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## **Ritenour Breaks Ground On New School for Early Childhood Education**

**Aug. 7, 2009** – The Ritenour School District celebrated the ground breaking for its new School for Early Childhood Education on Thursday, Aug. 6. The ceremony took place at the new site of the ECC – 3850 Woodson Road (just north of St. Charles Rock Road). The facility is expected to be completed in August 2010. More than 100 Ritenour students and staff members, construction representatives and local elected officials joined Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Compton and the Ritenour Board of Education for the official ground breaking.

The nearly 28,000 square foot facility is located just north of Marvin Elementary School on Woodson Road. The new ECC features 13 classrooms, a library, screening rooms, a multi-purpose room, a Parents As Teachers classroom, technology including computers and wireless network and much more. Featuring energy efficient new construction, the new building is expected to receive LEED certification as “Gold” after construction is complete. At its regular meeting in July, the Ritenour Board of Education approved a bid for \$5.333 million from Orf Construction to build the facility. The scope of work includes: grading, sewer installation, storm water detention, parking lot construction, concrete foundations, structural steel framework, masonry on the exterior, standing seam metal roofing, aluminum entrances and windows, food service equipment and more. For more information on the new ECC, visit Ritenour’s Bond Issue Projects Page at [www.ritenour.k12.mo.us](http://www.ritenour.k12.mo.us).

Construction of the new Ritenour School for Early Childhood Education is funded by Proposition K, a \$50 million bond issue Ritenour voters approved in November of 2008.

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**Photo caption:** Ritenour Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Compton (center) and the Ritenour Board of Education were joined by some of the youngest Ritenour students for the official School for Early Childhood Education ground breaking ceremony on Thursday, Aug. 6.

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