

The Mansfield Wellness Clinic project gets underway

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Phase I construction of the Mansfield Wellness Clinic is officially underway. The "old Kindergarten" building at the intersection of Center and Walnut will be recycled into a Wellness Clinic for the students in the Mansfield School District and the community as well. The 9100 square foot building will devote 2700 square feet to Mercy, 900 square feet will be operated by Dr. Adam Schluterman - Optometrist, 900 square feet will be operated by Dr. Cody Friddle - Dentist and Valley formerly Vista will occupy 900 square feet as well. The remaining 1800 square feet will be occupied by Occupational and Physical Therapy with the balance of the building encompassing hallways, bathrooms, etc.

With two phases of construction planned, phase I is estimated for completion by August 2013 which will be the medical and mental health departments of the facility. Phase II completion is planned for spring 2014 and will include the dental and visions departments. A \$500,000 Federal Grant from HRSA makes the operation possible and places Mansfield as one of two schools in the state of Arkansas to receive this grant. Turn Key Construction has been hired for the General Contractor and Architects Plus has designed the facility.

The community will have the opportunity to utilize the facility through a separate entrance and can enable their own appointments separate from the school. As for students, the School Nurse will will contact parents in the event a student

becomes ill and accompany them to the clinic. The Physician will contact parents and advise of the prognosis. Well child visits, dental visits and vision exams can be scheduled during the day thus eliminating the need for parents to miss work or required travel. Mental health services will be expanded increasing the services provided to families and community members.

Signifying their commitment to the community to serve, the Mansfield School District is excited about the new facility and creates an arena of excitement as the 2012/13 school year comes to close. The anticipation of the new facility with phase I ready for the 2013/14 school year takes the Mansfield School District to the next level in moving forward for progress.



Ground breaking for Mansfield Wellness Clinic.....

On hand for the official ground breaking was Mansfield Superintendent Robert Ross, Mansfield School Board Members, Arkansas State Senator Bruce Holland, Lieutenant Governor Mark Darr, State Representative Terry Rice, State Representative Jon Eubanks, Mayor Glenn Hurt, Dr. Cole Gooman, Mansfield City Recorder/Treasurer Becky Walker and a host of members of the community as well as representatives of the General Contractors Turn Key Construction and representatives of the Architects, Architect Plus.