

# Ocean Gate school unveils improvements

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OCEAN GATE — Those who haven't visited Ocean Gate Elementary School since June might not recognize it due to a myriad of repairs and improvements that have occurred over the summer. The entire district has gone through a refurbishing. The original Ocean Gate Elementary School building on West Arverne Avenue, which houses the kindergarten students, was repainted and the roof was redone.

In fact, the entire three-building school and its administrative offices, received a new roof as part of \$1.2 million improvement project that was approved by local voters last year. The state contributed 668,000 in funds for the projects.

Superintendent of schools Frank Vanalesti said the implementation of the school's new heating boilers are close to be finished.

Other improvements to the school include new bathroom toilets for the prekindergarten students, new playground equipment and a soccer field, money for a new roof and a heating system for one of the elementary school's buildings.

The district has also added new computer technology and a computer technology teacher to its staff. The computer technology class is a new special program that has been added to the curriculum this year.

School administrators have developed a new literacy intervention program to help at-risk students. The funding for this program came from a Targeted-At-Risk-Aid Grant it was awarded from the state.

At the same time, the district has expanded its curriculum for gifted and talented students in the district.

Vanalesti said that will be a supplemental program added to the base classes. Students will be recommended for the gifted and talented program based upon teacher recommendations and test scores.

Ocean Gate is a prekindergarten through sixth grade school district. There are approximately 160 students enrolled in the school.