

DeKalb History Center

Laurel Ridge Elementary School Collection

Scope and content: This collection consists of nine PTA scrapbooks (1958-1976, with gaps) and nine official school yearbooks (2008-2023, with gaps) for Laurel Ridge Elementary School, a DeKalb County Public School.

Provenance: Yen Tang on behalf of Laurel Ridge PTA, September 2023. (Accession #2023.21)

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Description of specific item, Laurel Ridge Elementary School, DeKalb History Center Archives

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Size: 9 yearbooks, 9 scrapbooks (1 linear foot in yearbooks storage, 2 boxes of scrapbooks)

Biographical Sketch of Laurel Ridge Elementary:

Laurel Ridge Elementary School (LRES) was founded in 1958 in the Laurel Ridge neighborhood of North Decatur. The school is located at 1215 Balsam Drive, Decatur, Georgia, 30033. The LRES school colors are green and white and the school mascot is the Eagle. Today, the school teaches students pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Students who attend LRES typically go on to attend Druid Hills Middle and Druid Hills High Schools. The LRES Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) was also founded in 1958 and remains active in 2023.

Description: The yearbooks in this collection include headshots of students, teachers, administration, and staff, as well as class photos and student artwork. The handmade PTA scrapbooks document the organization's activities, such as school events, committee reports, budgets, and membership. These scrapbooks contain a variety of formats, including newsletters, photographs, pamphlets, ticket stubs, newspaper clippings, construction paper designs, and several textile crafts. A majority of the scrapbooks were received in poor condition and were semi-deconstructed in order to preserve the materials within; contents found to be loose or fragile have been transferred in their original order to folders inside the scrapbook covers.

Subject Headings: Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main Entry: Laurel Ridge Elementary School.

Subject/Added Entries: North Decatur (Ga.)
 Decatur (Ga.)
 DeKalb County School System
 Education, Elementary—Aims and objectives

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Laurel Ridge Elementary

Education—1960-1970
Education—2010-2020
Parents' and Teachers' Associations
School yearbooks

PTA Scrapbook List

Box 1

Book	Contents	Date(s)
1	Laurel Ridge PTA Scrapbook 1 Folder: Laurel Ridge PTA 1958-159	1958-1959
2	Laurel Ridge PTA Scrapbook 1 Folder: Laurel Ridge PTA 1960-1961	1960-1961
3	Laurel Ridge PTA Scrapbook 1 Folder: Laurel Ridge PTA 1961-1962	1961-1962
4	Laurel Ridge PTA Scrapbook 1 Folder: Laurel Ridge PTA 1962-1963	1962-1963
5	Laurel Ridge PTA Scrapbook 1 Folder: Laurel Ridge PTA 1963-1964	1963-1964

PTA Scrapbook List

Box 2

Book	Contents	Date(s)
6	Laurel Ridge PTA Scrapbook 1 folder: Laurel Ridge PTA 1968-1969	1968-1969
7	Laurel Ridge PTA Scrapbook 1 Folder: Laurel Ridge PTA 1970-1971	1970-1971
8	Laurel Ridge PTA Scrapbook 2 Folders: Laurel Ridge PTA 1971-1972 #1; Laurel Ridge PTA 1971-1972 #2	1971-1972
9	Laurel Ridge PTA Scrapbook	1975-1976

LRES Yearbook List

Book	Contents	Date(s)
1	LRES Yearbook	2008-2009
2	LRES Yearbook	2009-2010
3	LRES Yearbook	2010-2011
4	LRES Yearbook	2014-2015
5	LRES Yearbook	2016-2017
6	LRES Yearbook	2019-2020
7	LRES Yearbook	2020-2021
8	LRES Yearbook	2021-2022
9	LRES Yearbook	2023

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