



Ballard-Hudson Faculty, Students, and Community Tour their Brand-New School



“When people ask you what you got for Christmas this year, what are you going to tell them?” Superintendent Sharon Patterson asked the crowd of almost 400 students, faculty, parents, and community members.

“A NEW SCHOOL!!” they all replied enthusiastically.

The brand-new Ballard-Hudson Middle School opened its doors to students for the first time on Friday, December 14, 2007. Classes won’t begin until January 7 when they return from Winter Break, but on this day,

they were treated to a tour and a classroom lesson.

“We are very excited to move into this building,” says Principal Dr. Benjy Spann Morgan. “This tour will smooth the transition for students and show them what they can expect when they return from Winter Break. It will also give students and the school community their first look at where new traditions and rituals will take place.”

“It’s great to be celebrating another historical day for this community,” Board of Education Vice President Tom Hudson told them.

Representatives from each class (Amore’ Jones, Jamesha Linley, and Jalecia Jones) spoke of their excitement and hope for the new building before helping Dr. Morgan unveil the school’s new Coat of Arms.

The construction of the new Ballard-Hudson Middle School is part of the District’s 2005 Capital Improvement Program, which – through an Education Special Local Option Sales Tax - will see \$165 million in upgrades, additions, and new schools over the next few years.

Also included in the Capital Improvement Program are: brand new Central, Howard, and Southwest High Schools; major renovations at Northeast High School; a major reconstruction of Ingram-Pye Elementary School; renovations at Hartley Elementary School; and building the recently opened Bloomfield Middle School.

