

Anniversary Celebration

Roosevelt Centennial Anniversary Celebration

Roosevelt Elementary School celebrated 100 year's of serving Fargo's students with a Centennial Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, May 10. The public was invited to the school for facility tours and fun activities.

The open house event gave Roosevelt alumni, the school's neighbors in the surrounding historic Roosevelt neighborhood, and the rest of the community the chance to see the school that has had such an impact on so many students over the past century. Roosevelt's current fifth graders provided school tours to all who wished to have a guide, or the visitors were welcome to go on self-guided tours.

The Centennial Anniversary Celebration featured musical performances in the school gymnasium, sidewalk chalk

drawing, face painting, and food from the Jumbo's Sloppy Joes food truck and the Ice Cream Team ice cream truck.



The school's story begins with the opening of its original building, named after Theodore Roosevelt, in 1909 on the site of the current gym. That building served grades 1-8 until the current building was built in 1922. Upon the completion of the current building, the original building served alongside it with the old building housing grades 1-6 while the new building housed grades 7-9. When Ben Franklin Junior High opened in 1952, Roosevelt converted to grades 1-6. The original 1909 building was no longer used as a school after Ben Franklin opened and was demolished in 1970.



Anniversary Celebration, continued

Construction of Roosevelt lasted from 1919-1921. There have been two additions to the building. An elevator and computer room were added to the southwest corner of the building in 1995. And the new gym was added on the site of the original building in 1998 with the old gym being converted into a community room. All additions must use a matching brick pattern to maintain the historic designation of the Roosevelt neighborhood.



Roosevelt has paired with Horace Mann Elementary School since 2008. Students in grades K-2 from both neighborhoods attend Horace Mann, while students in grades 3-5 attend Roosevelt.

