



Franklin K-8 School

Architectural History: Five Fun Facts

Background

Construction projects at Franklin K-8 School are part of the 2018 CSD Facilities Improvement Bond. Renovating two classrooms for middle school science instruction, safety and security improvements including a secure front-entrance vestibule, and capital repairs including ADA accessibility, roof, and window replacements, and upgraded finishes in hallways and shared spaces are some of the major improvements completed in 2022-2023.

Architectural History

As part of the construction project, a comprehensive historical report was required by the State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO). We'd like to share five historical highlights from the report prepared by Allison Geary, M.S., and Samantha Gordon, M.S. from Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc.

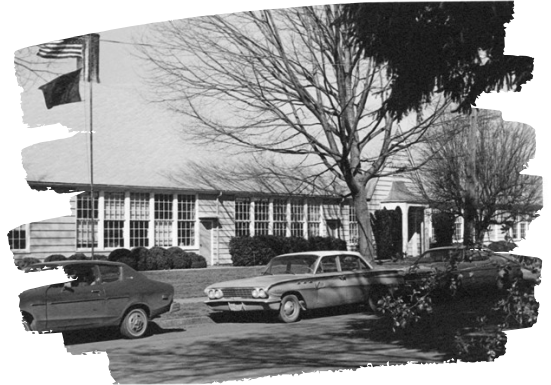
Fun Fact #1: 'The school was recommended to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) in 2012 as part of the Corvallis Jana Neighborhood Survey, and it was determined eligible for listing in the NRHP by the Corvallis School District and Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in 2021.'

Fun Fact #2: 'Franklin K-8 School, constructed in 1947 as Franklin Grade School, is a Tudor Revival-style building designed by the architecture firm of Stokes & Allyn. The firm is known for schools and institutional buildings designed in the decades after World War II.'

Fun Fact #3: 'It has a 1951 classroom addition and a 1954 dressing room addition by James Gathercoal. The 1951 additional classroom space was added to the northeast elevation, changing the school's original L-shaped footprint to a U shape. Gathercoal was a Corvallis-based architect who practiced for about 30 years.'

Fun Fact #4: 'Jeppsen, Miller & Tobias designed a 1970 kitchen remodel and food storage addition. Jeppsen, a Corvallis-based architect, worked with the Corvallis School District throughout his career to design several school buildings and additions. These include the Cheldelin Middle School (1967), Crescent Valley High School (1971), Garfield Elementary (1955), Hoover Elementary (1968), Jefferson Elementary (1960), and Mountain View Elementary (1954).'

Fun Fact #5: 'The building has a poured concrete foundation and an asphalt-clad roof with multiple rooflines, including cross gable-on-hip, mansard, and flat with parapet. The primary façade of the building faces east.'



Tudor Revival-style Building



1951 Classroom Wing Addition



Main Office Entrance, west side of building



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