

On January 5, 2015, NAC (architects for our bond projects) loaded a school bus with our Black Diamond Elementary Predesign team and took them on a tour of three recently built elementary schools in our area. They toured:

- Briarwood Elementary-Issaquah School District built in 2011
- Ardmore Elementary-Bellevue School District built in 2010
- Cherry Crest Elementary-Bellevue School District built in 2012

During their tour, they noticed some common themes in the three buildings:

- Single entrance into building
- Flexible learning places, optional movable walls, use of windows, outdoor learning spaces
- All buildings had two floors
- Guest check-in area before entering main part of building where students and staff are learning
- Secured grounds
- Availability for community use in the evenings

The Predesign team will use this site visit along with the extensive reading and researching they have been doing to begin to build a design concept for the new Black Diamond Elementary School. This initial design work is expected to be completed in early March.

Below are a few photos from each school site visit.

Briarwood Elementary



Briarwood Entrance



Briarwood: Two-story structure



Briarwood: Centralized Library



Briarwood: Flexible Learning Environments

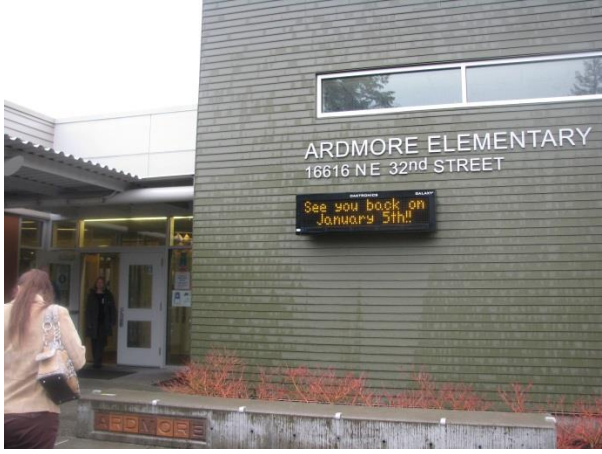


Briarwood: Energy Efficient Systems and Fans



Briarwood: Secured Grounds

Ardmore Elementary School



Ardmore Elementary: Main Entrance



Ardmore Elementary: Two-story Structure



Ardmore Elementary: Interior Learning Courtyard



Ardmore Elementary: Library Central to Classrooms



Ardmore Elementary: Natural Light throughout

facility

Cherry Crest Elementary



Cherry Crest: Secured Entrance



Cherry Crest: Two-story building



Cherry Crest: Second Floor Library



Cherry Crest: Cafeteria opens to the Gym



Cherry Crest: Learning Courtyard