

Some Interesting Thoughts about Hanby

Hanby is 100 years old in 2023.

How many difference uses has Hanby had?

- High School
- Junior High School
- Grade 5, 6 and 7 overflow
- Elementary School Overflow
- District Offices
- Magnet Programs (currently)
- ESL office



Do you have a story about being a student at Hanby?

We collect stories told by past students.

If you have a story to share drop it off at the Hanby Office or mail it to us!

We look forward to a collection of stories that keep the history alive!

Hanby Elementary School

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Hanby Elementary School 1922 - Present

THE HISTORY OF A BUILDING



"We may interpret the stone, brick, mortar, steel and other items entering into the construction of this building in terms of a larger life for the youth of Westerville and the Community. We should be proud that Westerville expresses herself by her homes, churches, school and the college. It is a magnificent expression of those things which make life well and worthwhile."

Hanby Dedication

1923

Superintendent J.H. Way



HANBY THEN

In 1921, the North Central Association withdrew accreditation from the Westerville School System because of the over-crowded conditions at the Vine Street School. Vine Street was built in 1896 and was enlarged in 1908, but as the population of Westerville grew and Vine Street could no longer handle the increase in students. Voters approved a levy and F. F. Glass of Columbus was hired to design a new school for the community. The people wanted the new school to be a very visible part of the heart of the town. Westerville Junior-Senior High was built in 1922. The cost of construction was \$165,069.00. It contained classrooms, a gymnasium, and an auditorium seating 700. It served the Westerville Community as the school for Junior and Senior High School students until 1960.

In 1960, the building on Otterbein Avenue was established as the High School, first called Lowell High School, and later Westerville High School (now Westerville South High School). On May 23, 1960 the school on State Street was renamed Hanby Junior High School after Westerville resident and composer Benjamin Hanby. Later, after the construction of two new Junior High Schools it became an elementary school. In 1980-1986 it housed 497 students in the 5th, 6th and 7th grades and later as a sixth grade school, a district office and then for enrollment overflow.

Hanby Elementary School NOW

In 2001, the district was in the process of building two new elementary schools and also examining the currently offered magnet programs. Members of the local community, school staff and curriculum specialists met to look at how to revise and add magnet programs based on public interest.

In 2002, Hanby Elementary became Hanby Arts Magnet School. The program utilized an arts integrated approach to learning by making connections through the arts in all areas of the curriculum. The incorporated arts included music, visual art, movement and dramatic interpretations. Many of the arts integrated learning activities are evident both in and outside the building. A community flower garden was constructed with the help of a landscape architect a visual artist, and 5th grade teachers and students. The stained glass window in the front of the building was designed and created by students and parents as a part of a year long theme about changes. The five colors in the window represent the five grades, 1-5, and the name Hanby can be read from both inside and outside the building.

In 2012, the Math and Science strand was also added to Hanby Elementary. The Math Science program provides students with a curriculum that makes connections between concepts of math and science in all areas of study. Students in the math science program interact with practicing mathematicians and scientists to bridge an understanding of how math and science subjects impact future employment and success.

Currently for the school year 2015-16 Hanby will house grades 1-5 Math Science and the Arts program. The current approach to teaching and learning will investigate the intersections between Math, Science and the Arts, or a STEAM (Science, technology, engineering, arts and math) approach while supporting and maintaining the uniqueness of each program.

Some Recent Changes to Hanby:

- **Air conditioning was installed in 2003. During that time the elementary students of Hanby Arts Magnet were housed in a wing of Central High School.**
- **An elevator was installed in 2009.**
- **New windows were installed in 2013 followed by new doors in 2014. The windows and doors reflect the original design of the windows in 1922.**
- **In 2012-2013 Hanby Arts Magnet was renamed Hanby Elementary School and is a combination of Arts and Math/ Science.**

