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Happy 15th Birthday A. G. Bell

On approximately February 13, 1967, A. G. Bell Elementary opened its doors to its first students. The principal was Ev Cox. His secretary was Gladys Criss, our present school secretary. The librarian was Geneva Hutchinson who still serves as librarian at Bell.

The students moved from the old Norkirk elementary which was located at the present site of the Kirkland Jr. High. The kids held their Valentine Parties early that year at Norkirk so they could be with their old friends and teachers. The move was delayed a few days because the student's desks had not arrived.

The building was built in stages with the gym being built after the school had opened. The faculty lounge had no furniture and Gladys remembers having a typewriter setting on something resembling a T.V. tray. Each new piece of equipment or furniture that arrived made it seem like Christmas all over again.

Many students have passed through the doors of A. G. Bell since February '67 and have gone on to various jobs, colleges and careers including raising families. It is interesting to note that the students who were in that first kindergarten class are now in their second year of college.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of A. G. Bell Elementary School. The PTSA is sponsoring a week of various events to celebrate the 15th birthday. You are cordially invited to attend as many of the activities as you can.

The kick off event will be a Family Film Night held on Friday, March 12th at 7:00 PM in the A. G. Bell Gym. The movie will be "Freaky Friday" and the cost is \$1.00 per person. The whole family is urged to attend. Preschoolers thru first grade must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn will be for sale.

Monday, March 15th will bring an all school assembly with each classroom presenting a school song and/or school cheer. A competition will be held and winners selected.

On Wednesday, March 17th, there will be another special assembly for the students in the afternoon, followed by birthday cake for all the classes.

Thursday evening will be the "grande finale" with an evening of entertainment for the entire family. Many special guests will be with us. The program will be followed by a classroom open house.

Please plan to attend and help us celebrate 15 wonderful years of dedication to our children and their education.