

Celebrating 100 Years

# GREENACRES SCHOOL



◆ A Diamond  
Jubilee!

JOURNAL

◆ NOVEMBER 20, 2015 ◆










The students of the Greenacres School, 2015





## Evening Program

### **Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction Opens**

#### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- ❖ *Lynn Marvin, Greenacres PTA President*
  - ❖ *Sharon Hill, Greenacres Principal*
  - ❖ *Dr. Thomas Hagerman, Scarsdale Superintendent of Schools*
  - ❖ *Leila Shames Maude, Scarsdale Board of Education President*

#### **Proclamations and Congratulations**

- ❖ *New York State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins*
  - ❖ *Assemblywoman Amy Paulin*

#### **Evening Honorees**

#### **Dinner Buffet**

#### **Live Auction – Chris Simon**

### **Dancing Begins & Silent Auction continues**


#### **Silent Auction Closes**

10PM

#### **Auction Checkout Begins**

Approximately 10:30PM





## Evening Honorees

### **Greenacres Alumni**

*Presented By*

*Isabel Finegold, 100 Year Anniversary Committee Chair*

*Sharon Higgins, 2015-2016 Fall Fundraiser Chair*

- ❖ Speaker - Alan Schwarz, SHS '86
- ❖ Charlie Alterman, SHS '93
  - ❖ Woody Bliss, SHS '54
  - ❖ Nicole Eisenman, SHS '83
  - ❖ Kenneth I. Juster, SHS '72
  - ❖ Rob Kissner, SHS '04
- ❖ Linda Carpenter Leavitt, SHS '64
  - ❖ Saya Woolfalk, SHS '97

### **Greenacres Principals**

*Presented By*

*Dr. Thomas Hagerman,*

*Scarsdale Superintendent of Schools*

### **Greenacres PTA Presidents**

*Presented By*

*Karen Ceske, Scarsdale PT Council President*

*Leila Shames Maude,*

*Scarsdale Board of Education President*





## Welcome from the Greenacres PTA

On behalf of the PTA, I would like to welcome all of our guests to our Diamond Jubilee Gala celebrating Scarsdale's oldest elementary school, Greenacres. After 100 years, Greenacres School STILL "is the place to be!" I believe this is because Greenacres is so much more than simply a school – it is the center of our community. It's the place where we send our children to learn and grow into young adults under the nurturing care of our dedicated faculty and staff; where we gather with our friends to talk about our joys and worries; and where we come together to stand by each other's sides during the hard times.

It came as no surprise to me that we have so many extremely accomplished Greenacres alumni, and we are fortunate to have many here with us tonight. Congratulations to this evening's alumni honorees on your accomplishments and thank you for setting a wonderful example for the children of Greenacres.

Greenacres children have been fortunate to receive exemplary education over the past one hundred years provided by our dedicated teachers, administrators and staff. Tonight we honor our current and past principals and thank each of our teachers and staff members past and present for teaching our little ones each day.

I also congratulate my fellow PTA presidents who are being honored tonight. I know better than anyone that each of you gave your heart and soul to this job. And thank you to each parent who has volunteered over the past one hundred years with the PTA – the time you give is priceless in enriching the educational experience of our children.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Gala/Fundraiser Chair Sharon Higgins and 100 Year Anniversary Chair Isabel Finegold, along with their entire committees and countless other members of the PTA and community, who have





2015-2016 PTA Exec Committee - Front: Christa Mruz (Treasurer), Lynn Marvin, (President), Joey Silberfein (President Elect). Back: Nicola Atherstone (Secretary), Melissa Brown Eisenberg (Clubs), Erika Rublin (Communications), Sharon Higgins (Fundraiser). Not Pictured: Mindy Genovese (Faculty Rep.)



worked tirelessly to make this evening, and our numerous other 100 Year events, a huge success!

Thank you to each of you! Through the generous support of individuals like you, the PTA is able to enrich the educational experiences of all Greenacres children by funding programs such as assemblies, technology and STEAM, arts programming, classroom and library enrichment materials, author visits, environmental awareness, and much more.

I hope you have a wonderful time this evening enjoying one hundred years of Greenacres school history. Please also join us next Sunday on November 29<sup>th</sup> at our family celebration at the school to mark its actual birthday! Take a moment tonight to look at the photos being displayed, speak to an alumnus or current parent about their experiences at Greenacres and enjoy the wonderful school and community spirit that makes Greenacres "the place to be!"

Regards,

2015-2016 Greenacres School PTA President





(Left) GA alumni Susan Olswang Strumer, SHS '55,  
Dr. Thomas Hagerman, Scarsdale Schools Superintendent,  
Sharon Hill, Greenacres School Principal



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### Sharon Hill

Principal

**Sharon De Lorenzo**

Teacher In Charge

November 20, 2015

Dear Families and Friends of Greenacres,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to our annual Fall Fundraiser, the highpoint of our yearlong celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of our beloved school, Greenacres. While much has changed since its early years, Greenacres still graces the community with its charming presence and our students continue to enjoy rich curricular and cultural experiences that nurture lifelong learning.

The children will participate in many events across the year. We have spent many hours looking at artifacts that were tucked away in our basement, studying photographs that captured moments in the history of learning in our school and creating a school wide timeline of the last hundred years. Tonight's fundraiser is an important event in our yearlong celebration as we come together, blending the past and present. We are honored to have the presence of so many of you who walked the hallways of Greenacres as students and those of you who are currently in the process of creating your history at Greenacres.

Parent involvement is one of the hallmarks of being a member of the Greenacres community, and our PTA takes pride in providing many meaningful programs and experiences for the children. This collaboration with our faculty allows us to further enhance the children's learning experiences. Your support and enthusiastic participation in this event is greatly appreciated and is part of the tradition that makes Greenacres the very special learning community it is.

Our auction committee has assembled an incredible assortment of items and packages, which I hope you will find irresistibly enticing. Enjoy the evening chatting, munching, sipping, browsing and of course bidding. Thank you for coming out to lend your support for our wonderful school. It will be time and dollars well spent, knowing that ultimately the children are the beneficiaries of your efforts.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Sharon Hill





The Greenacres Elementary School - 2015  
*Erik Holvig, GA Technology Teacher*





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Dear Greenacres,

So what does it mean to be a 100 years old?

...In human terms, we refer to someone who reaches this distinctive age as a *centenarian*. This exclusive group conjures up notions of longevity, perspective, wisdom, and connectedness.

...In the areas of science and technology, it was a hundred years ago that Einstein profoundly changed the 20<sup>th</sup> century by finishing and publishing the equations that substantiated his theory of relativity ( $E=mc^2$ ), leading to new branches of study in physics, astronomy, philosophy and even sociology.

...In numerology, 100 represents energy that's self-determined, independent, and has infinite potential.

In many ways, Greenacres embodies all of these elements and many more. Greenacres today is, undoubtedly, the culmination of its rich history, commitment to quality education and innovation, and influence by all alumni and teachers who have been on this journey to date.

The first Greenacres school began in a private home at the corner of Greenacres and Walworth Avenues in 1915. By November of that year, Scarsdale's first elementary school was built in the location of the current school on Huntington Road. The small, one story building had five classrooms and two play porches, and the students were in the capable hands of six teachers. Clearly, a lot has changed over the years, not only in terms of the physical space, but also in teaching methodologies and the programs and services that are offered to students and families. Each of the last 100 years has brought both new ideas, as well as challenges, to the community. This has been a critical part of its development, ensuring innovation and progressive practice, while retaining core values and community traditions.

At its core, Greenacres has and continues to be a neighborhood school, the centerpiece of the community, and the hub of activity for children and adults alike. Without question, the first century in Greenacres has provided a strong foundation for what promises to be another, exceptional one ahead.

Congratulations Greenacres! You are 100 years strong and still growing.

Dr. Thomas Hagerman,  
Superintendent of Schools





## The Greenacres Song

Near old Scarsdale's northern borders

Rears against the sky

Proudly stands our dear Greenacres

As the years go by

Greenacres now we sing to thee

And raise our voices high

We'll honor thee with loyalty

and

Praise thee through the sky.

*As remembered by Chris Combe  
Greenacres student 1952-1957*

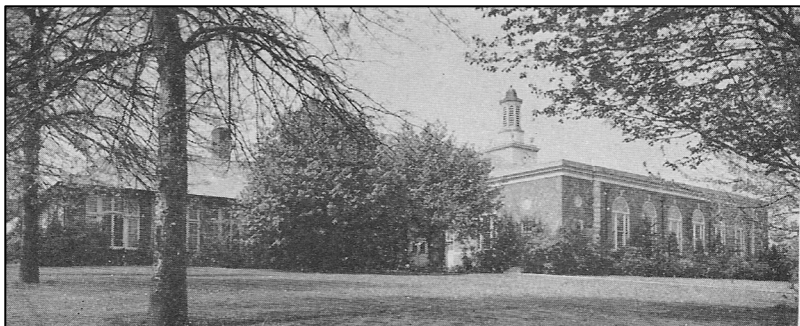




## A horizontal line of small, dark gray diamond shapes.



# Greenacres History



The Greenacres School circa 1930's

The growing population in Scarsdale necessitated the building of a new school building within Scarsdale's District #1. In May of 1915, a district meeting resulted in the authorization of \$17,000 for the school site, known as the McCabe site and \$28,000 for construction.

The Greenacres Elementary school building opened on November 29, 1915.

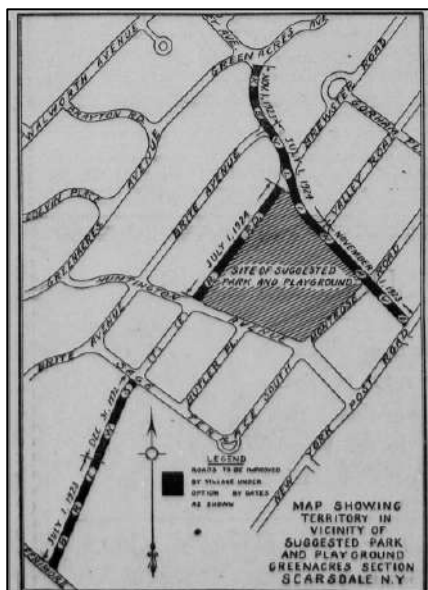
The school originated as a one-story building consisting of five classrooms and two play porches. There were six teachers and 86 students.

Enrollment has changed over the years.

1922 – 193 students  
1930 – 344 students  
1942 – 338 students  
1966 – 452 students  
1987 – 306 students  
2006 – 417 students  
2015 – 380 students



# Greenacres History



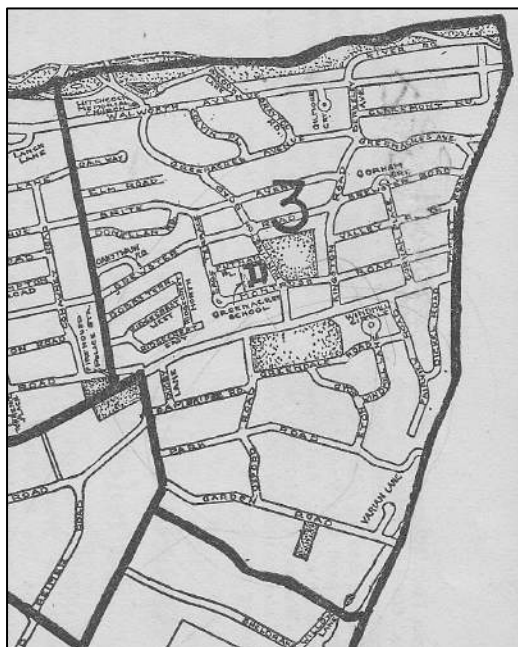
In 1922 the Village of Scarsdale had an option to purchase approximately 12 acres of land opposite the Greenacres School from The Scarsdale Estates. This property bounded by Brewster Road, Kevlin Road (now Kingston), Montrose Road and Huntington Avenue was to be used for park and playground purposes. The first proposal was voted down in November, 1922. Soon after, construction of new houses along Brewster and Kevlin Roads started on this land.

In June, 1923 the Board of Education proposed the purchase of 6 acres of land, which was the remaining undeveloped land of the original 1922 proposal. This purchase was approved.



## Greenacres History

The *Scarsdale Inquirer* wrote in its October 29, 1926 edition: ONE WAY STREET - Traffic signs have been placed in Butler Place (now Putnam Avenue) to the west of the Greenacres School, making this a one-way street. This step has been taken to avoid the congestion of cars during the noon and afternoon dismissal periods of the school.



Huntington Avenue is named after Dr. George Huntington, a professor of astronomy and former resident.

Sage Terrace is named after William H. Sage, a Greenacres resident and former President of the school board.

Map of Greenacres, from *The Town Club An Introduction to Scarsdale Community Life*

Putnam Road was originally named Butler Place by Robert Farley, the manager of Scarsdale Estates. The Village Planning Commission changed the street name in 1928. The Putnam name may refer to Colonel Rufus Putnam, chief engineer to General George Washington.



# Greenacres History



Greenacres School circa 1970's

The Greenacres School building has changed over the years to meet the needs of the community.

1920: The school expanded with the addition of the east and west wings.

1929: The addition of the gymnasium created the courtyard space.

1957: The library was modernized and expanded to its current location.

1990: A small addition was added to the old multi-purpose room.

2000: The new multipurpose room, classroom space and the building elevator were added.





Charlie with Trudy Moses











## A horizontal row of 25 small, dark gray diamond shapes, each rotated 45 degrees, creating a continuous pattern.

## GA 1948 &amp; SHS 1954

His professional career includes working for IBM for 34 years in various jobs, including Director of Education for North and South America and the Pacific Rim. While living in Hong Kong from 1984 to 1989 Woody was responsible for the computer operations at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea.

Woody's participation in many civic activities includes serving on the Board of Education, the Board of Finance and being First Selectman (Mayor) of Weston, Connecticut for eight years.





Nicole with friend Karen Geller (L)











Ken (uniform #3) - second from the right, front row.









Rob pictured in Mrs. Absgarten's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class





# Greenacres 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honoree

Rob Kissner - Founder & CEO

GA 1997 &amp; SHS 2004

Rob Kissner is the founder and CEO of The Digital Arts Experience in White Plains, which offers cutting edge extra-curricular programs focused on creative technology to the kids and teens of the Westchester community. The Digital Arts Experience offers after school programs during the school year and day camps over the summer. In addition, many schools & youth organizations around Westchester and Southern Connecticut contract The Digital Arts Experience to offer programs at their locations.

Rob is proud to have Greenacres Elementary as a client, offering after school programs and lunchtime programs for nearly all grades. The Digital Arts Experience is also working with Greenacres on an Artist in Residence program for the entire school.

Rob started at Greenacres in second grade with Ms. Farella. He looks back fondly on his time at Greenacres and is still close with a number of friends. This fall Rob even officiated at the wedding of his best friend and his wife, both of whom attended Greenacres. Rob has enjoyed and continues to enjoy working with Greenacres and its students.





Linda with brother Randy Carpenter



Linda Carpenter Leavitt - Editor Emerita

Linda Carpenter Leavitt entered Greenacres third grade in 1954 and was thrilled to win a short story contest sponsored by the school newspaper. She loved fifth grade with Rose Nicthaus. Her mother, Josephine Carpenter, was PTA president in 1960 and her daughter Alison also attended Greenacres.

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Alan Schwarz - Journalist

GA 1980 &amp; SHS 1986

Alan is a Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist at *The New York Times* best known for his 100-article series about the dangers of concussions in sports, which spurred reform both in the National Football League and in youth sports nationwide.

His passion for mathematics -- displayed on the first day of Greenacres kindergarten when he told Mr. Baker, "I want to learn square roots" -- has so infused his ground-breaking journalism that the American Statistical Association honored him in 2013 with its lifetime Excellence in Statistical Reporting Award.

Alan's 2004 best-selling book, *The Numbers Game: Baseball's Lifelong Fascination with Statistics*, was dedicated to his teachers.









## Greenacres 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Honoree

Saya Woolfolk - Artist

GA 1989 & SHS 1997

Saya Woolfolk is a New York based artist who uses anthropology and mythology to re-imagine the world in multiple dimensions.

Fourth grade teacher, Stephanie Harley, introduced Woolfolk to ways to think about culture through creativity, which have been a major influence on her work and her life.

She has exhibited at the Studio Museum in Harlem; Asian Art Museum, CA; PS1/MoMA; Brooklyn Museum; Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; MoCA Taipei; MAK Frankfurt; and Performa 09; and has been written about in *Artforum*, *The New York Times*, and the *Huffington Post*. Her solo museum exhibitions include *The Empathics* at Montclair Art Museum in the fall of 2012, and *ChimaTEK Life Products* at Chrysler Museum of Art in the fall 2014. She recently completed a video installation commission for the Seattle Art Museum and is a recipient of a NYFA grant in Digital/Electronic Arts.



## The Principals of Greenacres



"No grave problems of overcrowding in the Scarsdale schools are anticipated when they open for the Fall term next Wednesday, according to Supervising Principal Vernon G. Smith. Miss Phyllis Graves will take up her duties as the new principal of the Greenacres School, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Purla Bates."

*Scarsdale Inquirer* – September 2, 1932

1917-1919: Miss Rachel Irwin  
1920 – 1932: Miss Purla M. Bates  
1932 – 1933: Miss Phyllis Graves  
1933 – 1951: Mrs. Cora Louise Gravely  
1951: Mr. Robert Almy (acting principal)  
1951 – 1954: Mr. John Shawly  
1955 – 1960: Dr. Burt Stover  
1960 – 1977: Mr. Robert Furey  
1977 – 1981: Dr. Fred Roth  
1981 – 1996: Mrs. Paula Sternberg  
1996 - 2003: Mrs. Francine Ballan  
2003 – 2014: Mr. Gerry Young  
2014 – Present: Mrs. Sharon Hill



Dr. Fred Roth



Mrs. Paula Sternberg



## The Principals of Greenacres

Francine Ballan: The years I spent at Greenacres were the most exciting and satisfying of my career. It was a time of growth for the school including more students and teachers, additional classroom space, an increased use of technology to support instruction, a new multi-purpose room and a new library.



Gerry Young: When we were refurbishing the entryway, we sought out historical photos and artifacts of the school. The daughter of a former teacher gave us many old photos, two that showed the memorial ceremony for Cora Louise Gravely. She died while principal in 1951. A birdbath, stone and a plaque were placed in the courtyard and dedicated in her

memory at that time. Over the years the birdbath deteriorated, leaving only the stone and plaque. It appeared to the students that she was buried there and her name being Gravely didn't help. Some believe she is the "Greenacres Ghost" who appears at the annual Halloween Assembly. One never knows....



## Greenacres PTA President Timeline

*Before 1924 there was one Parent Teacher Association for the Scarsdale School District. In 1925 the Scarsdale PTA established Grade Mothers for each school.*

1925-27: Mrs. Hugu I. Young, GA Grade Mother

1927-29: Mrs. Allan Davies, GA Grade Mother

*In 1929 the Scarsdale Parent Teacher Association was reorganized into four units, one for each Scarsdale School: Scarsdale High School, Edgewood, Fox Meadow and Greenacres.*

1929-31: Mrs. Charles F. Reeves

1931-32: Mrs. Willard F. Butcher

1932-33: Mrs. A.E. Marshall

1933-34: Mrs. Henry E. Weaver

1934-35: Mrs. Charles F. Hazelwood

1936-38: Mrs. W.J. Kelley

1938-39: Mrs. Allen S. Wilber



1939-40: Mrs. E. M. McBride

1940-41: Mrs. E. W. Higgins

1941-43: Mrs. T. L. Burch

1943-45: Mrs. Harry A. Gibbon

1945-47: Mrs. Orison A. Marden

1947-48: Mrs. E. Armstrong

1948-50: Mrs. Clarke E. Harris

Ruth Kent Burch



## Greenacres PTA President Timeline



*Jo Carpenter's memorable moment as PTA President...*  
*The Scarsdale Inquirer* photo caption reads: Mrs. O. Clinton Carpenter (left) welcomes school Principal Robert Furey and his wife at the PTA's annual meeting.

1950-51: Mrs. William E. Forbes  
1952-52: Mrs. George P. Drowne Jr.  
1952-54: Mrs. Winston Hobbs  
1954-56: Mrs. John Snyder  
1956-57: Mrs. James H. Pickering  
1957-58: Mrs. John (Jean) Cannon  
1959-60: Mrs. Katie McEniry  
1960-61: Mrs. Josephine Carpenter



## Greenacres PTA President Timeline

"P.T.A."



1961-62:

Mrs. William D. Lucas

1962-64:

Mrs. Charles E. Heming

1964-66:

Mrs. John Cline

1966-68:

Mrs. Stuart Edgerton

1968-70:

Mrs. Robert (Gerry) Hodes

1970-72:

Mrs. Benjamin Berman

1973-75:

Susan Walker

1975-77:

Laura Strauss

1977-79:

Renee Baylor

1979-81:

Ginny Aaron

Greenacres School Handbook  
1960



## Greenacres PTA President Timeline



*Renee Baylor's memorable moment as PTA President...*

It was 4:00 AM when I was awakened by the ringing telephone. Harriet Sobol, wife of the Superintendent of Schools Tom Sobol, called to ask that I activate the telephone tree, the emergency contact plan. She said that schools would be closed that day due to a major snowstorm. I telephoned each Class Mother, who was then instructed to call each class parent, so that every Greenacres household would be notified before 6:00 AM. In those days, the fingers did the "walking" on rotary telephones.



## Greenacres PTA President Timeline



*Eleanor November's memorable moment as PTA President...*  
As incoming Greenacres PTA president in the spring of 1981, I sat in on interviews of candidates to become the new principal of Greenacres. Paula Sternberg was selected. The PTA Board and other Greenacres parents put on an original musical dinner theater show as a fundraiser.

1981-83:	Eleanor November
1983-84:	Rita Gordon
1984-86:	Linda Pelaccio
1987-88:	Leslie Platto
1988-89:	Wendy Samuelson
1989-91:	Terry Perl



## Greenacres PTA President Timeline

1991-92:	Pat Wilson
1992-94:	Teresa Vath
1994-96	Terri Simon
1996-98	Debbie Augarten
1998-00	Susan Livingston

### *Terri Simon's memory of Greenacres...*

The Greenacres School gave our children a wonderful education, our whole family a happy foundation in the neighborhood, and me a starting point for a gratifying run of interesting and rewarding volunteer roles in the community. My kids are long grown and independent, but whenever I go into the School to vote, just the fragrance of the building evokes memories of many happy times.



(L to R) Debbie Augarten, Cindy Rafeld, event chair and Greenacres Principal Francine Ballan

### *Debbie Augarten's memorable moment as PTA President...*

Singing Happy Birthday to the Greenacres Elementary School to celebrate its 80th birthday.



## Greenacres PTA President Timeline



*Anne Lyon's memorable moment as PTA President...*

As PTA president I had the benefit of working with two very different principals who both taught me so much about education and parenting.

My least favorite memory was my quest to solve the parking

situation around the streets of the school. At the end of my tenure I officially gave up!!!!

*Gayle Hutcher's memorable moment as PTA President...*

Bringing the PTA into the digital age; establishing weekly email notices, ending papers going home in the backpack and an e-board on the district web site.



Gayle with daughter Lilly, 2004



2000-02	Mona Longman
2002-04	Anne Lyons
2004-06	Jori Wolfe
2006-08	Gayle Hutcher
2008-09	Melissa Rothberg
2009-10	Stephanie Hurwitz



*Stephanie Hurwitz's memorable moment as PTA President...*  
The Greenacres spirit day leading up to the annual carnival. It was so great to see all of the kids and numerous parent volunteers showing their pride and spirit for our amazing school!



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## Greenacres PTA President Timeline



Isabel with a member of the Scarsdale Fire Department during the photo session for the school 's100<sup>th</sup> celebration

*Isabel Feingold's memorable moment as PTA President...*

I began the year with a new Principal and ended the year on top of a fire truck taking pictures of GA teachers and students in the shape of a 100 as one of the many 100 year celebration events.



## Greenacres PTA President Timeline

2010-11	Karen Ceske
2011-12	Kathleen Campbell
2012-13	Melissa Berridge
2013-14	Dana Matsushita
2014-15	Isabel Feingold
2015-16	Lynn Marvin

*Dana Matsushita's  
memorable moment as PTA  
President...*

During my term former  
principal Gerry Young  
retired and we did the  
search for current principal  
Sharon Hill.



Dana with children  
Zachary & Mira

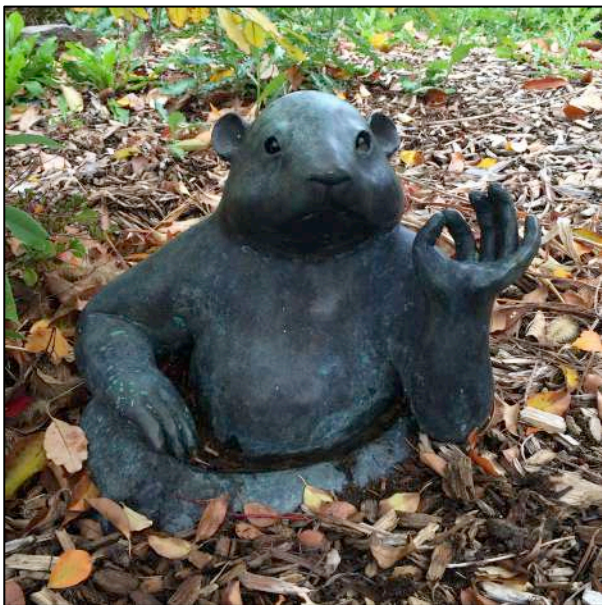


## #ga #memories #100

- Mr. Gosen's Groundhog Day play in 5th grade class, State Reports - getting it to 100 pages pre-computers was a feat, Lincoln Center sessions, teaching us about Perry Meter (perimeter) and having us do variable-controlled science tests on lentil beans, sophisticated tie flips and cotyledon claps.
- Editing the *Greenacres Star* newspaper.
- Playing Injun Joe in Mr. Christie's class's presentation of *Tom Sawyer*, a drama coached by my mother.
- Memories play, blue frogs and singing in the Flag Day concert with Ms. Moses.
- Early morning gym.
- Creating soap/rock sculptures and acrylic art during art classes.
- Mr. Briggs got me started in music on the saxophone.
- Unveiling Mr. Gosen's groundhog statue.
- The school carnival.
- Good times with friends on the field, blacktop and playground in front of the school.
- Dave Smith, our favorite custodian who knew everyone, sang at school functions and greeting us with a kind smile and deep, warm laugh each day.
- When we set off the smoke alarm while warming the "authentic" cuisine for Colonial Day and the fire department came and discovered our campfire! Lesson learned: clean the ovens more frequently to avoid excess smoke!
- Putting on the play *Plum Pudding* for Christmas.
- Reading in the courtyard.
- Greenacres flea market.
- Going to the library each week to listen to Mrs. Witt read while sitting in her rocking chair.
- Reading *James and the Giant Peach* in 3rd grade.
- Spelling Bees in Mr. Ackerman's 4th grade class.



## #ga #memories #100



The Groundhog, in memory of Mr. Gosen

- Green and white uniforms for all the sports teams.
- We walked to school every day without our parents and left school every day to go home for lunch.
- Mrs. Merrihew, who took us to the woods in Fox Meadow to look at and identify various leaves, and stalactites under the bridge there and gathering on Greenacres Field one night to identify the constellations.
- Greenacres Picnic with square dancing and racing competitions.
- Linda Zayac's smile.
- Jeanne Weber, school secretary and mimeograph machine operator extraordinaire.
- Playing floor hockey in Phys. Ed.





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## #ga #memories #100

- In the 5th grade I would help Dave, the school custodian, take the flag down. Years later I would walk past school on my way to the train and see Dave. I had asked when I was younger, if the gym rope was ever on its way out, could I have it. I think when I was in my late 20's he gave me one of the old ropes.
- I was swinging on a swing on Greenacres Field one afternoon, and an older student came to me and said "You better get home. President Roosevelt just died".
- Mr. Shoemaker's 3rd grade class performed a circus.
- 6th grade Olympics.
- When *The New York Times* came to the assembly in 1975, I think, and taught us how to read a newspaper and gave each of us our name in lead type. I became a journalist in part because of this.
- Ice cream with Mrs. Schechter.
- Dancing to Cyndi Lauper in the gym.
- My report on Boston for which I made a Boston crème pie.
- The playground across the street and all the hours I spent there, going to and from without having to be watched by a parent.
- The magical sound of the children - talking, laughing, playing, exploring.
- Recess.
- The multi-purpose room.
- Climbing bars in the gym that took you up to the balcony.
- Creating skits in Mr. Johnson's 6th grade social studies class on Greek mythology.
- Watching our three children cross Sage Terrace to go to school their first day.
- Kindergarten Halloween parade.
- Book Jacket parade.





## #ga #memories #100

- Easter Bunny hunt run by Coach Rathke.
- Studying Native Americans in Mrs. Harley's 4th grade class. I built an Iroquois long house out of birch bark...
- Singing 'The Rose' and 'Imagine' in chorus.
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade Capstone projects.
- Sharing my birthday with the principal.
- Miss. Beaujean's spring parties at her house complete with her extensive Beatrix Potter collection and the candy/treats planted throughout her garden.
- Miss Zeno, our remedial reading teacher.
- Being allowed to be me, whatever that happened to mean on any given day.
- John Gosen's 5th grade class show, planned, created, and rehearsed (mostly around the piano in our house) to include every member of the class, and followed by the cast party cookout in our backyard.
- Mr. Christie (6<sup>th</sup> grade) was my first male teacher, and also the first teacher to be invited to dinner at our home where he offered to mix martinis - for my parents, not for me.
- Field Day, which concluded with Mike, the school custodian, making a huge bonfire. But before that happened, each family spread out its blanket and picnic food on the grass, families got a chance to mingle and we had a chance to introduce our teacher to our families. That is also the first time I realized that teachers have families too! I must have thought they came from Mars!!
- Bringing to school old clothes for donation to a charity my teacher organized. It made me realize there are poor kids in the world.
- Mrs. Regal, whose favorite saying was "I am going to whip you with a wet noodle"



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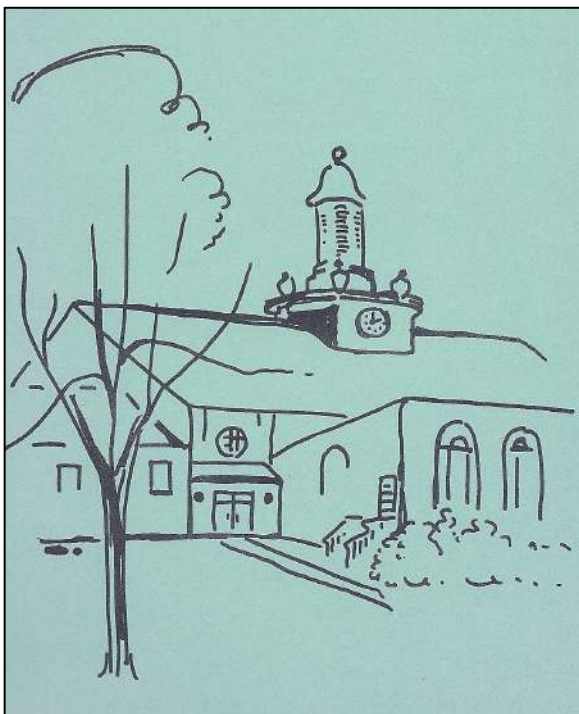


In memory of Cora Louise Gravely, Principal

- Walking over to the Fox Meadow School to celebrate the school's anniversary.
- Being the "tightrope walker" (I walked along a painted line in the gym) in the Kindergarten circus.
- Mr. Baron's accordion...
- Half day kindergarten classes: 1<sup>st</sup> graders attended school two full days and three half days; 2<sup>nd</sup> graders attended school four full days and one half day. Students had the same teacher for first and second grades.



## #ga #memories #100



From the 1960 Greenacres Handbook

- Having Mrs. Uyeda for 3rd grade and learning to eat with chopsticks using popcorn in her class and the lovely Japanese luncheon we made for our parents at the end of the year. Writing our own play in her class.
- The trees.
- Mr. Shoemaker was my favorite teacher. Mrs. Foot was also wonderful. We used to joke that Mr. Shoemaker made shoes for Mrs. Foot.
- GA Spirit Days.
- Mrs. Nahabedian's Picasso art show.





## #ga #memories #100

- The sweet-smelling markers in Mr. Koulianos's art room.
- Cooking hotdogs with foil in the sun in 3rd grade.
- Trips to Ellis Island, NYC and Boston.
- Annual square dance on the blacktop and Mr. Romanello, our gym teacher, teaching square dancing as part of the curriculum.
- Circle Line cruise in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- Building forts and climbing that great jungle gym that used to be in the "little playground" out back
- Ms. Reetz would sit quietly with me when my classmates were at recess and help me to read. Using the old school reading primers she taught me sight words, the different sounds of the letters, how to string together letters to make a word. When I had success, she had success too.
- Mr. Gosen mistakenly left his briefcase on the sidewalk outside the school and I noticed it on my way home. I took it with me, found his telephone number at his home in NYC, and called him to let him know I had it. That in itself was a thrill for a 10 year old student! The next day when I brought it into school he jokingly called me the "briefcase thief" and did so for the rest of the school year.
- Writing original poetry with Mrs. Fiderer.
- Easter Bunny hunt run by Coach Rathke.
- Miss. Beaujean's spring parties at her house complete with her extensive Beatrix Potter collection and the candy/treats planted throughout her garden.
- 100-Day Kindergarten Parade.
- Mr. Guski wearing pink shorts to school for the dress-down Friday charity day.
- Recreating *Washington Crossing the Delaware* painting and drawing it.
- Mrs. Farella's 100 point words, mine was honeycomb.



## #ga #memories #100

- Playing the role of Petruchio in our fourth grade play of Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*.
- Volunteering at the KJK School Play.
- The Halloween assembly and Ms. Reetz dressing up as the Greenacres Ghost and "haunting" the assembly.
- Making a zoo of our classroom in Miss Cadso's 2nd grade classroom.
- Performing in the band, orchestra and chorus under Trudy Moses and Jill Weiss.
- When I was involved in a fundraiser and had all the food arranged for the event and there was a fire at the school and the "powers that were" would not let me serve the food and insisted that it all be thrown out.
- I broke my arm in the 5th grade. My teacher Mr. Christie allowed my dog Champ, who followed me to school each day, to sit under my desk.
- When the janitors put the pictures of the Ayatollah in the urinals during the Iran hostage crisis of 1979.
- 5th grade trip to Ashoken Reservoir.
- The day someone erased some of the letters in the school sign to make it read, "A CHOO".
- The swings at the top of the hill.
- The dinosaurs in the sand pit and the jungle gym and the boiling hot slide.
- Mrs. Ames who was so kind to my kid sister.
- There were five kids named David in my 2nd grade class.
- Making candy poppers in Mrs. Citron's 1st grade class.
- Making butter in Ms. Brumbaugh's 2nd grade class.
- What a big deal it was to go to class on the second floor.
- Mrs. Walls' 1st and 2nd grade - she had Grady the spotted dog we could sit with and Mr. Boney (the skeleton).
- Mrs. Beaujean's kindergarten class - we had a garden, made red-hot lollipops and sheared a sheep one day.



## #ga #memories #100



In Memory of Ed Grossman

- The Sound and the contraband sea turtle.
- Playing - "over the fence" with the boys, softball games, soccer, capture the flag, jacks, dodge ball in gym, baseball, basketball, football and soccer for Greenacres teams, the baseball mitt game, kick ball & box ball on the playground, my Dad coaching football, 3 legged races.
- The annual fair in the gym.
- Buying books at the book fair (I used to be the accountant and would go down to the phone booth by the front entrance to tally orders and count money).





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