

## Grand Opening of the Gordon “Chip” Davis Gym

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The gym has been closed since the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year. Principal Stubbert stated that the gym is a great resource to have for P.E class and other events, so it was quite tricky scheduling everything without having the gym space. Many students came back to school thrilled about playing basketball and other sports in the gym after a long break due to Covid. Unfortunately, it was shut down for most of the year.



News about the gym reopening has been going around campus, and many students are looking forward to enjoying it again. Not only students but teachers as well. Coach Naar stated that she feels “beyond excited” to have her classes in the gym again. Students also were interviewed about the gym. One of the questions they were asked was, “Would you rather have P.E. in the gym or outside?” Most of the students replied that they like P.E in the gym better, so it is obvious that the gym was missed.



Mr.Coldren, Mr.Davis, Mr.Cantine, and Mr.Wickward were a big part of the gym renewal. This Monday, February 22, was the ribbon-cutting in which the gym was named the Gordon “Chip” Davis Gymnasium. The gym was given its name in favor of all the years Mr.Davis has helped out at WMA. At the ceremony, all the students were very excited for Mr.Davis to cut the ribbon and reopen the gym. Everyone's hard work paid off, and many students were grateful for the effort that was put into the gym. And thanks to them we all can enjoy the gym again for sports or any events.



These are Mr. Davis's words after the gym was dedicated to him, “It’s like a two-edged sword, on one edge, very gratifying, and the other, very humbling. I did not do it alone, there are many people involved in making the gym what it is and what it was and all the different activities that we’ve had in that building. So I am very thankful and grateful that I could have been a part of the wonderful experience at Walker Memorial Academy.”