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Say “goodbye” to View Ridge Elementary and take away a piece of the big top *School’s unique playground cover to be torn down as school is rebuilt*

On Friday, May 20 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at View Ridge Elementary (202 Alder St., Everett) pieces of the school’s most characteristic architectural feature will go home in the hands and pockets of those who come to walk the hallways one last time.

Originally opened in 1954, the school has been modified over the last 60 years with the latest addition of a wing in 1981 for the district’s special services department support staff.

At the end of this school year, View Ridge Elementary with its unique big top canopy entrance and covered play area will be no more. The school is being rebuilt as part of the district’s 40-year cycle of school modernizations which was approved by voters in the 2006 school construction bond.



View Ridge construction will continue from spring 2011 until fall 2012, when students will enter a new school and a new phase of the school community’s history. During school year 2011-12, the construction work will proceed while students and staff transition from area to area during the stages of demolition and construction. The district has honed this *construct-while-school-is-in-session* process well over the years, having continued to hold school while remodeling or rebuilding Cascade High School, Eisenhower Middle School, Emerson, Silver Lake, Garfield, Whittier, and Jefferson elementary schools since the year 2000.

“With so many years at the heart of this community, we know we will have many people wanting to walk their old school hallways once more,” said Principal Kert Lenseigne. “This will be a time for history and future to merge as those who attend share their stories and see the design of a new school where other stories will be written for yet another generation. We are both sad and excited for the project to begin.”



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In addition to walking away with a piece of the big top, those who attend are invited to write a View Ridge memory on a postcard. Those cards will be saved and included in a time capsule that will be set when the new school is dedicated – sometime in the 2012-13 school year.

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