

McLean County Museum of History

Unit 5 Schools Collection

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Collection Information

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Brief History

On May 8, 1948, voters approved the formation of a school district that is today legally known as Community Unit School District No. 5, McLean and Woodford Counties, Illinois. The district includes 11 congressional townships and serves parts of Bloomington, all Carlock, Hudson, Normal, and Towanda and rural areas surrounding each of these communities.

McLean County Unit District No. 5 employs approximately 1,650 full and part time staff members to educate approximately 13,000 students. The district consists of more than 214 square miles, with 17 elementary, 4 junior high and 2 high school buildings, and 1 vocational training site. The district has 156 Illinois Department of Transportation-approved buses in its

fleet. Buses travel 1.9 million miles a year delivering more than 10,000 students to 23 schools.

The 2021-22 education fund operating budget is approximately \$118 million.

A Citizens Advisory Council assists the Board in researching issues and securing advice from the parents and citizens of the district.

- *From Unit 5 website, 21 September 2023.*

Scope

The collection includes a diverse array of items such as directories, newsletters, event fliers and programs, PTA/PTO materials, small yearbooks, and student and teacher guides.

Some materials for individual schools pre-date the creation of Unit 5.

Box and Folder Inventory

Folder 1: Your School Pictorial Directories, Board and Staff, 8 ½" x 6"

- 1.1 1959-1960 (2 copies), 8 pp.
- 1.2 1961-1962, 11 pp.
- 1.3 1962-1963, 12 pp.
- 1.4 1963-1964, 12 pp.
- 1.5 1964-1965, 12 pp.
- 1.6 1965-1966, 15 pp.
- 1.7 1966-1967, 12 pp.
- 1.8 1967-1968, 16 pp.
- 1.9 1968-1969, 20 pp.

Folder 2: Your School Directory, Calendar of Events, Enrollment Summary, 8 ½" x 6"

- 2.1 1959-1960, schools include Normal Community High School, Elementary Schools: Alexander, Brigham, Carlock, Central, Fairview, Eugene Field, Glenn, Hudson, Oakdale, Towanda, Special Education, ISNU, 12 pp.
- 2.2 1960-1961, added schools: Chiddix Junior High 7-9 grades, Normal Community High School 10-12 grades, 12 pp.
- 2.3 1961-1962, 12 pp.
- 2.4 1962-1962, 12 pp.
- 2.5 1963-1964, 16 pp.
- 2.6 1964-1965 (2 copies), 16 pp.
- 2.7 1965-1966, 16 pp.
- 2.8 1966-1967 (2 copies), added school: Hoose, 16 pp.
- 2.9 1967-1968, Chiddix Junior High 7-8 grades, Normal Community High School 9-12 grades, 18 pp.
- 2.10 1968-1969, 27 pp.

- 2.11 1972-1973, 19 pp.
- 2.12 1973-1974, added: Special Education ISU, Marc Center, Baby Fold, 19 pp.

Folder 3: Newsletters and Miscellany, 9 ½" x 7"

- 3.1 May 1952, 12 pp.
- 3.2 March 1953 (2 copies), 8 pp.
- 3.3 May 1953, L. E. Stark, Superintendent, 8 pp.
- 3.4 November 1953, 8 pp.
- 3.5 January 1954, 8 pp.
- 3.6 April 1954, 8 pp.
- 3.7 November 1954 (2 copies), 8 pp.
- 3.8 February 1955, 8 pp.
- 3.9 May 1955, 12 pp.
- 3.10 January 1958, L. V. Krutsinger, Superintendent, 12 pp.
- 3.11 February 1960, 12 pp.
- 3.12 May 1962, 12 pp.
- 3.13 December 1962, Loren E. Klaus, Superintendent of Schools, 12 pp.
- 3.14 December 1963 (2 copies), 12 pp.
- 3.15 December 1964, 12 pp.
- 3.16 May 1965, 8 new school projects, 12 pp.
- 3.17 Spring 2001, 18 schools, 2 upcoming, 14" x 11", 8 pp.
- 3.18 Brochure, "The Schools of Unit 5," January 1992, 2 pp. Contains thumbnail histories.
- 3.19 Flier, "Unit 5 service staff cares," undated.
- 3.20 Poster for early learning program applications, Summer 2021.

Folder 4: Cedar Ridge Elementary School, 2010 (?) to present

- 4.1 Bookmarks (3), "Become the one you dream you can be" Cedar Ridge Elementary School, 8" x 2", undated.
- 4.2 Floor plan for Benjamin and Cedar Ridge Elementary Schools, first and second floors, for 2008-2010 construction. Created by Perkins + Will, LZT Associates, Inc., Larson & Darby Group, undated.
- 4.3 Flier, Cedar Ridge Elementary School Fun Walk, T-shirt order. Event for Saturday, October 2, 2010.
- 4.4 Flier, Cedar Ridge Elementary School and the Cedar Ridge Rocket Boosters, registration and T-shirt order. Event for Saturday, October 22, 2010.

Folder 5: Central School, 1912-1966

- 5.1 Decal, in plastic sleeve, 50th Anniversary Commemorative Brick, given by the Class of '38 Reunion, 3" x 6", undated.
- 5.2 Newsletter, Central Crier, Normal Central School, Thanksgiving issue, typed and hand drawings, 8 pp.

Folder 6: Fairview Elementary School, 1957 to present

- 6.1 Program, Christmas Program, Kindergarten to Sixth grade music performances, Music Teacher, Carolyn Moen, December 20, 1965, 4 pp.

- 6.2 Program, Christmas Program, Kindergarten to Sixth grade music performances. Music Director, Mrs. Sallee Nelson, December 16, 1971.
- 6.3 Newsletter, Weekly news from Fairview Playground, Summer program(?), Monday through Friday activities, July 24-28, 1972.

Folder 7: Eugene Field Elementary School, 1936 to present

- 7.1 “Stone Laid in Service at Eugene Field School Thursday Afternoon,” *The Normalite*, October 18, 1935, page 1, Column 1 (copy)
- 7.2 History of school, 1936-1997, 3 pp.
- 7.3 Past P.T.A. Presidents, 1936-1997, 2 pp.
- 7.4 Disassembled P.T.A. Booklet, 1938-1938, fragile condition in plastic sleeves. Robert Ray Blunk (1932-2021) was in the first Kindergarten class. Booklet donated by Robert’s daughter Cindy Venker, June 2022.
- 7.5 Photo, Eugene Field School, black & white, by Camera Craft, Normal, IL, dated ‘38.
- 7.6 Photocopy, songs for music programs for years 1942-43, pages undated. Noted: original copy at Eugene Field School, 2 pp.
- 7.7 Photo of article, “Dads Entertain for Field PTA,” *Pantagraph*, dated on back of photo “about 1952 or 1953.”
- 7.8 Copy of invitation, “Roaring Pride” Open House, 60th Anniversary of Eugene Field Elementary School, Sunday, April 20, 1997.

Folder 8: Oakdale Grade School, 1954 to present

- 8.1 Photocopy of yearbook picture of Oakland School, Grade 4A, 1958. Teacher, Mrs. Joan Gregg.
- 8.2 Photocopy of yearbook picture of Oakland School, Grade 5A, 1959. Teacher, Mrs. Walters.
- 8.3 Yearbook, Oakdale Grade School, 1960-61, Kindergarten through 6th grade, 8 ½” x 5 ½”, 23 pp.
- 8.4 Yearbook, Oakdale Grade School, 1962, Kindergarten through 6th grade, signatures on last page, 10 ½” x 7 ½”, 24 pp.
- 8.5 Bulletin, Parent Teacher Association guide: calendar, school personnel, themes, budget, objectives and committee members, 1969-1970.

Folder 9: Towanda Grade/Elementary School, 1948 (Unit 5) to present

- 9.1 Program and Yearbook, Parent-Teacher Association guide: objectives, calendar, officers, committees, room representatives, faculty members, Unit 5 Board of Education and rules, 1962-1963.
- 9.2 Program, “The Stockings Were Hung,” annual Christmas program, December 20, 1971.

Folder 10: Chiddix Junior High School, 1960 to present

- 10.1 Program, Stunt Show, Friday, April 5, 1963, 7 pp.
- 10.2 Program, in plastic sleeve, Stunt Show, Friday, April 9, 1965, 8 pp.
- 10.3 Newsletter, *The Chiddix Torch*, Volume VIII, Number 7, May 31, 1965, 6 pp.
- 10.4 Program, Tri-City Band Festival, Chiddix Junior High School Gym, Friday, November 10, 1967. Included Lincoln Elementary and Clinton Elementary Schools, 2 pp.

- 10.5 Program, Christmas program, 7th and 8th grade band and choir, Monday, December 11, 1967. 3 pp.
- 10.6 Program, Honor Band Concert, April 19, 1968, 4 pp.
- 10.7 Program, Christmas Concert, 7th and 8th grade band and choir, December 9, 1968, 3 pp.
- 10.8 Handbook, "Chiddix Chargers," rules and regulations for school year, undated, 20 pp.

Folder 11: Sugar Creek, 1974-present

- 11.1 Flier for "Cheetah Run," a PTO fundraiser, Nov 1, 2015.

Folder 12: Colene Hoose Elementary School

- 12.1 Packet of emails and photo scans from grand opening of Ilse and Charles Jobson Natural Play Park at Colene Hoose Elementary School, 2023. 31 sheets.

Folder 13: Expansion

- 13.1 DEF

Folder 14: Expansion

- 14.1 GHI

Folder 15: Normal Junior High School

- 15.1 Program for "Bits O'Blarney" operetta given by glee clubs, Apr 7, 1927.
- 15.2 Program for banquet for Class of 1936. Contains autographs collected by Betty Belle Irvin.

Folder 16: Parkside Junior High School, 1974-present

- 13.1 Program for Band and Choir Concert, Jan 14, 1977.

Folder 17: Normal Community West High School

- 14.1 Fall Sports program, 1998. 12 pp.
- 14.2 Winter Sports program, 2015-2016. 12pp.
- 14.3 Commencement program, May 28, 2016.
- 14.4 Midwest Crossroads Showcase, Jun 17-19, 2022. Basketball hosted by NCWHS.

Folder 18: Miscellaneous

- 15.1 Program for Spring String Unit Concert, May 20, 1977. Multi-school event.
- 15.2 Program for All-Unit Instrumental Concert, Apr 24, 1970.
- 15.3 Program for All-Unit Band Concert, Apr 23, 1971.
- 15.4 "Humanities," student handbook, nd. 17 pp.
- 15.5 "Teacher Handbook for the Study of Normal/Bloomington," Aug 1975. 15pp.