

Life in Woodinville DVD: *School Days – The 40s & 50s*



The current Woodinville School dates to 1910 when the first brick school east of Lake Washington opened. One wall of the 1910 school was incorporated into the current school as a WPA project in 1936. Four additional rooms were added in 1948. The photo on the cover shows the playfield located behind the gym that was built in 1923.

The School Days discussion panel consisted of four former students who recalled life in Woodinville during the 1940s & 50s. The panel members included Ted Johns (class of '49), Dorothy Denning Johns (class of '52), Diana Dobbins Board (class of '56) and Ed Nelson (class of '61). Former Principal/Teacher John Valenta made a guest appearance and joined the panel discussion. The panel noted that the school staff of yesteryear dressed professionally and as such inspired respect from the students and community. Any discipline required at school was also meted out at home. It was pointed out that girls and boys lined up in separate lines when entering the school. The former pupils described home life which included chores as most families had a garden, a small orchard and a few farm animals.

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Standard 4:3 Video Format