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### Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Fayston School!



In 1962 the town passed a bond to build a new school on German Flats Road, an idea proposed by school board members, Erlene Bragg, Augusta Graves and Hanne Williams. The cost was around \$50,000, and consisted of 2 classrooms, a multi-purpose room and a kitchen. This replaced the last remaining small school in Fayston at the bottom of Number 9 Hill. A second teacher was hired to work with Geneva Howes, and a hot lunch program was added, with Mrs. Fielder as the cook. Students began attendance in the fall of 1963. George Armstrong continued to drive his Jeep “bus “to pick up the 36 students in grades 1-8, although the seventh and eighth graders attended the Waitsfield School the following year.

In 1972, the town meeting was held at Glen Ellen due to construction at the school, adding a gymnasium/multi-purpose room and a new kitchen. A large renovation by architect Art Lowe in 1980 radically changed the appearance of the school. A kindergarten, library and offices were added, as well as cedar shake siding. A tower was constructed, and soon housed the famous bell donated by Sewall Williams, and now rung by all graduating sixth graders.

A small renovation, including the addition of a staff room and nurse’s office occurred in 1986, followed by a substantial renovation/addition by Black River Design in 1992. This project created two classrooms from the old gymnasium, and a resource room where the kitchen had been. New spaces included the art/music room, the front offices, and a larger kitchen and gymnasium.

The last construction project was in 2005, funded in part by a generous anonymous donor, creating the two current fifth and sixth grade classrooms. The school has grown in many ways, besides the expansion of its walls, witnessing the changes in education, but always treasuring the wonders of learning and the laughter of children.

Respectfully Submitted – Carla Lewis

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