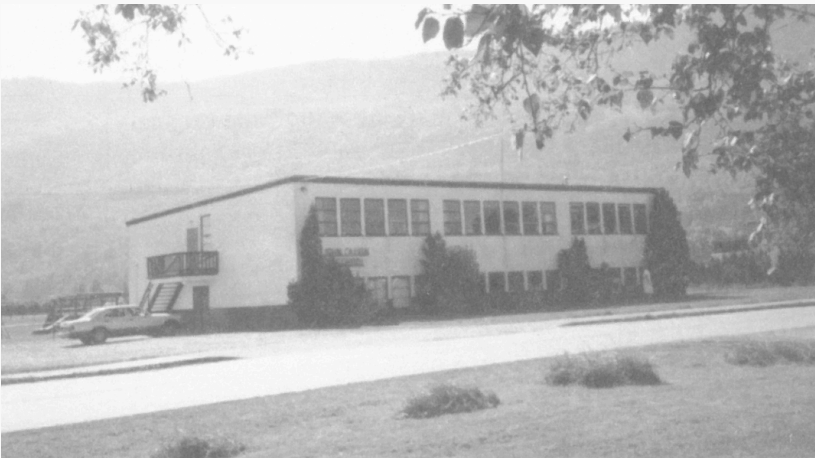


1965-1975

Second in a series of seven inserts commemorating 70 years of Reformed education.

It was through God's leading and provision that the School Society was established in 1964. The Abbotsford School Society purchased a six room school in Yarrow (formerly the Sharon Mennonite Collegiate), and the school opened its doors in September, 1970. A total of 58 students were enrolled that year: 24 of them were taught by Mrs. Faber in Grades 1-2, while the others were taught by Mrs. Schaap and Mr. J. van Laar. The first two American students came in the early years.

The Society Members were thrilled to move into the original building. Although it required some work, the membership eagerly dedicated their time and resources to ensure the success of Reformed education in Yarrow. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our founding families and community for their vision and commitment and, above all, we give thanks to God for His faithfulness.



The front of the school, facing west

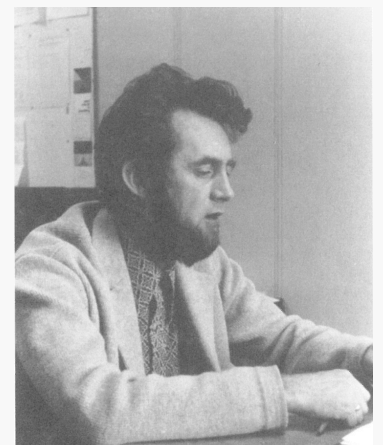


*The Staff: Early 1970's
Mr. Mel De Glint, Mr. Jake vanLaar
Mrs. Michelle Faber, Mr. Peter Blom*



The Boys of Summer

L-R: Ron Dekker, Clifford Lengkeek, Ron Boes, Clarence Winkelaar, Harry Breukelman, John Aikema, Harold Dekker, Bill Hansma, Tom Boeve, Alex VandeBurgt



*The first principal:
Mr. Peter Blom*



Class taught by Mrs. J. Janzen (nee Heetebrij)

Noteworthy

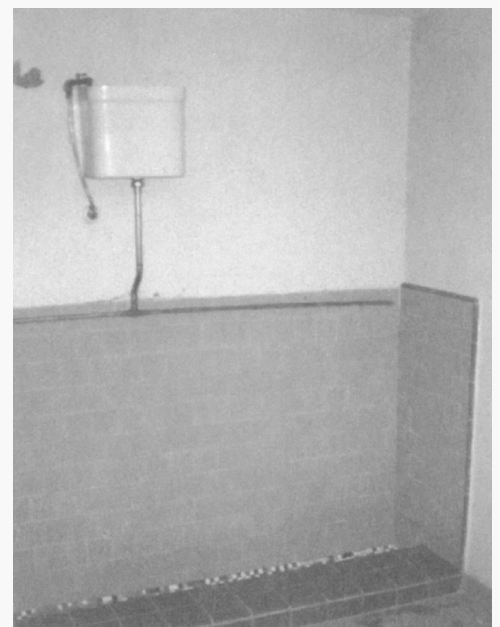
- Lunch was eaten all together in the basement
- Dairyland delivered milk to school every day; each student could buy milk
- Often on a Monday morning, after a wet weekend, the basement would be flooded
- Original school fees were set at \$75 p/month.
- The board instructed the principal to buy a strap
- Everyone had to take turns cleaning the school done once a week. The teachers could tell who had cleaned



*L-R: Ed Boes, Harley Aikema, Ken Huttema, John Dekker, Alex Vandeburg, John Breukelman
Teacher: Jake vanLaar*



Class taught by Mrs T. de Vries (nee Hoekstra)



Who remembers the boys washroom?