

This year's Annual Report front and back covers represent the progress of the Center Elementary School Building Project. After many years of discussion, the Town voted to move ahead in October 2009 with a major renovation and addition of Center School. On June 17, 2010, we had our official groundbreaking, with all of the Pompo and Center school children present, culminating in a presentation of a "check" from State Treasurer Tim Cahill for \$18 million, the State's share of the estimated \$36 million project. The construction started in earnest in July and by year-end, we were starting to see steel rise from the snow-covered ground. Construction is expected to be complete in summer of 2012, with the school opening to grades K-5 in September 2012.

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FRONT: Left to Right from top: Kindergarten teacher Mr. Mainini & his classroom have a visit from Clerk of the Works Glenn Davis (photo by Greg Irvine); Center School Auditorium entrance will remain intact in the new school (photo by Paul Trunfio); The presentation of the State's "check" (photo by Trunfio); Photos of steel work by Glenn Davis; Bottom row: Principal Greg Irvine & Superintendent Michael Wood help students present their vision at the Groundbreaking; Aerial photo of the construction in fall (photo by Clint Parsons, with thanks to Don McPherson); kids at the Groundbreaking with their hardhats courtesy of our architects and project manager (photo by Trunfio).

BACK: Steel & construction photos by Davis; Groundbreaking photos by Trunfio. Architectural Rendering of New School by Symmes Maini McKee (SMMA).

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