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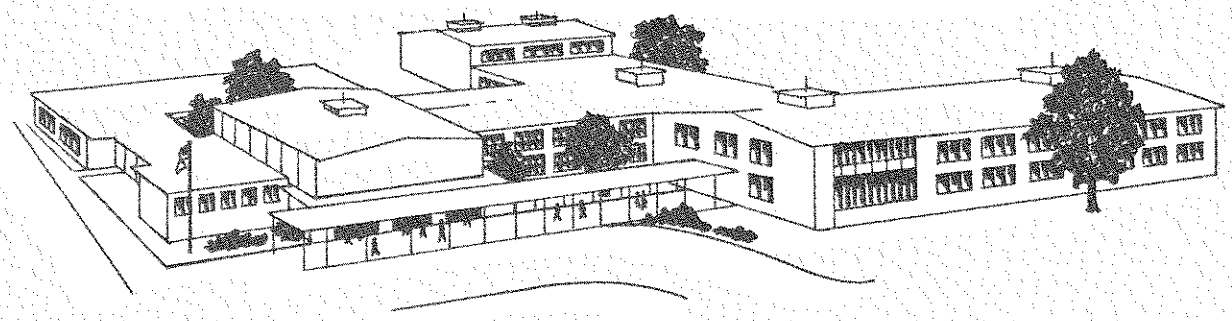

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OUR NEW SCHOOL

On September 8th, 1965, six hundred sixty youngsters started a new year in Great Neck's newest school -- the John F. Kennedy School, a truly functional building.

We of the staff are most grateful to all of the people who were instrumental in making a dream become a reality. It is indeed a thrilling experience for us to turn a physical plant into an institute of learning at a time when there has never been so broad a realization of the importance of a quality education for all our children.

In this fine building we have the incentive to innovate and to use the new media of instruction which can serve the varied needs of our children. We are better able to adapt our classroom methods to the needs of the learners. We are challenged to put our traditional instructional tools to new use and to integrate the newer instructional media into practical classroom lessons. The challenge is clear and the time is right to move our educational program to unprecedented levels.

To all our students and parents a warm welcome from the John F. Kennedy Staff.

Grace A. Warner
Principal

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OPEN HOUSE

On October 13th, the John F. Kennedy School welcomed parents to its first open house. The occasion was of special interest this year for it gave to most parents their first opportunity to visit the new building and to inspect its many attractive features.

Brief addresses were delivered over the intercom system by Mrs. Ernie Leveen, President of the P.T.A. and Miss Grace Warner, Principal of the John F. Kennedy School. They spoke at 8:30 to the parents of children in kindergarten through 3rd grade and at 9:30 to parents of children in grades 4 through 6.

We believe that the new scheduling of events was particularly successful. It permitted parents of more than one child to visit first the teachers of the primary grades, then move on to inspect the special areas, and finally meet with the teachers of the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. The evening was concluded with the serving of coffee and cake in two of the Multipurpose Rooms.

AUDITORIUM NAMED FOR NORMAN C. DRAPER

Norman C. Draper, Director of Buildings and Grounds since 1958, died of a heart attack on July 25, 1965. His death was a sincere loss to the Great Neck Public Schools. The John F. Kennedy school lost a most faithful friend who had worked untiringly for the past two years to do everything possible to make our school a truly functional building. It was his ardent desire to have the latest facilities available for our use. We realize that we will miss him greatly and remember him fondly.

Our Board of Education has honored our new school by naming the auditorium the Norman C. Draper Auditorium. The following article appeared in the Great Neck Record of September 2, 1965:

" The Great Neck Board of Education announced last week that the auditorium at the new John F. Kennedy elementary school has been named in honor of the late Norman C. Draper, who had served as director of Buildings and Grounds for 10 years at the time of his death this summer.

" The Board said that the Norman C. Draper auditorium will honor the memory of one who gave unsparingly of himself to create at the John F. Kennedy School, the best educational environment for children of the school district. "

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OUR SCHOOL IN ACTION

Most of you have visited the John F. Kennedy School by now and have seen its physical facilities, but we thought you might like to see your children making use of these advantages.

1-2 Mr. Karl Seitz introduces 3rd graders to the use of maps in the Industrial Arts Room. The overhead projector permits the children to trace a projection of a map of Great Neck and learn about their surroundings.

3 Mr. William Hickey and 6th graders examining a torso with removable organs. The greatest advantage of the new Science Room is space. Now experiments can be set up in advance for the children to come and see.

4 Miss Mary Kaner and 1st graders during a music lesson. The Music Room was built after much research to make it acoustically perfect. It is one of the best of its kind.

5 The children surrounding the Scarecrow seem to thoroughly enjoy the Halloween Project of the 1st graders. The scarecrow is in the Light Court of the Primary Area and has been used as a theme for paintings and stories by older children such as the ones in the picture.

6 Miss Dorothy Meyer conducting a Physical Education class for 3rd graders. The division in the gym provides room for two teachers to conduct classes simultaneously, a must since in 4th, 5th and 6th grades boys and girls have separate programs.

7 Miss Doris Cleary, speech correction teacher, testing first graders. All first graders and new entrants to the school system are given an articulatory test as shown in this picture. The aim of the speech education program is to give a practical set of skills to every child.

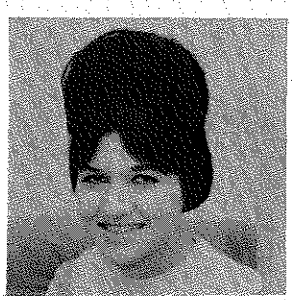
8 In the Health Room, Mrs. Hamburg demonstrates the audio-meter used in the testing of children's hearing. This room is also used for first aid and for vision testing.

9-10 Fourth graders demonstrating the advantages of the adjustable chalkboards. Our school is the only one that has chalkboards that grow with your child.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Mrs. Robert Grandchamp, French teacher, is new to us but not to the Great Neck school system. She has been a language teacher on television for four years.



Miss Gail Rothstein, Fourth Grade, studied at Brooklyn College and comes to us with five years of experience in the New York City system.



Mrs. Warren Lubin, First Grade, her previous teaching experience has been in the Oceanside schools.



Mrs. Ephraim Wolf, Second Grade, did her undergraduate work at Columbia Teachers College and has been studying at Queens toward an M.S. She has taught at Baker and Parkville Schools.



Mrs. John Martin comes to us from the Elementary Instruction Office at Phipps. She will be our new secretary during Mrs. Blanche Packer's absence.

A warm welcome to Dr. Adaia Shumsky and Miss Anne Daly who have returned from sabbatical leave.



Mrs. Robert Metzger, Fifth Grade, has been Mrs. Plumb's permanent substitute this year. Prior to coming to Great Neck Mrs. Metzger taught in Smithtown for two years.



Mrs. Frank Nedelka, Sixth Grade, received both her B.A. and M.A. from Hunter College. She has taught in Hempstead and Malverne.

HAZEL K. BAILEY

Miss Hazel K. Bailey a member of the Great Neck Public Schools for 35 years, died in Albany Medical Center on October 21, 1965. Miss Bailey began her teaching career 40 years ago in her home town of Jewett, had also taught for three years in Peekskill before coming to Arrandale School in 1926. In 1930 Miss Bailey was selected to establish the first elementary school library in the Great Neck Public Schools. Before that time, the "library" consisted of a few books on a shelf in the main office. Miss Bailey remained as librarian in the Arrandale School until June 1961. Her sensitivity and insight contributed to bringing the most suitable literature to the right child at the proper time. Her philosophy is expressed in a statement she frequently made, "The best of everything lives". Pupils, teachers and parents will recall Miss Bailey as an outstanding librarian, a dedicated educator and a warm human being who is remembered with affection by all who knew her.

Mrs. Andrew Mendy

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TREASURY NOTE

We are happy to report that the treasury at this point is in a fairly healthy state due to our successful Open House this year. However, our increased enrollment makes it necessary for us to remind those who have not yet given their $3.00 contribution that it is not too late. If we can count on the kind of support which the membership has shown thus far in our fund raising activities, we will stay in good shape. Please send your contribution to:

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GENTLEMEN WE GOOFED ON OUR CALENDAR!

Our thanks to Mr. Ray Ozarow for serving as Treasurer and Mr. Jack Friedman for his work on the Education and Legislation Committee.

LOOKING AHEAD

December	-	Children's Entertainment
January	-	Dedication of the John F. Kennedy School
February	-	Grade Level Meeting for the Kindergarten and First Grade