

Northside News

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Above: Northside Elementary Alumna Clementine Self teaches 1st grade students a civil rights freedom song



Above: Northside Elementary and the original stairs of OCTS

Note from Northside Elementary

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September 21 was another historic moment in Chapel Hill as the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools dedicated Northside Elementary, its eleventh elementary school.

While the building is new, the spirit of Northside is not. As many of you know, there was another school from another era that used to sit on the site. In 1924, Orange County Training School was originally built on the lot. Funds were raised by this community in conjunction with a grant from Julius Rosenwald to build the school.

Through the years, classrooms were added and in 1951, the school took on the name Northside Elementary. When the district became desegregated in the 1960s, Northside was closed and students went to other district elementary schools.

We are proud to be part of this neighborhood's rich tradition of education and look forward to combining its incredible history with 21st Century technology. Northside Elementary is a place where every student can think, learn and grow with purpose, persistence and pride.

We especially enjoyed the dedication ceremony where former Northside alumni and community members met new Northside Elementary students and staff. This place has a history we aim to honor. Our teachers are incorporating the local history into their curriculum and we also have a memory hallway, which has pictures from the original schools, as well as the school's 1924 cornerstone.

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Northside Elementary Quick Facts

- Northside accommodates 585 students and has art, science and music rooms.
- The building is over 97,000 square feet and is LEED Green Certified through the US Green Building Council.
- We have a storm water management plan to reduce runoff and a rainwater cistern
- There is a vegetated "green" roof area, which is also used for science classes.
- On the rooftop, we have solar thermal panels to generate hot water for the building's kitchen and space heating needs.
- There are windows and clerestories to maximize daylight in classrooms.

Neighborhood Trivia

This month's Trivia is going to be a little different. In order to get the prize you need to team up with a student or resident and submit your answer along with your teammate's name.

Here's the trivia challenge: "Name two of the families who helped build the stone walls around UNC."

Call in to the Jackson Center starting Monday Nov^{4th} at 9 AM to answer. The first three teams with the correct answer win a prize!

Volunteer Opportunity: Habitat Home Repair in Northside on Nov. 15. Contact us!

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