Stroll down Edison's memory lane





1936~ current

Please join us as we take a stroll down Edison's memory lane.

Most of the pictures are from 1942-70s.

Many thanks to the outstanding Edison PTA who supplied many of these photos. Please be sure to look out for their 1942-1979 year books!

Let's begin-

Here is a picture of our Edison of today....



Let's journey back in history. The date is 1935...

The community requested an elementary school at east end of WW on November 19, 1935.

Edison opened in 1936. It is currently a K-5 school, but it started as K-6.

The levy was approved at \$40,000 to build 6 room grade school & the High School gym.

Bids were accepted January 15, 1936.

The chosen architect was J.W. Maloney (Yakima) and the contractor was the Brady Construction Co.

The actual cost to build was \$43,714

The elementary school was named Edison Elementary on July 13, 1936.

It opened September 8, 1936 with 73 students and 3 teachers- grades 1-4.

The first teacher/principal was Blanche Fisher. She was hired December 7, 1936 at \$10.00/month.

The WW Rotary stepped in for athletic related activities as there were no men teachers or playground.

The Rotary purchased property east of building (seven lots) for playground purposes at a cost of \$177.10 for 3.24 acres.

The enrollment gradually grew to 1948.

Edison's second principal was appointed Sept. 1937. Dora Kolars served as principal until Feb. 1951.

With the growth, grades 1-5 were added in 1937.

In 1938, 6th grade added and Edison had a teaching staff of five teachers.

In 1947, a sixth teacher was added.

With a growth in population, more classrooms were needed in 1949.

Four classrooms were added at a cost of \$40,000. This was the new addition- the West Wing.

Edison's enrollment increased rapidly to 200 students creating 2 classrooms for K and 1st grades. 1 classroom remained for each section of grades 2-6.

Between 1949-52, enrollment swelled to 283 requiring more space.

Thus, the East Wing, a four room addition, was approved in September 1952 and completed by February 1953 at cost of \$46,994.

However, Edison still was not big enough, so two four grade classrooms were housed at Evergreen Fieldhouse. Edison's third principal was Eugene Myers from 1951-1968.

Kitchen facilities were added in 1957 at cost of \$16,385. Now hot lunches were available for the students!

In 1966, the enrollment reached 485, and again, more space was needed. The school district added a modular building (portable) for the library & one classroom— at the cost of \$44,006.

Since 1952, Edison has been basically a two section school, meaning 2 classrooms per grade level.

Edison has had a history of a VERY active PTA.

They have accomplished many projects, fundraisers, school improvements, bonds & levies.

Their amazing yearbooks are on display.

Many things happened from 1949-1979.

One of the largest was Edison's 40th year celebration from 1975-76.

Quality education and growth occurred between 1976 until present day, but this researcher was not able to find enough information. Please see the PTA yearbooks to fill in the gaps!

Principals of Edison Elementary include-

Blanche Fisher 1936-37 Dora Kolars 1937-51 Eugene Myers 1951-68 John Robinson 1968-71 Richard Moore 1971-JoAnne Martin **Dusty Polson** Bill Eyestone Nancy Withycombe

Apologies if anyone was forgotten!

PLEASE see all the wonderful pictures - class and other activities in the PTA yearbooks!!

Now, let's view Edison in pictures!

Pictures from PTA year book. These start in the 1949-52 book.

Kinder & 4th grade
Classrooms from
the inside- out!





Beginning band from the 1949-52 yearbook







Meet the Patrol and baseball team from the 1949-52 yearbook!

Edison staff 1949-1952





Principal Eugene Myers 1951-68

Christmas program December 1951





Christmas Program December 1951

Flute choir & chorus 1952-53



Flute choir

1952-53



Christmas program 1954-55.





Christmas program 1954-55.



Edison staff 1954-55





Pictures from 1954-55

Edison girls' patrol and band 1959-60





Edison school circa 1960



The portable arrives to make a learning space for the library and one classroom

1967-68

Edison Christmas program 1967-68



Edison staff 1973-74



PTA has been very active in Edison's history.

Here are some of the school improvements PTA did during the 1976-77 school year.

Improvements

7-E SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Two projects were completed during the past year. The first grade classrooms were carpeted and the fourth grade classrooms were painted. The carpeting project was possible with profits from the carnival. The painting was completed on a weekend by volunteer parents.









Here's our Edison of today.





Recent students



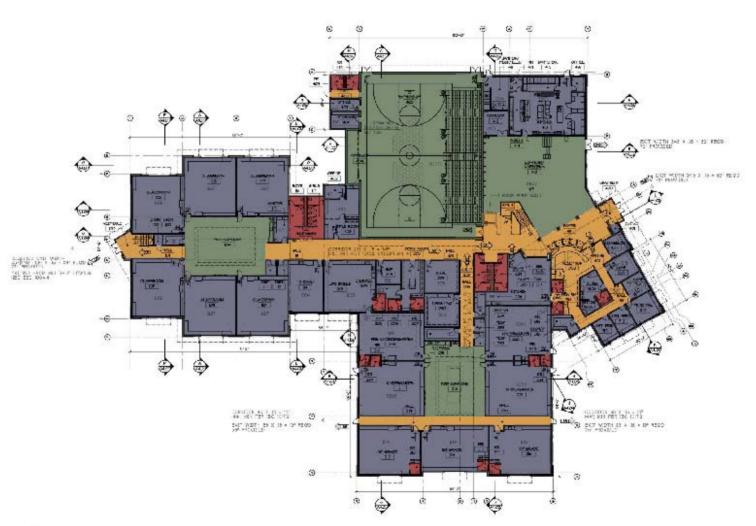
Plans for the new Edison





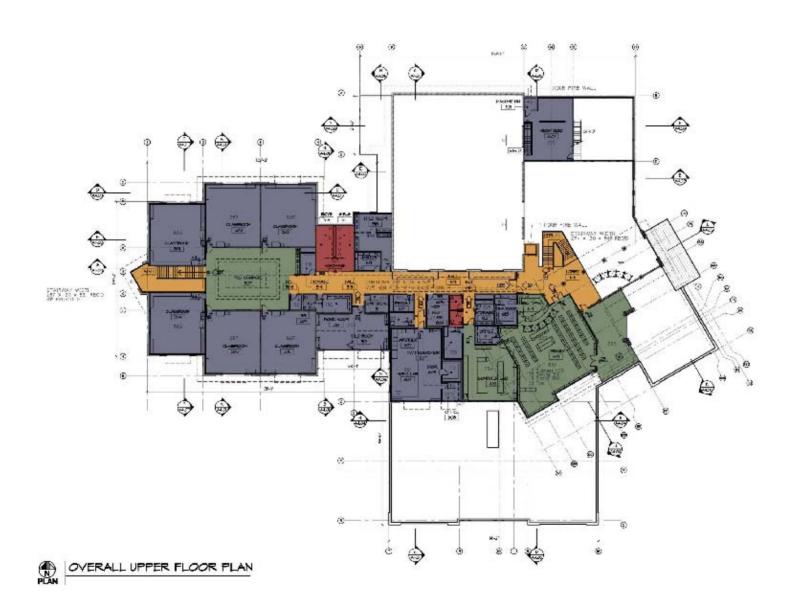
Edison's overall site layout plan

Edison's Overall main floor plan





Overall upper floor plan













Construction



Today's beloved "leader" and principal, Nancy Withycombe

There are currently 290 students enrolled at Edison, with next's year's enrollment growing to 450.

The school will go from a 2 room/grade level to a 3 room/grade level.

Edison is starting a Dual Immersion program for Kinder and 1st grade for the 2009-10 school year.

Current Edison Staff Principal Nancy Withycombe Secretary Arlene Moreno Nurse Lori Moothart Learning Specialist Nancy Anhorn Kindergarten Jodi Grove Kindergarten Louise Johnson First Grade Sara Erwin First Grade Karen Fuller Second Grade Kay Barga Second Grade Charleen Kaaen Second Grade Debora Rossi

Third Grade Jo Anna Gogl Third Grade Mary Klein Fourth Grade Amy Ford Fourth Grade Leslie Hanson-Anderson Fifth Grade Tod Crouter Fifth Grade Genie Huntemann Resource Room Dave Larson Title 1 Kit Chryst Library Media Specialist Jen Nicholson P.E. Pat McFetridge Music Ronda Gabbard Speech & Language Debbie Rowland-Smith Intervention Specialist Jacque Richerzhagen

Para Educator Sam Barker Para Educator Kristin Dewey Para Educator Daneitta Mertens Para Educator Connie Pinza Para Educator Gail Serven Kitchen Manager Karen Jorgensen Cook Jeannie Sullivan Custodian Doug Klein Custodian John Kiefel

Thank you Edison PTA for a history of quality learning and support!

Current Edison PTA officers:

President: Jennifer Northam

Vice President: Andrea Cortinas

Secretary: Vicki Ostrander

Treasurer: Katherine Hogan

Here's to the next 100 years of quality learning at Edison Elementary!

Good Luck Edison learning family!

Remember your history.

Enjoy your new building!