

## **\$14.9 million school**

### **Magoffin students to get state-of-the-art campus**

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Administrators with the El Paso Independent School District dedicated the new Magoffin Middle School last week next to the school's original location at 4931 Hercules in Northeast El Paso.

Student performances highlighted the celebration of the new \$14.9 million school, which features 46 standard classrooms, two art rooms, eight science rooms, three computer labs, an orchestra room, a choir room, a band room and a living skills special education suite. The state-of-the-art facility is 116,136 square feet with 64 teaching stations.

Also part of the construction is a new library/media center, a kitchen/cafetorium, an outdoor athletic center and parking lot.

The original Magoffin Middle remains intact and will be used to accommodate a larger enrollment as expected with the influx of soldiers moving into the area because of the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure program, or BRAC. The school will continue to use the original gymnasium, which also was remodeled and refurbished as part of the bond project.

Magoffin is one of three of the district's schools rebuilt as a result of the 2003 bond program. Western Hills Elementary School on the West Side opened for the 2006-07 school year, while the West Side's new Mesita Elementary School will be complete for the 2007-08 school year.

Construction at 46 schools has been completed for the 2003 bond with construction on the remaining 10 schools under way.