

## Northpoint Elementary ground-breaking: the beginning of a new era . . .

District 16's newest school-to-be, Northpoint Elementary, was the site of a ceremonial ground-breaking on Tuesday, June 5. Nearly 50 people attended the event at the beautiful, wind-swept piece of land located just south of County Rd. 14/125th Avenue on Cloud Drive in Blaine. Attending were the district's school board members and superintendent, Blaine mayor Tom Ryan, and a host of young ground-breakers plucked from the audience.

Northpoint sits atop the district's northernmost boundary in a district that includes Blaine, Spring Lake Park, and Fridley.

Real-life ground-breaking commenced the week of June 11 as crews began the task of completing the new 700-student capacity K-3 elementary school by the start of 2008-09 school year.

A school district boundary study will take place throughout the summer and fall. Attendance boundaries for the new school will be established and announced no later than January 2008.



*Top, right: Adult ground-breakers included Blaine mayor Tom Ryan; school board members Colleen Vranish, Gary Brisbin, Marilyn Forsberg, Jim Amundson, John Stroebel, Jodi Ruch; and Dr. Don Helmstetter, superintendent.*

*Middle: Nearly a dozen young ground-breakers volunteered to help with the digging . . . and didn't stop for an hour.*

*Left: Superintendent Helmstetter and mayor Ryan each made remarks during the ceremony.*