

New Buildings for Camino Pablo

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On December 8th giant metal frames were trucked in from Lodi and set in place by crane at Camino Pablo Elementary in Moraga. Meehleis Modular Building, a company that specializes in custom modular construction projects, is erecting four classrooms at Camino Pablo Elementary (CP) and a new library at Los Perales Elementary (LP). The technique allows them to set in place the whole structures over one weekend, saving time and money.

The frames used at CP are 10' x 32'. One classroom requires four frames plus one that's shared by two classrooms, creating additional meeting space. The foundations were already in place on December 8th when the giant frames were placed on them and welded to a steel plate that's part of the foundation. The structures are built to sustain an 8.5 magnitude earthquake.

The next phase will be the

setting of the stucco and the insulation. According to Neil Jennings, CP Principal, "The classrooms will be stronger than most buildings. They meet State standards and are inspected onsite." The project is scheduled to be completed by late February, and third graders will move into their new quarters.

The LP library will go in sometime during the winter break. The frames used at LP will be even larger: 10' x 36' frames. The frames incorporate energy saving elements which allow more natural lighting, and double paned windows.



J.D. Arrighi & Mike Snow, Meehleis Modular Building Inc., set a roof piece on Saturday morning