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Happy 30th, Maple Grove Primary!

Former teachers, principals, aides, custodians and secretaries came from as far as Yakima, Bend, and Seattle on Oct. 20 to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Maple Grove Primary School.

Principal Barbara Baird and her staff had spread the word that all former employees were especially welcome at the gathering in the school library. Cake, punch and coffee were served, along with plenty of hugs, laughs, reminiscences and singing of the school song. Superintendent Shonny Bria, several School Board members and four former MGP principals were among celebrants. Here are a few photos from the event. Larger (high pixel count) versions of some of these are attached.



Original MGP staffers (1981-92) at the celebration were Dorothy Fleming (first grade teacher) in front and, in back from left: Chuck Anderson, 4th grade and principal intern; Duane Rose, first principal; Anne Rose (Duane's sister-in-law), 4th grade; Chuck Sester, 4th grade; Anita Gillingham, custodian; Carole Elsbree, 2nd grade; Julie Ash, music. Ash later spent a few years at another BGSD school but is back at MGP.



Former Maple Grove Primary principals and their last year at the school, from left, are Steve Lien, 2005; Tom Nadal, 1998; Chuck Anderson, 1986 and Duane Rose, 1983, with current principal Barbara Baird.



In 1991-92 when Anne Rose, in green, taught 4th grade at MGP one of her students was Katherine Roberson, in red. Joining the fun Wednesday were Roberson children Samantha, 9, and Connor, 5, each of whom attend, you guessed it, Maple Grove Primary. “That was a class I’ll never forget,” Rose said of that 1991-92 class, then added, “It was a good group.”



Left: Kate Bennett, former reading specialist now living in Yakima. **Right:** Gail Stuenkel, in green, former 3rd grade teacher now in Gig Harbor, and Patty Bergren, former 3rd grade teacher.



Left: Former special education aides Olive Brosius and that crazy-hat-loving Dianne Heroux. **Right:** Former teachers Dorothy Fleming, Karen Caplinger and Chuck Sester.

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