

JOHN D. "BUD"
HAWK ELEMENTARY
AT JACKSON PARK

Bremerton, WA

60,836 SF

Central Kitsap School District

Adjacent to Jackson Park naval housing, the new Bud Hawk Elementary at Jackson Park replaces the outdated Jackson Park School on the existing site.

Over half of Bud Hawk Elementary students are children of Navy service men and women. Because of frequent reassignments, the student population is significantly more transient than most. In response, school staff has created an open, warm, and welcoming culture manifested, in part, through their new building. They desired a place emblematic of the Pacific Northwest region that would remain in the memory of students long after their time there.

In design meetings, staff and community responded most positively to images of the Northwest's National Park lodges. These images became the inspiration for the aesthetic of the new school. The plan takes advantage of daylighting by placing the classroom groupings on the north. On the south, the roofs of the arcades shade windows on the 'arms' of the school that reach out to welcome and embrace students as they arrive.

Challenges for the design and construction team included building the new school in one year, maintaining the original school in operation throughout construction, and mitigating unconsolidated fill soils while remaining within a budget of \$266/SF. The use of concrete unit

masonry was an essential element in overcoming these challenges; creating an appealing exterior, and constructing a successful project.

The ashlar pattern and variation in sizes of the concrete masonry units on the school's exterior were an affordable way to capture the essence of the stone walls found in the National Park lodges that inspired the design. Precast window sills complement the masonry units and reinforce the solid appearance of the lower walls. Peeled log columns and heavy timbers complete the look, and enhance the masonry that embraces the entry area.

Upon entering the building, the masonry continues to be expressed as an organizing element for the main stair. Masonry shear and bearing walls comprise the building core, the gym, and the covered play area. Masonry allowed the contractor to begin construction quickly, while the steel portions of the structure were being fabricated. The exposed masonry surfaces are exceptionally durable in these active play areas. The unit scale and warm tones of these walls provide a physical expression of the caring, personalized approach to education that characterizes Bud Hawk Elementary at Jackson Park.

It was also an excellent opportunity to express the basic conceptual parti of the building.



Masonry patterning, peeled pole logs, and exposed framing work together to create a quintessential Northwest experience for the students.



The masonry walls shelter the play area and provide a feeling of permanence.



In the courtyard, varying sized masonry units create visual interest and give the walls a sense of scale.



Site Plan





Active kids in the shared learning areas have visual and physical access to the courtyard.



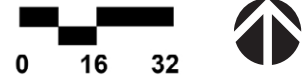
Structural masonry walls in the gym and other areas also afford the benefit of attractive, durable surfaces without adding finish material.



The stair at the main entry wraps around the masonry wall that recalls the hearth and chimney of the iconic Northwest lodge.



First Floor Plan





Second Floor Plan





Rendering of Entry