

Looking To The Future

Brodhead Elementary School's fifth grade class is taking part in an experiential learning project this year, as the students document the building of the new elementary school.

The 5th graders are learning and applying techniques of journalism, photography, technology, and basic communication skills as they chronicle the history of Brodhead School.

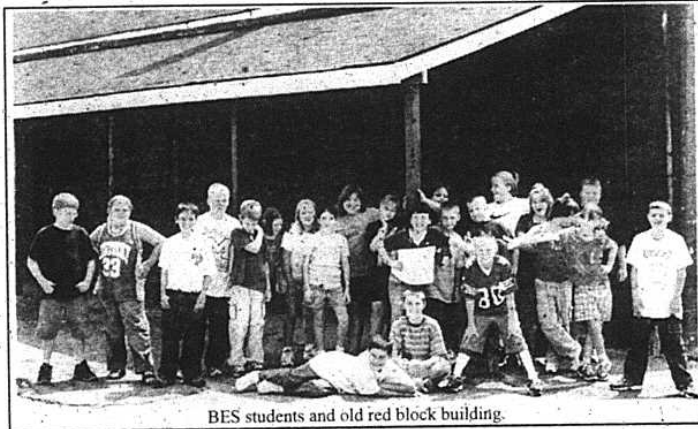
How Can YOU Participate?

- Share old photographs
- Loan Brodhead School memorabilia for display and/or photo shoots
- Be interviewed by 5th grade students
- Provide stories of your days at Brodhead

They began the project by observing and photographing their playground, the preschool building, and the bus walkway being torn down to make way for the new elementary school. Throughout the year, they will be interviewing Brodhead's alumni, students, faculty and staff to learn more of the rich heritage of the school and its impact on the entire Brodhead community.



BES students at new school building site.



BES students and old red brick building.

Learning From The Past

Although it has been difficult for the students to watch as the school grounds as they have known them have been leveled to make way for the school of the future, they are learning that reflection is the basis for preparing for the future. Only by truly understanding what has gone before can they really appreciate and fully comprehend what the new school will bring to the community.

The charm of history and its enigmatic lesson consist in the fact that, from age to age, nothing changes and yet everything is completely different.

—Aldous Huxley, *"The Devils of Loudon"*

Parents On Our Side

Parent involvement isn't just a nice idea. For the sake of our children, it's essential. The more a parent knows about a child's work at school, the higher the probability for their educational support. The goal of Roundstone Elementary is to establish positive communication in all aspects of a child's learning.

One of the most important components of parent involvement is for parents and students to encourage each other. For the past seven years, Roundstone Elementary School has provided arts opportunities for parents to participate in Artist Residencies.

In the fall of each year, parents and students participate together in storytelling, music and dance activities. In March, while recognizing Youth Art Month, parents and students create pottery, paintings, and drawings in a school-wide celebration. While averaging 4-6 artist residencies each year, Roundstone encourages parents to be a part of their child's creative process.

Roundstone parents have supported their children and the school by participating in many events and academic activities. Events such as Grandparents' Day, open house, and parent conferences have been greatly attended. Most recently, storyteller Michael Stearns led an audience of parents, students, and teachers in a variety of multicultural stories using music and movement.



Roundstone Primary Teacher Lisa Noe with parent during Parent/Teacher Conference Night.



Storyteller Michael Stearns teaches parent Beth Eaton how to play the Australian Didgeridoo.