

DeKalb History Center

Oakhurst Elementary School

Scope and content: The Oakhurst Elementary School collection is made up of several scrapbooks and photographs. The scrapbooks have been put into folders to protect them, as the scrapbook pages have failed and there are no longer any covers. There are also boxes of photographs, perhaps from other failed albums. The collection covers approximately 1984 through 2000.

Provenance: Gift of Mary A. Mack, ACC# 2002.77.

Access: Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Reproductions of photographs and permission to publish materials from this collection must be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center. Citations should be made as follows:

Description of specific item: Oakhurst Elementary School, DeKalb History Center Archives.

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Size: 2 ½ boxes

Organizational History of Oakhurst Elementary: Oakhurst used to be a town in its own right and the original Oakhurst School was on Johnson Place. The building burned down in 1914, when Decatur absorbed Oakhurst incidentally, and students in grades one through seven moved to two rooms in the McDonough Street School. Grade eight went to Glenwood. A new building was opened in 1916 to grades one through seven with E.E. Treadwell as superintendent and Mamie Barnes as principal and seventh grade teacher. Oakhurst is the second oldest school in Decatur and still resides in the 1916 building. *Information from a City Schools of Decatur publication and available in our subject files.

Description: The Oakhurst Elementary School collection is primarily composed of photographs from 1984 through 2000. They may have come in originally in albums, but most have been rehoused. There are photographs of school functions such as parties, book parades, and career days, and also of school employees and school trips, such as one to Washington, DC in 1996. There are Boy Scout photographs, programs, bumper stickers and yearbooks. There are also some documents from the donor, Mary Mack, former principal at Oakhurst Elementary. Photos were moved from a box to sleeves and folders in 2024, with folder descriptions following the markings in the box. Where no descriptions were available, photos were grouped together by process markings on the back or other identifying features. Otherwise, “unidentified” labels many of the folders, as the photos were originally donated as loose items.

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

Main entry: Oakhurst Elementary School, Decatur (Ga.)

Subject/Added entries: City Schools of Decatur
 DeKalb County (Ga.)
 Decatur (Ga.)
 Glennwood School, Decatur (Ga.)
 Boy Scouts of America

Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	<i>A Galaxy of Stars</i> , yearbook	
	2	Miscellaneous documents	
	3	Scrapbook	1984-1985

Photographs:

2	1	2 nd graders	
	2	5 th grade cheerleaders	
	3	5 th grade play	
	4	“A & PE”	
	5	Animal Show	
	6	Assorted, loose	
	7	Assorted, loose 4x6	
	8	Atlanta Hawks mascot	
	9	Atlanta Project volunteers	
	10	Babysitting for PTA	
	11	Boy scouting	
	12	Bulletin boards	
	13	Carnival	
	14	Carnival	March 7, 1985
	15	Career Day	May 21, 1985
	16	Celebrating Blackness	
	17	Christmas party at Principal Mary Mack’s house	
	18	Community cook-out	1997-98
	19	Date-stamped photos	1989; 1995; 1997
	20	Decatur Fire Department	
	21	Field Day	May 15, 1985
	22	Football game- 5 th graders	

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
2	23	“Get Hoppin”	
	24	Halloween	
	25	Honors Day	June 7, 1985
	26	Individual student photos	
	27	International Day	
	28	Mali	
	29	Masks	
	30	Morehouse students speaks to 5 th grade	
	3	1	Mr. Withers & Ms. Neil
2		Ms. Holloway’s class trip to Washington, D.C.	1996
3		Oakhurst parent	
4		“Our Spring Book Parade”	1997-98
5		Partners in Education	
6		Photographs	1985-1991
7		Pizza Hut	
8		Pre-K	
9		Pre-K lunch	
10		Skyscraper self-esteem play	
11		Spring Program “Tall Tales and Heroes”	April 1985
12		Staff	1984-85
13		Student awards	
14		Students	
15		Talent show	
16		Tennessee Aquarium	
17		Thanksgiving	
18		Thanksgiving	1989
19		Uhuru dancers	
20		Unidentified	
21		Unidentified	
22		Unidentified class photos	
23		Unidentified event	May 17, 2000
24		Unidentified event, music or dance	
25		Unidentified event	
26		Unidentified event	
27		Unidentified event	
28		Unidentified event	
29		Unidentified event	
30		Unidentified event	
31		Unidentified Polaroids	
32		Unidentified staff event	
33		Unidentified staff event	
34		Unidentified students & teachers	
35		Visitor from Africa	