



WAUNAKEE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Waunakee Elementary School History

Waunakee Grade School – 1878 – 1956

Waunakee Elementary School – 1956 – 1996

Heritage Elementary School – 1996 - 2024

First Elementary School on Main St – 1860s?

- The first Elementary School, a very small frame structure was located on Main St. where the Koltes Building was later built.

- The teacher was Miss Jones who later became Mrs. Jacob Buhlman.

- Source – Centennial History book - 1971



Second Elementary School – 1878 - 1922



- A larger two story school was built in 1878 at the corner of Second and West St.
- Cost - \$1480
- Mrs. L. Hood was principal and assistant principal was Miss Ella Salisbury
- Average attendance – 75 in 1885
- Sources – Wisconsin State Journal – 1879 and Centennial Book - 1971

1894



PEOPLE--Class Pictures

School: Waunakee Grade School, 212 W.
Bottom L to R: Second, Waunakee
(see back)

No.

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Photographer:

Date: 1917-1918

1917-18



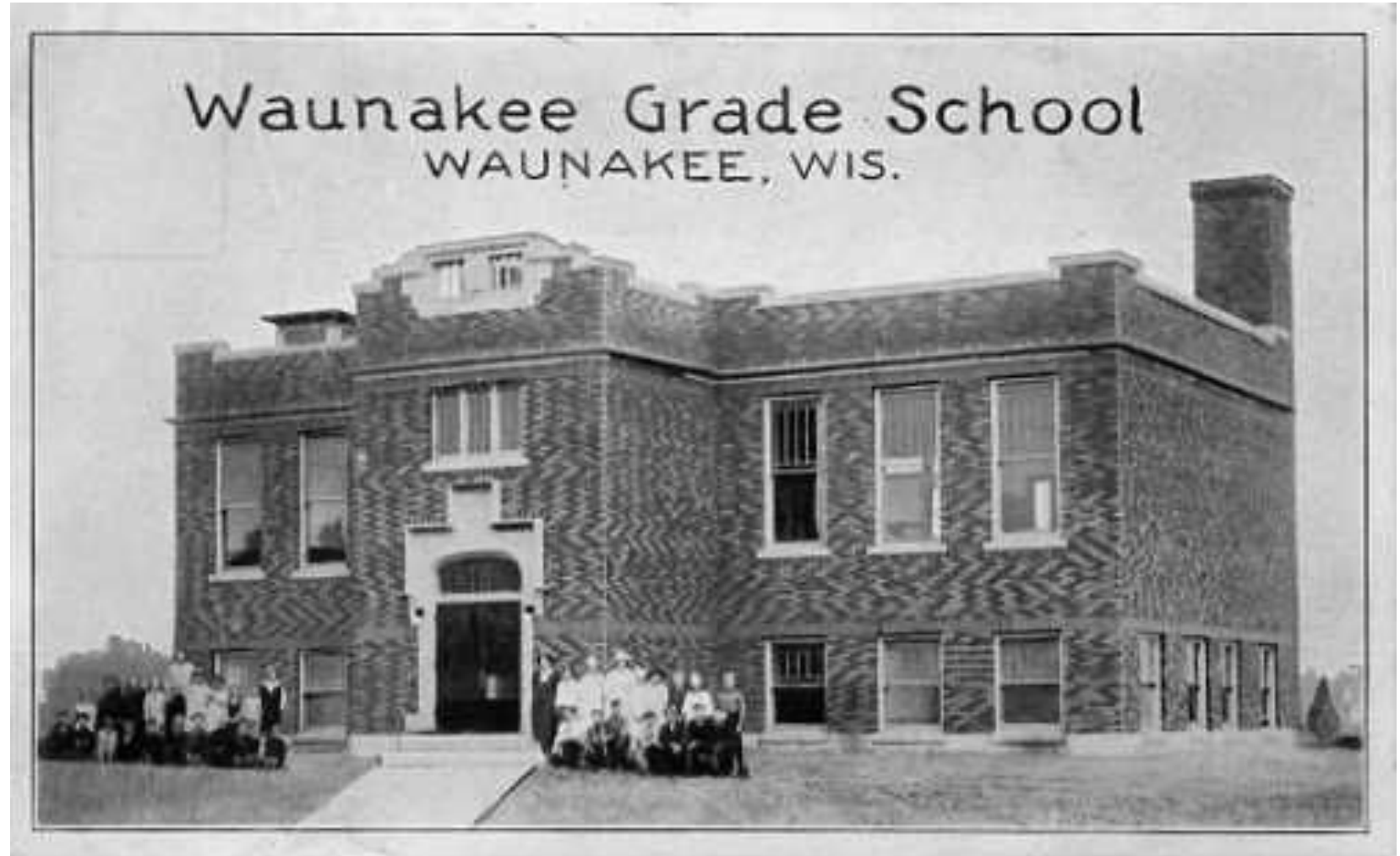
1922 - West
and 2nd St.
School



1920 West + 2nd St - original

Waunakee Grade School – 1922 - 1956

- 2 story brick building with 2 classrooms on first floor, small gymnasium, kitchen and dining room in sublevel
- One classroom housed grades 1-4 and the other was the upper grades 5 – 8
- Cost - \$20,000
- This building was used as an elementary school until 1956 and then as classrooms for the high school which was built next door until its demolition in 1984.



Dorothy Dishno

- Taught grades 1-4 in the 2 room elementary from 1950- 1957 with Beverly Grove.
- Returned in 1967 to teach Grade 5
- Switched to teaching Grade 4 in 1974.
- Taught in the portables as well.

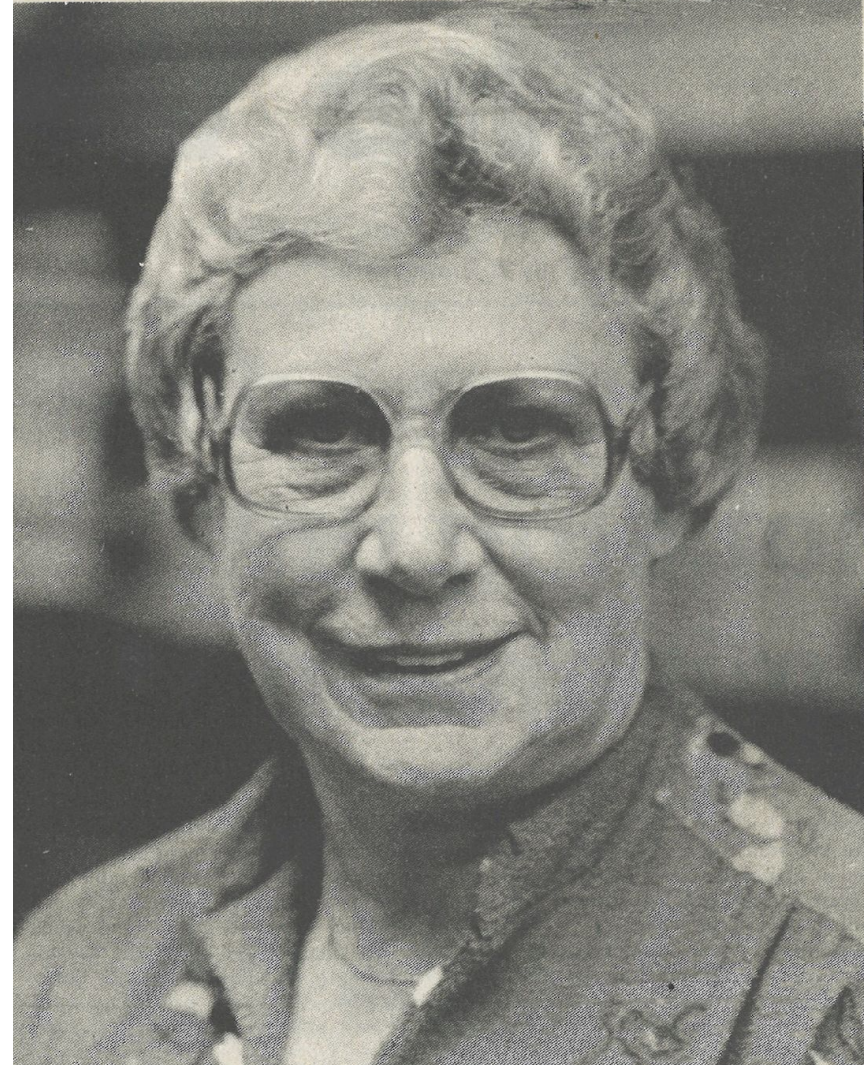


Photo: Waunakee Tribune 5/24/1985

Beverly Grove 1954- 1985

- Began as Miss Powers in 1954 and taught the upper level of the 2 room elementary school (grades 5- 8)
- Became principal and taught at the same time.
- As the school grew she became full time administrator

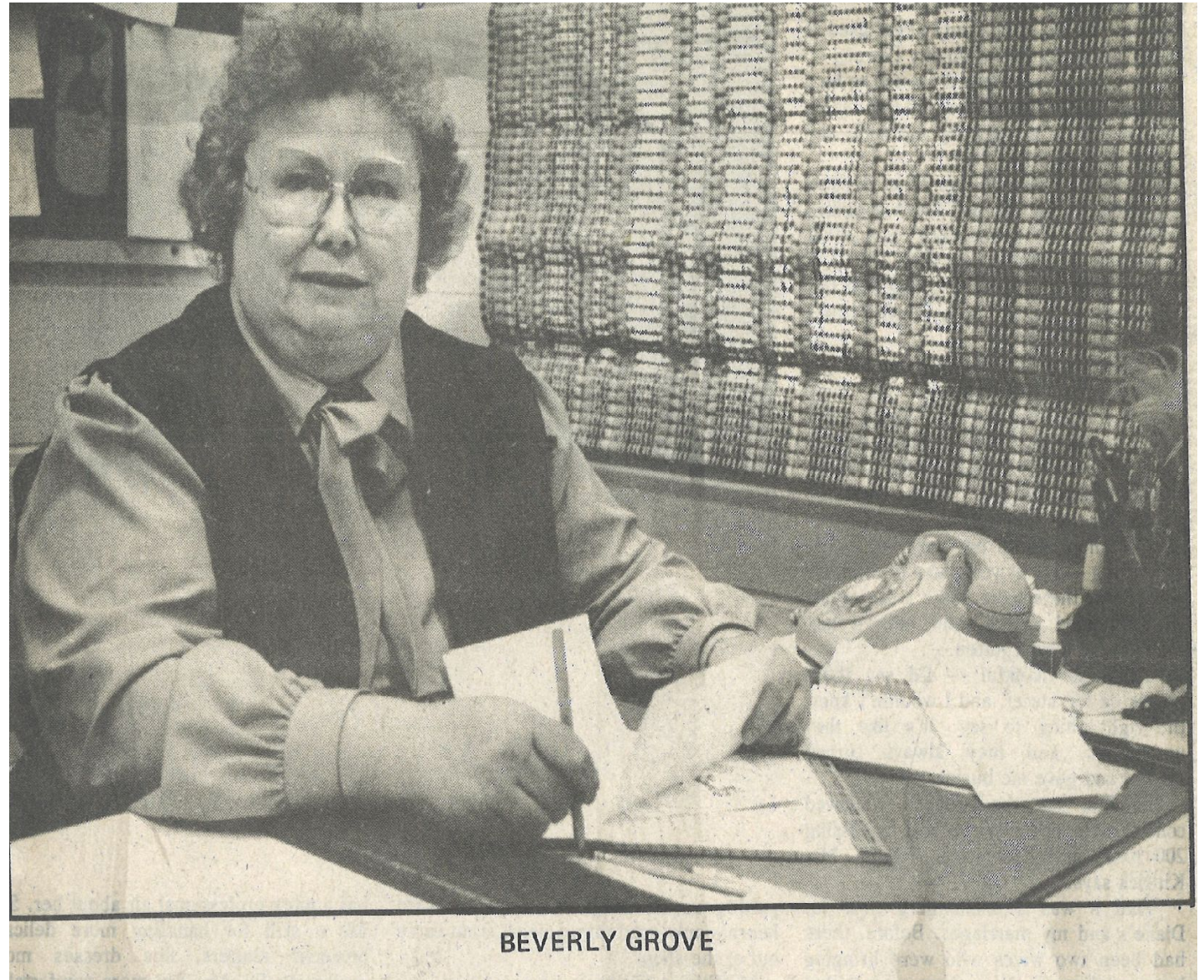


Photo: Waunakee Tribune 1/31/85

4th Elementary School – 1956

Present South St. location



Undated photo of the early construction of the first hallway of the Elementary School from the Waunakee Public Library digital files.

Waunakee Elementary School Additions

- 1956 – \$91,517 (original) classrooms, office and the gym
- 1961 - \$111,647 –classroom hallway north of gym.
- 1963 - \$78,073 kindergarten hallway on east side of building
- 1965 - \$262,763 hallway south of the gym – 1st grade hallway



- Aerial photo –
Courtesy of Don Ripp
- Shows football field, High School next door and old brick elementary school called the Annex now.
- Probably between 1963 and 1965 according to the three additions to the School.

1960's and 1970's





Waunakee Grade School

1962-63

Miss Powers (Grove) teacher & principal
Waunakee, Wisconsin





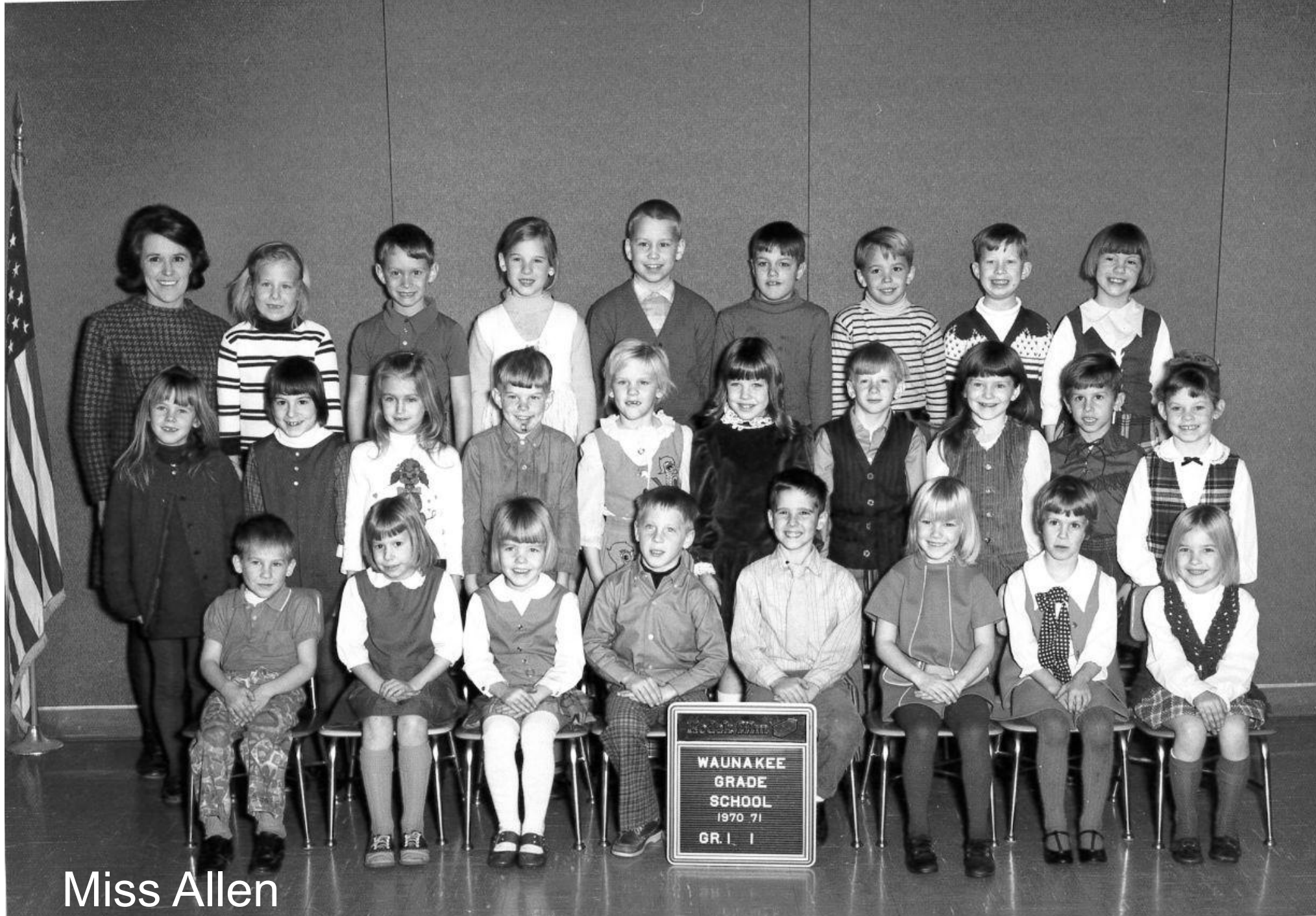
Grade 3

Apollo 7

October 11, 1968



Elementary Lunch Line - 1970s



Miss Allen

WAUNAKEE
GRADE
SCHOOL
1970-71
GR. 1

Mrs. Mildred Tierney

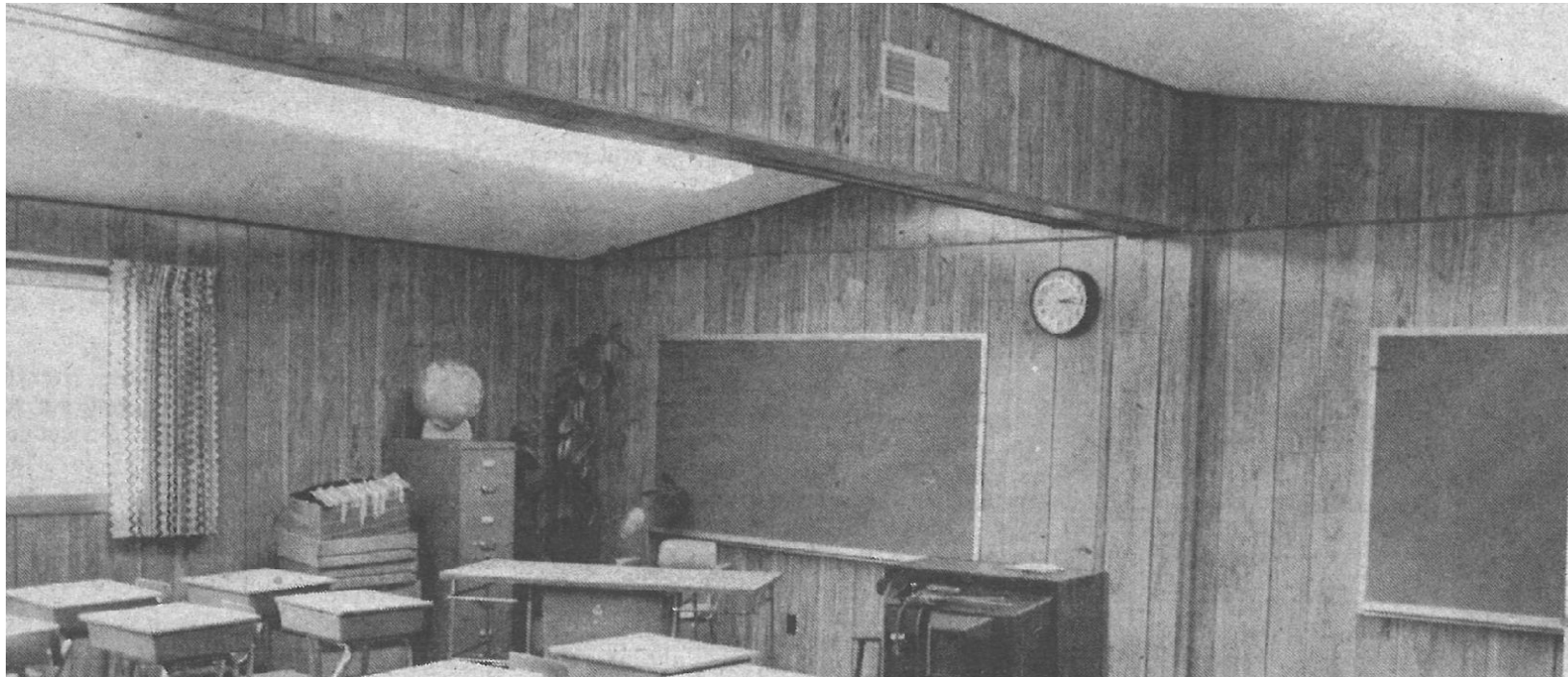
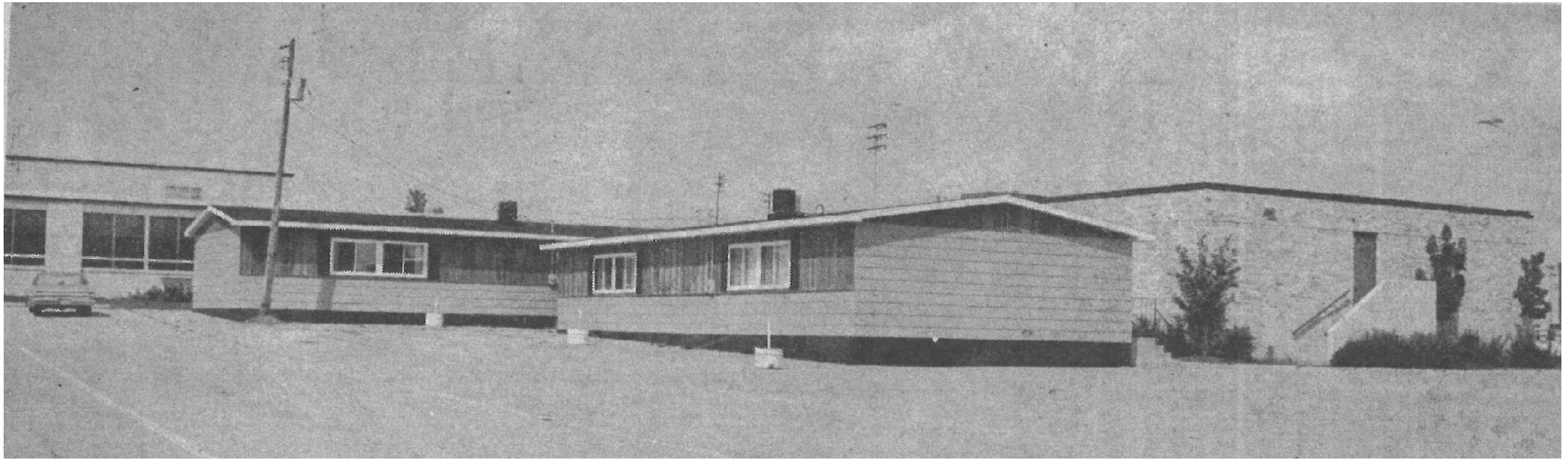
Title 1 Reading

1970s



Library Addition 1977





4 Portable
Classrooms
1978

1980's





Members of the Waunakee Elementary Arts Education Program review the **ACTIVITY BOOK** written by the arts team this summer. It will be used by elementary classroom teachers as part of in-service teacher training in the arts including creative dramatics, dance, music, self-concepts and visual arts. This project is being funded through a federal art grant awarded to the elementary school for 1979-80.



A Look Back ...



Schoolmarms

Local teachers dressed in the fashion of their predecessors during Pioneer Week in Waunakee in 1985. Pictured are Liz Erpenbach, Mary Allen, Ann Woodard and Marilyn Goodrich. (Tribune file photo)

Waunakee Tribune, Nov. 29, 1984



Ken Diericks

**Elementary School
Custodian**

**Waunakee Schools
Director of Buildings
and Grounds**

Bus Driver



March has been designated as Music In Our Schools Month, however, the fifth grade class of Waunakee Elementary School presented a musical play entitled "It's Music" already on Feb. 16. The musical featured several song and dance numbers, including these girls doing the Charleston. From left to right are Kelly Luttrell, Krissa Hinzman, Michelle Loos, Trisha Arnold, Jennifer Endres and Marney Morgan. (Photo by Steve Kruschek)



Sharon Hunter's second grade of the Waunakee Elementary School is rehearsing for the annual Holiday Tea which was presented on December 13. The students are rehearsing with their music teacher Kathy Bartling for the selection "Let's Play for Christmas". (Photo by Steve Kruschek)





Kindergarten students of the Waunakee Elementary School dressed as Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus at the Holiday Tea program held December 11. From left to right are Erich Pohl, Shaun O'Connell, Amanda Smith, Mike Meier, Angela Laubmeier and Rebecca Endres. (Photo by Steve Kruschek)



The fifth grade class of Waunakee Elementary School presented the musical "Let's Put On A Show" last week. The show featured a variety of acts including one of jokes and clowning. Pictured in front, left to right, are Jessica Nelson, and Dan Crawford. In the second row are Jeff Dix, Kim Freidig, Rob Herbrand, Julie Collins, Ross Nelson and Chad Fishler. In back are Dale Griffith, Katie Grieger, Jenny Arms, Holly Ellickson and Ryan McKittrick. (Photo by Steve Kruschek)

Demolition of Brick School Annex - 1984

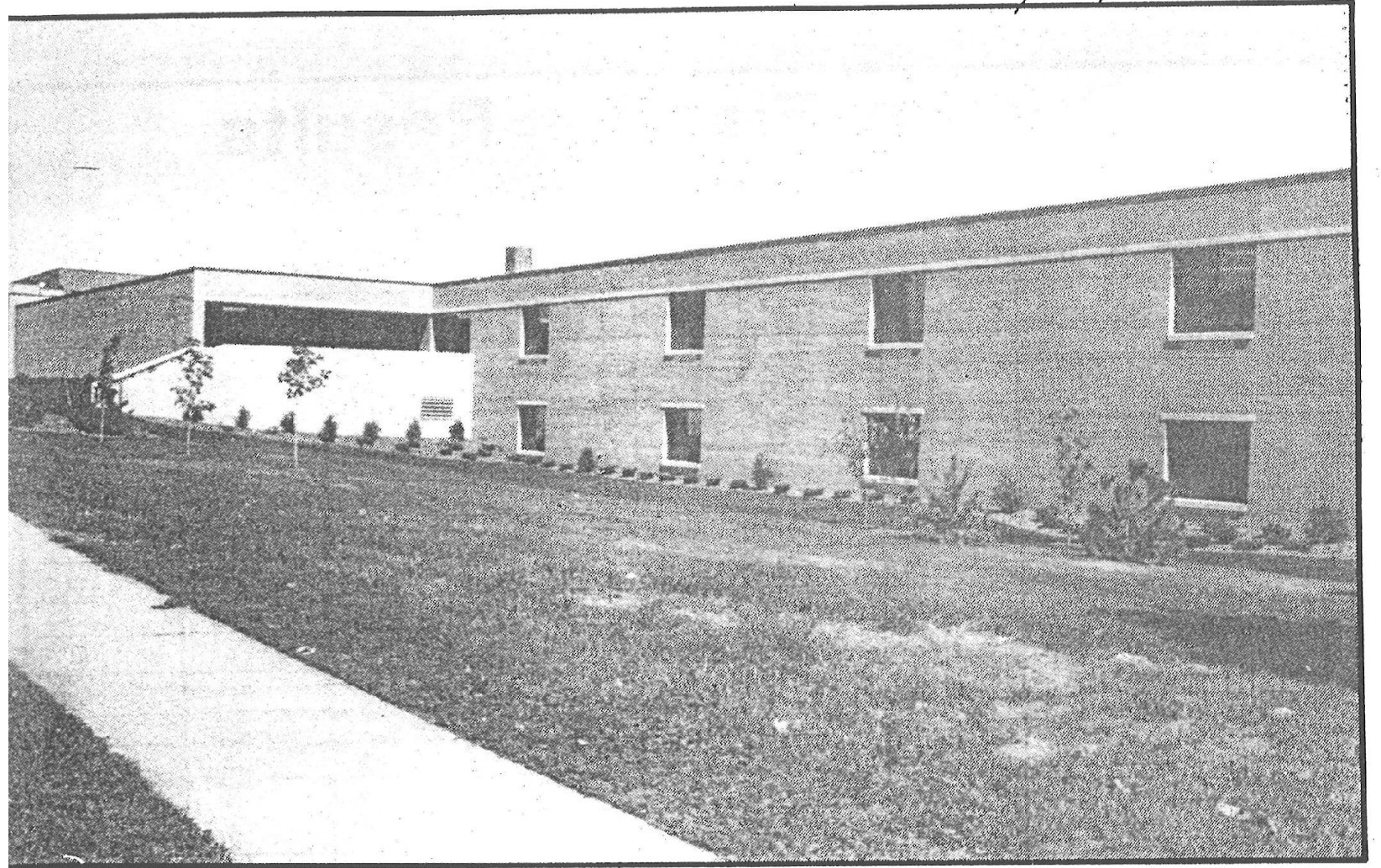


Construction workers for Melvin Paulson & Sons Inc. of DeForest began demolishing the Junior High Annex, formerly the old Waunakee Grade School, on Monday. A two-classroom addition is being planned for the site. Persons interested in obtaining bricks as mementos from the old annex can contact the Waunakee High School office. The bricks will be given away as long as the supply lasts. (Photo by Steve Kruschek)

March 1, 1984 Waunakee

1986

- Connecting addition of classrooms between the Middle School and the Elementary School.
- Upstairs Grade 5 & 6 classrooms.
- Downstairs Grades 3 & 4 classrooms.



This is the Waunakee Elementary-Middle School addition which will be dedicated this Sunday. The official program will be held in the Middle School gymnasium beginning at 2 p.m., with state Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Herbert Grover being the keynote speaker. The new addition will be open for tours by the public, and refreshments will be served. (Photo by Steve Kruschek)

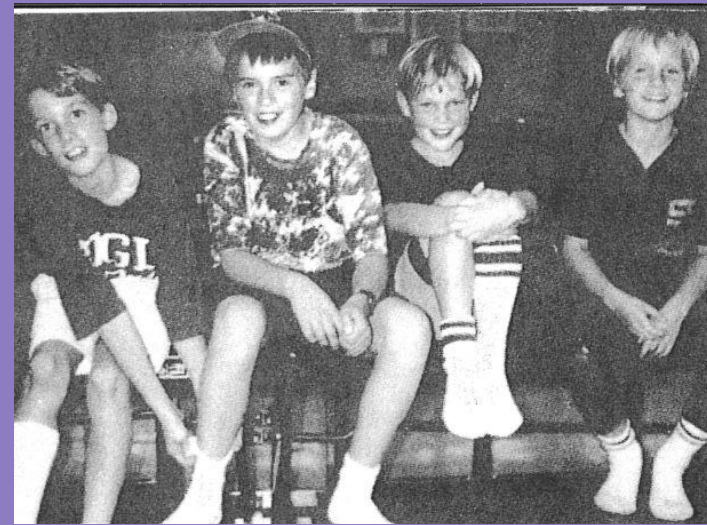
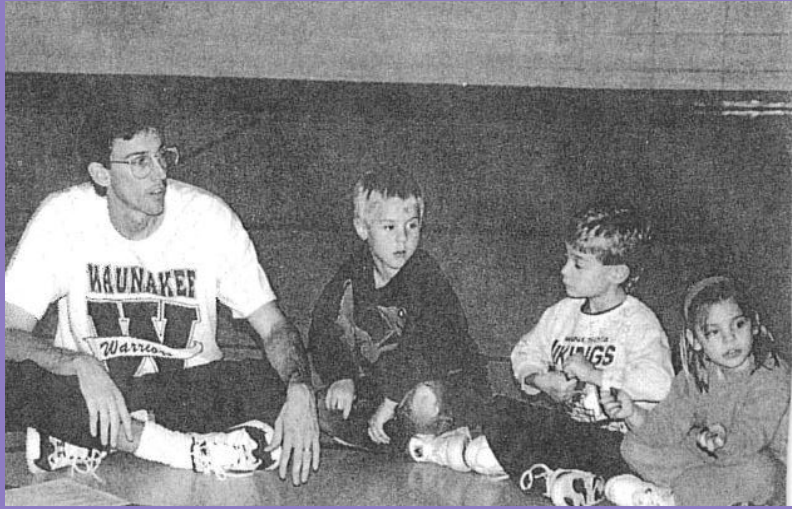


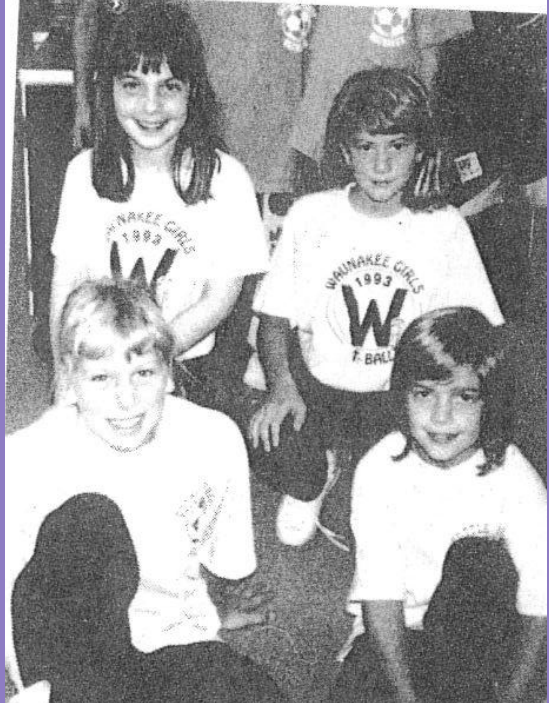
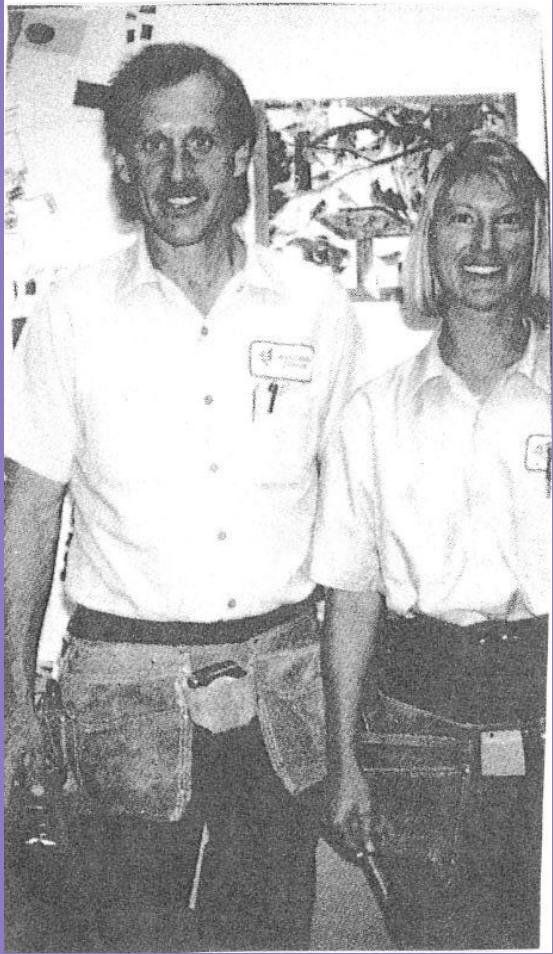
1990's













Bus Drills



Thanksgiving Feast



Cassette Players



Halloween Parade

Daisy the Duck!!!





1999 HERITAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2000

STAFF

FRONT ROW: MARY MURRAY, ELLEN SKATRUD, JULIE STATZ, LYNN JOHNSON, MAELINE SCHALL, JANE SCHNEIDER, JODI RYAN **ROW 2:** KAREN RUNDHAUG, SHARON LIPP, MARY ACKER, BARBIE KLAWIKOWSKI, YVONNE PAUL, JENNIFORE EBERT, MARY ALLEN, CINDY HELLENBRAND, BETSY CHANDLER, MARY UNGER **ROW 3:** ROD HOLLER, TIM BLESSING, BARB STATZ, CAROL O'NEIL, JOYCE DE RUNGS, JOHN WEBBER, LINDA TOMLINSON, KAREN LOOS, MARY BETH PIETROPAOLO, BILL BENSON **ROW 4:** ELLEN WOJTAK, CANDY ARNOLD, JULIE HELF, BARB ROCKENBACH, JENNIFER WIPPERFURTH, JUDIE ACKER, KIM PILGRIM, SHARON HUNTER, SUZANNE WEISS **ROW 5:** DICK MILLER, PETE BREUNIG, SHEILA WEIHERT, JILL DAHMEN, JENNIFER VOS BENKOWSKI, GINA ZIESKE, LINDSAY FREYE, MELISSA JACKSON, DANA JASTER

2000's



2001 HERITAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2002

STAFF

FRONT ROW: MARY ALLEN, PAM SMITH, CATHERINE FALEY, SHARON HUNTER, BARBIE KLAWIKOWSKI, LINDA TOMLINSON, CANDY ARNOLD **ROW 2:** KIM PILGRIM, MELISSA PUFALL, DEB THOMAS, AMY GENOVA, SUZANNE WEISS, JULIE HELF, YVONNE PAUL, CINDY HELLENBRAND **ROW 3:** SANDY SORENSON, JANICE UHRIG, CAROL O'NEIL, ELLEN WOJTAK, BETSY CHANDLER, SANDY SCHLEIS, BARB STATZ, LINDSAY FREYE **ROW 4:** JOYCE DE RUNGS, KELLI GAINES, ROD HOLLER, BILL BENSON, AMY SKOLASKI, SHARON LIPP, LYNN JOHNSON **ROW 5:** KATHI SULLIVAN, TIM BLESSING, RICK RIVARD, KAREN RUNDHAUG, KAREN LOOS

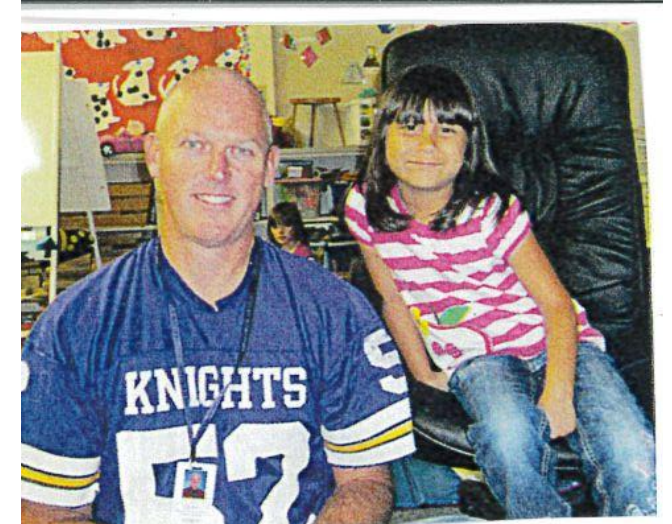
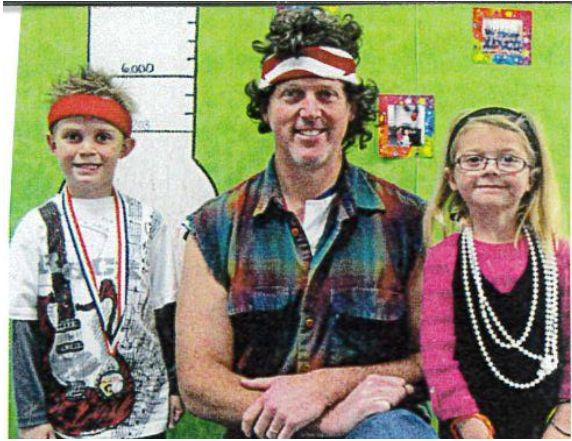




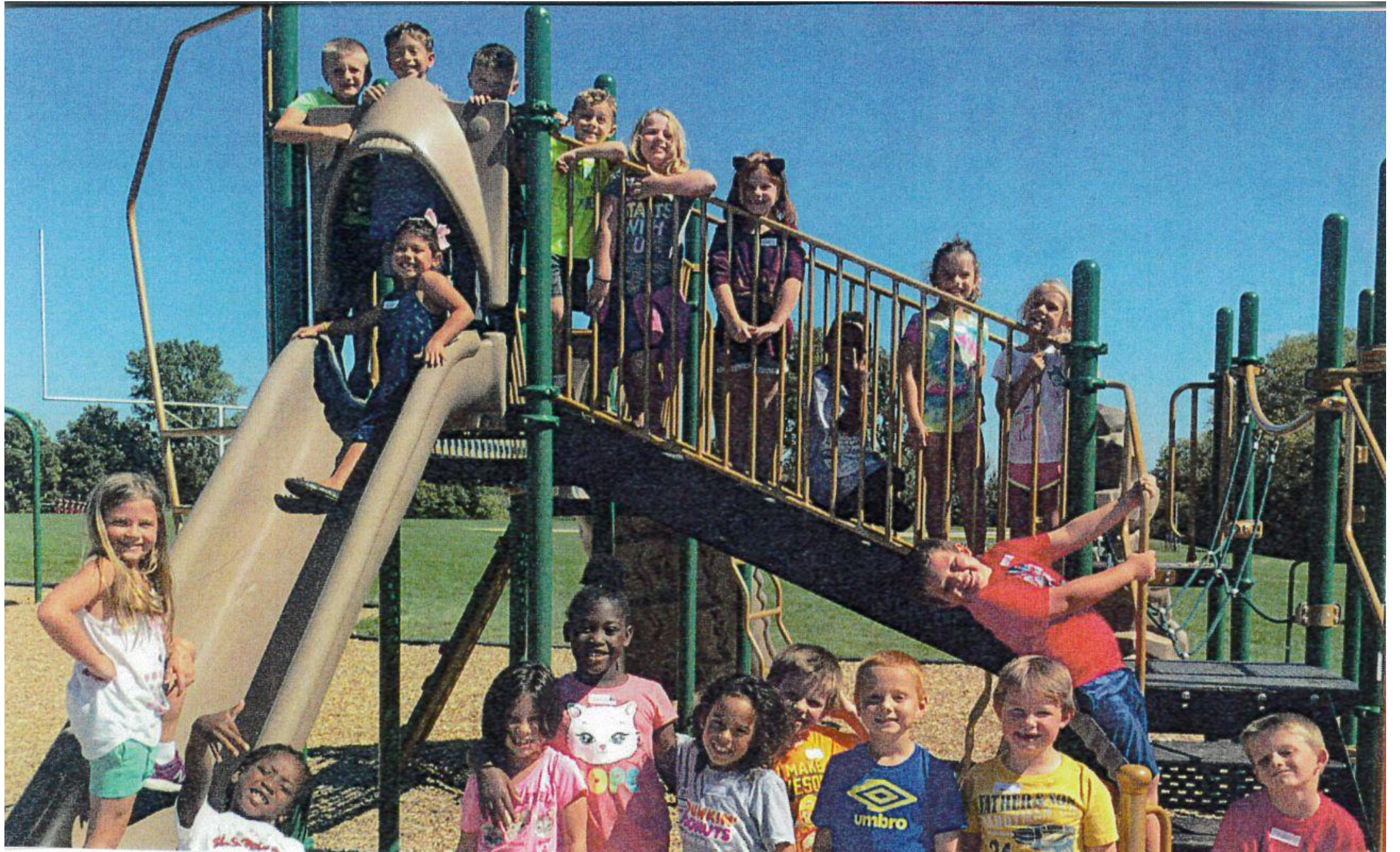
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2010's



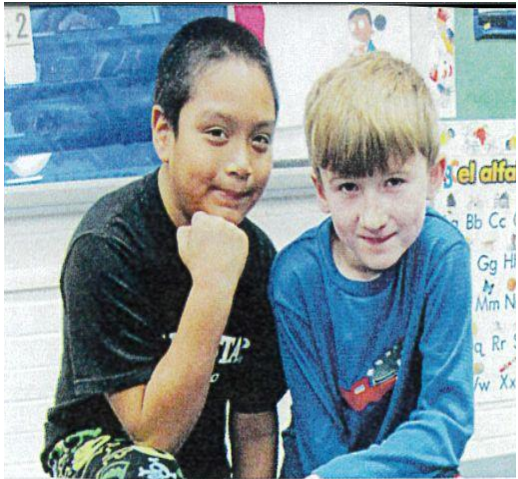
Dan Carter - Principal







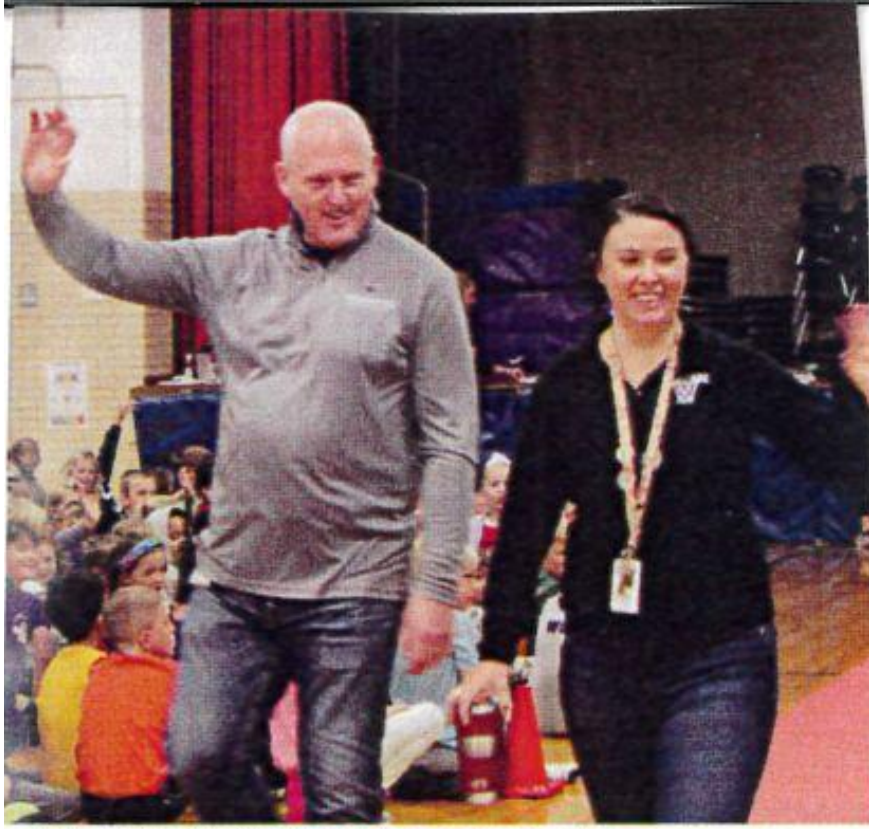




2020's









Heritage Elementary School 2024





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