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### **Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bon Meade Elementary School**

Bon Meade Elementary School celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday this month with a special assembly that welcomed back former students and teachers.

Current Bon Meade students enjoyed a slideshow with old photos and videos, performed songs and listened to memories of those who once attended the school or taught there. To view photos from the event, [click here](#).

Moon Area's Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donna K. Milanovich, a former Bon Meade teacher, addressed guests including former teachers Angeline Galterio and H. Frederick (Skip) Edger and former students Craig and Sharon (Foster) Saunders and Patty (Miele) McQuiston. High school librarian Debby Majcher also spoke about Anthony Rende, her father and Bon Meade's first principal.

On Sept. 8, 1959, Bon Meade Elementary opened its doors to students in Crescent and western Moon Township. At the time, it contained the most advanced technology available to schools including a tape recorder, phonograph, movie projector and an audio system wired into each room, so that information could be piped into more than one room at a time. The school also boasted an all-electric kitchen with stainless steel appliances and an all-purpose room where students ate lunch, enjoyed assemblies and performed plays and parents and teachers held meetings and other gatherings. The building also underwent renovations in 2000.

The assembly was organized by teachers Dawne Sohn, who was part of Bon Meade's original first-grade class and taught by Mrs. Galterio and Mr. Edger, as well as teachers Dawn Ermlich and Krystyn Palsa.