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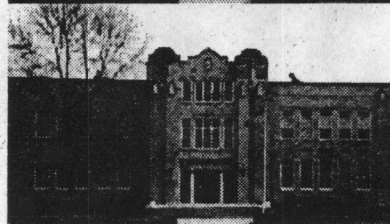
John S. Irwin Elementary School



...70+ years of educating students



...10 years as a Magnet School



...into the next century

An Anniversary Celebration

*May 23, 1999
1:30 - 4:00 p.m.*

Irwin Math/Science Magnet School
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Sandra K. Shumaker, Principal

published by Irwin Elementary
3501 S. Anthony Blvd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46806

Thomas Fowler-Finn, FWCS Superintendent

Irwin Magnet School is a wonderful school. It is full of great kids and activities. Children have awesome opportunities, chances to do great projects, and receive an excellent education in all subjects.

The school was built in 1927 and opened in 1928. It originally had a stage in the gym that was used as a performing space. Miss May Griffith was the first principal at Irwin. When Irwin opened it had half-day kindergarten through sixth grade. It had thirteen classrooms and the enrollment was 425 students.

Children went home for lunch or brought a sack lunch. Today, Irwin has grades K-5 with an enrollment of just under 300 students. All children have their lunch at school. In 1965 a new addition was built that included four classrooms. At that time some classes used a portable classroom and a nearby house as classrooms due to the number of students enrolled. Renovations were made in 1978-1980, updating was completed in 1985, and the science lab and media center were added in 1991.

Irwin was made a Math/Science Magnet School in 1989 to comply with Fort Wayne Community School desegregation guidelines. Students are given many occasions throughout their education at Irwin to participate in additional educational opportunities in the areas of science, math, literature, language and fine arts, as well as, many field trips.

One of the greatest advantages of attending Irwin is the opportunity to be educated with a diverse student population. Students learn to appreciate and celebrate each individual.

Caleb Franklin
5th Grade

Irwin Elementary Magnet School
Anniversary Celebration
2:00 Program

Welcome.....Sandra K. Shumaker
Principal

Congratulatory Remarks.....Dr. Wendy Robinson
Deputy Superintendent

Recognition of Honored Guests.....Susie Peirce, Volunteer
Documentary Director

Comments.....Mayor Paul Helmke

Balloon Launch Instructions.....Christine Michael
Math/Science Resource Teacher

*T*hank you for your interest in Irwin Elementary Magnet School. It is necessary to have the collaboration of parents, school and community to insure the growth of our children. The partnership between our school and the community is important and greatly needed. Irwin Elementary School is proud that it has been educating our city's children for over 70 years. We are certain that the standard of excellence associated with our school will continue with your support.

