, 2007.
- Bethany Community: A Community in Transition. Donald R. Nelson, 2013.