

FEMA: Week in Review



December 4 to December 10, 2010

Events

Park View Elementary School



A groundbreaking celebration was held on Dec. 6 for Parkview Elementary School.

The Parkview Elementary School is one of more than 80 New Orleans Public School projects. During Katrina, the original campus experienced flooding of at least 4.5 feet of water. High winds also caused severe damage to the roof systems and building exteriors.

The Recovery School District intends to build a new, 94,500 square foot pre-K through eighth grade elementary school at the pre-disaster Parkview School site. The project entails construction of a new, two-story facility, elevated to the applicable base flood elevation. The school will house classrooms, science labs, a library/media center and computer labs, and arts and music facilities with flexible performance space. The school also will feature a commercial kitchen and cafeteria, a gymnasium and stage, as well as office space for administrative and student support services.

Announcements

Office of Community Development Receives an Additional \$100 Million in Mitigation Funding

An additional \$100 million in hazard mitigation grant program funding has been awarded to the state's Office of Community Development.

FEMA previously provided \$117 million in total to OCD for this statewide project, which provides money to Road Home recipients to elevate, pilot reconstruct and/or retrofit residential structures with storm shutters.



"More Louisiana residents will be able to improve their homes' capabilities to weather future storms as a result of this additional FEMA grant to OCD," said FEMA's Louisiana Recovery Office Deputy Director of Programs Andre Cadogan. "This safer and smarter approach means valuable assets will be better protected, saving personal expenses as well as tax dollars."

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards.

Calendar

Dec. 14: F.C. Williams School Groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Dec 15: Aycock Barn Ribbon Cutting, Arabi, La.

Dec. 16: Crocker School Groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Jan. 6: Colton School Groundbreaking, New Orleans, La.

Jan. 6: Learning Center Ribbon Cutting, Port Sulphur, La.

End of the 2010 Atlantic Hurricane Season

The 2010 Atlantic Hurricane Season officially ended Nov. 30. The season began on June 1 and was the most active hurricane season since 2005, with 19 named storms and 12 hurricanes.

Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere. They range from natural disasters such as flooding, tornadoes and hurricanes, to events such as power outages.

Visit www.ready.gov or www.listo.gov to learn how to put together an emergency supply kit, develop a family communications plan, and stay informed of the hazards that exist in your area

For more information about disaster declarations this hurricane season, click [here](#).

Housing Update:

Katrina/Rita:
552 occupied units

Gustav/Ike:
185 occupied units

