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Earlier this fall I challenged staff to think differently about what we do. We talked a lot about the importance of building relationships with students and ensuring that they have what they need.

It was a good reminder that how and where we invest our energy and our beliefs says a lot about who we are. At CK Schools, these things are clear: We want to keep students safe. We want them to be excited about learning. And we want them to succeed.

As we think differently, one of our main tasks is to create opportunities. This means activities and clubs that connect students to school—like the Bug Club in our feature story—as well as new courses and internship programs. We are also creating opportunities through our new facilities and our growing list of partnerships.

It's an exciting time for our district, and we know why. These opportunities exist because our community made them possible.

We can't say it enough: Thank you for your support!



Central Kitsap Schools offer over 250 sports and activities because they keep our students inspired and help them succeed.

Benefits Beyond the Bell

Academic performance

Research shows that participants have better grades and higher test scores.



Social and emotional skills

Involvement in activities builds self-confidence and leadership skills which pave the way for success in college, career and community.

Healthy choices

Students who participate in school activities are less prone to high risk behaviors.



Volunteers make a difference!

School activities make a positive difference—and so can you! If you have a skill or interest to share, consider helping with an after-school club or sport.



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Search for bugs inspires growth in students

After-school program leads to a love of science

A team of researchers descends upon the PineCrest Elementary grounds after school once a week to document all the insects they can find. They have the latest in bug capturing technology, including petri dishes, butterfly nets and a special jar that allows the researchers to suck up a specimen into a trap using a straw.

That's right—the fourth grade Bug Club is sucking bugs through straws! Don't worry, no bugs or humans are harmed in the process. Though students are developing an appetite for science.

“Students who may not be successful in a traditional sense can really shine in science... it ignites a spark in them to learn more,” says Chelsie Webb, a fourth-grade teacher and Bug Club sponsor. Once students are excited about something, “they're more likely to check out a book from the library, or get together with a partner to do some searching.”

“During Bug Club, we start out by doing a bug safari, where the students go out onto school grounds and look for bugs,” says Webb. But the scientific inquiry doesn't stop there—the students take time to learn about a specific species, and apply that knowledge in the classroom.



“I like science because it's fun!” said student Ayanna, who was in Bug Club last year. “I get to overcome my fear of spiders and other bugs.”

Once students catch a bug, they upload and identify it on an app called “iNaturalist,” a project to document biodiversity across the globe. Students are recording insects alongside professional researchers and citizen scientists.

“It gets them to start thinking beyond the classroom, to get out into their community, to look at the things around them and see, ‘How am I going to fit here? And what can I do to make this a better place?’” says Webb.



Bug Club helps PineCrest Elementary fourth graders shine in science.



[CKschools.org/BugClub](https://www.ckschools.org/BugClub)
Watch a video of the Bug Club online

2018-19: A Year of Milestones

We celebrated the start of the school year by opening additions at Klahowya Secondary. We also opened a significant portion of Olympic High's rebuilt center.



With the cut of a ribbon, we celebrated the addition of permanent classrooms and improved athletic facilities at Klahowya Secondary School.

They're the first of several milestones this year. We'll have a lot to celebrate as we get students out of portables and into permanent classrooms, modernize and improve safety in our schools. By the end of 2019, we will wrap up several major construction projects. Here's a look at what to expect:

- **Safety & Security:** We'll start work to secure access at 10 schools this year. We completed secure entryways at six schools. Construction is in progress at three.
- **Silverdale Elementary:** A new five-classroom wing at Silverdale opens this winter.
- **Olympic High:** We'll wrap up work on our modernization and addition project over winter break.

- **CK Middle:** Students and staff will celebrate their move into their new school this coming spring.
- **CK High:** The school will host quarterly events for alumni. Planning is underway for a June celebration as staff and students prepare to start the 2019-20 year in their new building.

It's an exciting year! Thank you, Central Kitsap for helping us create the safe, modern learning environments our students deserve!



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