

History of Goldwood

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*"Goldwood School" Founded
Miss Emlen Cawrse*

Goldwood School was built with money in the treasury of Goldwood Township (about a mile and a half on Center Ridge) which was left when Fairview withdrew from Goldwood Township to become Fairview Village (entire Goldwood Township had been the southern part of Rocky River Village prior to this). Officials of Rocky River Village promised people living on the west end of Center Ridge Road that money in the treasury would be used to build a school building if they would join Rocky River Village. This was done, much to the joy of all property owners on Center Ridge. September 1928, Goldwood School opened with about forty pupils. Miss Ethel Davis taught first and second grades, and Miss Emlen Cawrse taught third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades. With permission of Mr. W. W. Andrew, Superintendent of Schools of Rocky River, Miss Cawrse gave extra time after the regular school day to fourth grade pupils and they did fourth and fifth grade work in the one year. In September 1929, Miss Davis taught first, second and third grades and Miss Cawrse the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Miss Cawrse served as principal. In October 1929, Goldwood Parent Teacher Association was organized by Miss Cawrse, with a membership of about thirty-five. Mrs. H. L. Asplin was first president with an able group of officers. The P. T. A. held meetings an afternoon each month sponsoring many evening meetings such as lectures, card parties and social evenings for the community. Mr. Andrew often congratulated the group on the large attendance and interesting meetings of all P. T. A. affairs. Mrs. G. R. Montgomery was second president and brought additional new and progressive ideas into the association. Beautiful pictures were purchased for the school. The years the school was opened were thoroughly enjoyed by all. One of the pupils who started school at Goldwood at the age of five years, graduated from Rocky River High School as one of three joint valedictorians, she being a year younger than the other two whose grades were the same. Many lots had been sold and homes erected which would have increased the attendance at Goldwood. Lots sold in the Anderson-Uffendell Division (now Forest Drive) and Wagar Road were not paid for in the depression days. In June 1931 Goldwood School was closed and pupils were transported to Beach School. After two years Wooster School was reopened. Miss Cawrse continued teaching at Beach School until June 1947 when she retired so that she might spend more time in travel.



Goldwood Primary School

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Overview

Goldwood Primary School has a population of nearly 600 students in grades preschool to second. We pride ourselves on our caring and nurturing environment. Goldwood strives to meet all students' needs and challenge students at every academic level. Promoting success, while providing exceptional opportunities for children to grow academically and socially, is very important here at Goldwood. Positive thinking is emphasized and character development is recognized each day. The school mascot is Chocolate the Bear and children are able to earn a weeklong visit from Chocolate for excellent behavior.

The success of young students is particularly dependent upon the involvement of caring adults. We want you to be an integral part of your child's formative learning years.

With your support, we will continue to be *"a caring environment where students are successful."*



Mission

We Believe...

- Students are the heart of our purpose.
- Student success requires a partnership among family, school and community.
- A Rocky River education empowers values, inspires curiosity and encourages talents that lead to success.
- High expectations lead to high achievement.
- Lifelong learners thrive as they embrace the changing global society.

An exceptional school district demonstrates all of the above

Strategic Objectives

By 2014...

- All students will engage in contemporary, globally competitive curricular and co-curricular programs of excellence.
- All students will achieve their educational goals incorporating the highest international standards.
- All students will participate in a student-centered environment that addresses educational, social and emotional needs.
- All students will learn through lessons and experience that communication is open, sincere, timely and responsive.
- All students will attend schools that are state-of-the-art facilities.
- All students will learn in an environment that is technologically competitive on a global level.