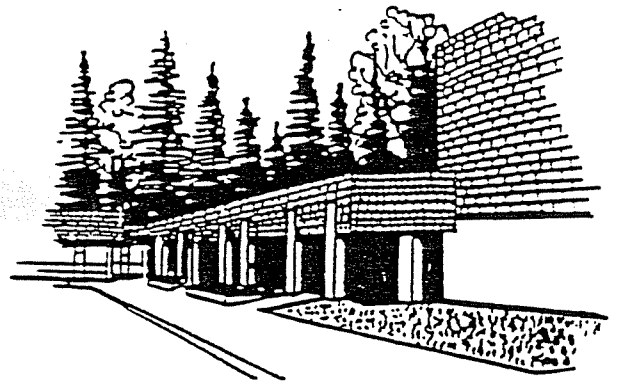


A. G. Bell Elementary

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Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School

Alexander Graham Bell Elementary was built in 1967. Bell was famous for its 2 1/2 acre outdoor classroom and referred to as a school with it's "own forest." Paul Kirk was the architect for the original school building.

To handle growth, Bell has been remodeled twice. The 400 wing was built in 1968 and an extensive remodel was completed in 1992. The second remodel included a new library and expanded parking area. The 500 wing, with 8 classrooms, was a welcome replacement for many of the portables at school.

A. G. Bell opened with 390 pupils. When the graduating class of 1994 started Kindergarten in 1987, the enrollment was 445 students. Today 509 students attend A. G. Bell.



"Alex," the Bell Bulldog, was not always the school mascot. He was introduced in September of 1983. The "Alex" you know today was drawn by Brian Daly, the husband of Cathy Daly, whom some of you had as your first grade teacher. Before "Alex," the school mascot was a dive bombing eagle called the "Bell Bomber."

Newer areas of the curriculum included the D.A.R.E. program and AIDS awareness which both started in 1989. A new Math curriculum also began that year which emphasized problem solving, reasoning and the use of manipulatives. Computers had become a common tool in business and our computer lab opened in the Fall of 1991 to expose students to this new technology on a weekly basis.

The curriculum at Bell included many highlights. Each year students celebrated 'Young Author's Day' by sharing a story they had written. 'Outdoor Ed' took an in-depth look at the major ecosystems in our region. Study proceeded over several months and students participated in field trips which allowed them to get a closer look at the plants, animals and environments about which they were learning. The 'Aviation' unit examined the history of flight and drew on the Seattle area's strong involvement in aviation by visiting Boeing and the Museum of Flight.