

## **HISTORICAL LOG OF DENNIS AVENUE C.S.**



**1890:** Two classrooms were opened in the Marshall farmhouse on Lambton Avenue. Mr. John Ryerson Trumpour was the Principal. This house still stands and is now 8 Arnold Ave.

**1891:** A brick Mount Dennis School House with a slate roof and two rooms was erected, opening in 1892 by School Section No. 28. Mr. J.C. Smith was the Principal.

**1908:** Two rooms were added to make it a two-story building. Miss Reaman was the Principal.

**1911:** Four rooms were added to the back of the school.

**1915:** Two upstairs rooms in the Maple Leaf Theatre at the corner of Dennis Ave. and Weston Rd were rented for extra classes due to overcrowding by pupils from the Silverthorn district.

**1916:** A two-roomed portable was erected at Dennis Avenue C.S.

**1919:** Six rooms were added across the front of the school.

**1920:** A basement room was opened as a classroom.

**1924:** Lavatories were installed at the back of the building.

**1936:** Auxiliary classes, Home Economics and Industrial Arts classes began.

**1953:** A kindergarten and combined auditorium was added to the west side. Two houses were expropriated.

**1958:** Two classrooms were converted into hallways, offices, a lunchroom and washrooms.

**1959:** Four portables were built in the girls' yard. Two more houses were expropriated to make room.

**1960:** A gymnasium was added to the eastern side. The auxiliary class was transferred to Harwood School. Four portables were removed and one hundred and sixty pupils were transferred to the new Cordella School.

**1988:** The west asphalt playground was torn up and replaced with sod. Soccer posts were erected.

**1991:** Dennis Avenue C.S. celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

**1992:** The School Advisory Council (S.A.C.O.) installed basketball standards in the junior yard.

**1994:** The School Council initiated a Drop-In Centre for moms and tots, and produced a bi-monthly newsletter.

**1995:** S.A.C.O. produced a monthly letter, "Parent to Parent". High fencing was installed in the primary yard.

**1998:** The newly amalgamated TDSB was formed. The grade six program was transferred to Rockcliffe M.S.

**1999:** A computer lab was fully equipped for all students to use.

**2000:** Millennium Year Celebration: The students and staff traveled back in time to a school day at Mount Dennis School, in 1900. They dressed in period costumes, sang traditional songs, and participated in a Spelling Bee contest.

**2001:** A new primary playground was constructed.

**2009/10:** Two triple hoops and a new basketball net were installed, and the outdoor pavement lines re-marked so our children can play outdoor games. Our Eco Club did extensive gardening at the front of our school and we have over seven different types of gardens!

**2010/2011:** We continued our partnership with Arts for Children to design, paint and mount beautiful sculptures at the front of the school, emphasizing the beauty of our environment and how precious it is.

**2011/2012:** Seven native trees were planted in the primary yard and a beautiful mural was created by our junior students for our primary students. It was mounted on the west outdoor wall.