

# Career Tech Matters

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Generally, after the summer break, there are changes in the building from the previous school year.

Last year, of course, staff members saw a new area for the Director's Complex, Counselors Office, District Offices and some new classrooms.



This year, our hallways have a little more color thanks to the home-school-inspired street signs.

Homeschool Hallways, a pet project of Tracey Eyre in the Treasurer's Office and Social Studies teacher Darren Plessinger, has been several years in the making.

Tracey and Darren, longtime members of LAMPS – the committee that helps oversee school events – proposed the idea about five years ago.

"We were trying to come up with ways to foster better relationships with the home schools," Darren said.

"And to help students connect to their home schools," Tracey said.

"We thought it would be cool to lay out the school like streets," Darren said.

Once they had the idea, the pair ran with it.

"Well, Tracey did 90 percent of the leg work," Darren said.

"It was just a matter of getting quotes," Tracey said. "But determining who would pay for the signs was a sticking point."

Moving from idea to creation kept the project on the LAMPS agenda for years. Finally, Kevin Krebs, LAMPS committee chairman, asked if he should remove it from the agenda.

"It lit a fire under us," Darren said.

It also helped that Jamie Nash paid for the signs.



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Tracey Eyre and Darren Plessinger think the new "street signs" are a nice way for students to stay connected to their home schools, as well as help direct people around the building.

They were installed over the summer, which was hard work, said Kelly Duarte, who works with the Maintenance staff in the summer.

"But they look really nice," she said. "I like seeing them."

She is not alone in her assessment.

"I'm so proud," Darren said. "I think a lot of what we do is hard to see. There's not a lot of physical manifestation."

"But I like saying my classroom is 103C Southeastern Drive."

The project isn't quite finished, Tracey said.

A school map is on the to-do list and they want to add frames with memorabilia from each school for the respective hallways.

"It's all about school spirit," Tracey said.

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