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Cynwyd Elementary School Celebrates 100 Years of Service to the Community



In 2002, the U.S. Department of Interior and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, designated the *Lower Merion Academy, Cynwyd Elementary, Bala-Cynwyd Junior High School Complex* to the National Register of Historic Places, the official list of the Nation's historic places worthy of preservation.

This special honor is not just for the building and its brick and mortar, but about the people who taught there and the children who were educated within these walls. In 2012, the Lower Merion Academy celebrated its bicentennial, now in 2014 the Cynwyd Elementary School is celebrating their centennial year of service to the community. They have planned a year-long celebration...[check out the web](#) and [Facebook](#) to see some of the events that the Centennial Committee has planned for us.

Calendar of Events:

January 14, 2014 Kickoff Assembly – Students Only

February 11, 2014 Alumni and Community Reception – [Buy Tickets Online!](#)

March 10, 2014 Time Capsule Dedication – Students Only

May 1, 2014 All-School Art Show – Current School Families Only

May 7, 2014: "Facts, Fads and Fashions of the Decades" Student Assembly

May 10, 2014 Centennial Parade – Community Welcome!

June 2014 Special Centennial Edition Yearbook

Throughout the year Curriculum Initiatives/Special Assemblies

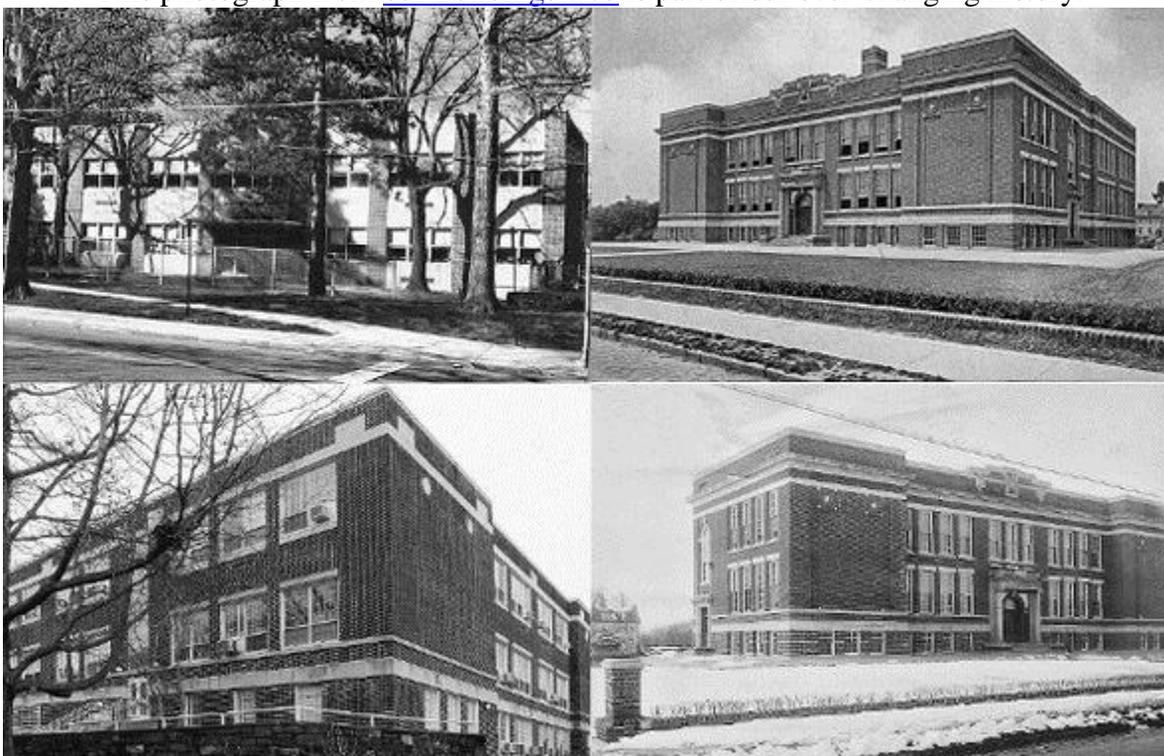
Throughout the year Creation of a Centennial Walkway and Beautification of Athie's Garden
Garden named in honor of Athie Sosangelis-White, beloved former Cynwyd teacher

Throughout the year Community Giving Projects

The *Lower Merion Academy Trustees* and the *Lower Merion Historical Society* enthusiastically supports Cynwyd School's year of celebration. As a community, we are fortunate to have such a historic building, but what makes the Cynwyd Elementary School so special is the caring professional staff who teach our children.

Building Photographs- Preserving Today for Tomorrow's History

This photograph from [our Buildings web](#) is part of our ever-changing history.



Timeline for the Cynwyd School

1914: The Lower Merion School Board leases nine acres from the Lower Merion Academy and has the Cynwyd school built and in use on January 5th 1915.

1920: New houses and new residents in the area mean an expansion is needed, so classrooms, a gymnasium/auditorium, and a basement cafeteria are added behind the original building, matching its brick and stone.

1967: A second wing is added in 1967 with classrooms and library, but it doesn't satisfy.

1999: The 1967 wing is demolished and replaced by this wing, which includes a garage and an atrium. Like the first building and the 1920 wing, it has a brick exterior.

Can you match these four photos to the different dates of the Cynwyd school building?
Make your choice, 1914, 1920, 1967, or 1999.

The first four photos on the [Buildings Page](#) are in date order. After these first four, there are 25 more photographs of the building at different times and from different angles.

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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LOWER MERION HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Lower Merion Historical Society is an organization dedicated to *Preserving Our Past For The Future*. This is accomplished by stewardship of local history, education of the community, preservation of historic resources and outreach to promote awareness of the cultural heritage of the Township of Lower Merion and the Borough of Narberth.

