Parallax Publicity Topics:

DESIGNING CAMPUS LIFE AT BRENTWOOD SCHOOL

We know that classrooms with leaky roofs, pealing paint, and broken windows are lousy places to learn, but is the opposite true? Can clean, light-filled spaces, quality materials, and thoughtful design improve student performance? For Brentwood Schools the answer is yes, and that belief has guided their 12-year association with Parallax Architects and Planners. Through projects large and small, the firm has expanded and reoriented the campus while respecting the character of the original 1920’s Spanish-style architecture. In the process, they have created an inviting, energizing environment for students and faculty alike. Their latest project: a 1.5-acre aquatics center.

THE PERFORMING ARTS AT CHADWICK SCHOOL

If all the world is a stage and we are merely players, then an education in the performing arts may be just as important as reading and math. That’s the philosophy at the Chadwick School on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, where music, dance, and theater have been part of the curriculum since its founding in 1935. While many public schools are cutting back on arts funding, Chadwick has invested in a state of the art performance center designed by Parallax Architects. The Laverty Center for the Performing Arts is a place where students not only learn music and drama, but the discipline they demand, and the self-confidence they inspire.

THE NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY

We need a new word for library. Gone are the days of rows of bookshelves in cavernous halls. Today you’re more likely to find multi-media centers, computer workstations, and study rooms. Parallax Architects has designed such multi-purpose spaces at four area schools, building them from scratch, expanding existing buildings, or carving them from the most unlikely of spaces. One contains a story-telling theater, another has custom-designed bookshelves on wheels. In each case, thoughtful design has broadened the definition of what a library can be.

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