

Round Gym Renovation

At its upcoming November 21 meeting the WUSD governing board will hear a report from Director of Maintenance and Grounds, Bill Moran, regarding the potential renovation of the round gym, which is located on the Hassayampa Elementary School campus. The gym dates back to the mid-1960s and was one of three like-facilities constructed in the state of Arizona at that point in time. High school students and others used the facility over a 30-year span, and the building became an icon within the Wickenburg community over that period of time. Its unique design often catches the eye of visitors and others who are interested in what use the building serves. Currently its use is quite limited, but this project will breathe new life into a facility which holds a rich history in our district.

An anonymous donor is making it possible to renovate the facility so that it can once again be used by our schools and the community. Its location is perfect for community events, and we are excited to see the facility come back online.

The plan, at this stage, is to renovate the lobby, concession stand, and restrooms; the lobby being adorned with pictures from when the facility was in use throughout three decades, starting in the 1960s. We will also put down a new gym floor with the Wrangler logo and install six basketball backboards. The floor will also be designed to include two volleyball courts making the facility available for multi-use. The locker rooms will be renovated, and the showers will be made functional. We will retrofit the locker room restrooms so that they meet handicapped standards.

I will attempt to keep the community apprised of how this project progresses, but am very excited to see this facility open once again. It is an amazing building, and I know that it holds many fond memories for those who are alumni of the school district.