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Mrs. Norman's Album

Thornhill Elementary School 1959 – 1969

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Cover background: The house that Ashton Spilsbury built on top of Spilsbury Road in 1919.

MARGARET NORMAN, taught at the Thornhill school (she prefers to write Thorn Hill in two words) from 1959, when the school opened, until her transfer to Hammond in 1969. The following pages show her collection of photos of students and staff that she pasted in a self-made album. She also carefully wrote down the names of the students and staff with each picture.

Photographs or other document about the Thornhill school are hard to find. I have yet to see for instance a photo of the building when the school was in operation. Also the Maple Ridge Museum and Archives has no photographs in its collection of the school, students, or staff. That makes Mrs. Norman's album so special and that is why we owe her a special thanks for allowing her photos to be scanned and reproduced.

Missing are the photographs of the school year 1965–1966 and for the years after that the pictures of the older groups are missing. If anyone reading this has the missing photos please call me at 604 462 8942. We also need help to complete the names of the children on the photo of Div. 3 for the school year 1968 – 1969 (page 43).

Fred Braches



Margaret Norman, recipient of the Whonnock Community Association's "Volunteer of the Year" award in 2006



*Thornhill
Elementary
1959 – 1960
Div. 1
Mr. Peacock*



DIV 1

1959 - 1960

MR. PEACOCK

BACK ROW - KIMON VENTURIS, GORDON STEVENS, LANCE GILSON
PAUL FRYER, FREDDIE BICKNELL, SYD LADABEE, RON SMALL
DOUG JAMES, TOMMY DONALD, GARY KLASSEN,
ROBERT JOHNSON, DENNIS MELVIN

MIDDLE ROW - HERB JAMES, LORRAIN WALKEY, BETTY KIMOLA,
LINDA BOWKER, SHARON WALKEY, ANITA SMALL,
TERRY JONES, BONNIE COLOSIMONE, CAROL SKARSET
RANDY BUSS.

FRONT ROW - BRENT MELVIN, STEVEN GILSON,
LAURIE STEVENS, BOBBY THOMAS.



*Thornhill
Elementary
1959 – 1960
Div. 2
Mrs. Norman*



DIV. 2

1959-1960

MRS. NORMAN

BACK ROW - DENNIS BERGERON, VICTOR SCHINDELKA, DICK JONES
NICO VENTURIS, BRENT NORMAN, ROGER EATON, LENORD JOHNSON
ERWIN WALKEY, JACKIE NYLUND, DALE MELVIN, PETER
BURLEIGH, TOMMY JONES, ROSS MITCHELL

MIDDLE ROW - ARDEN MELVIN, MARY VENTURIS, LINDA BURLEIGH
GLENDA WALKEY, LORRAINE TONER, JANICE LOVELESS, ROBERTA
STEVENS, BETTY ANN TONER, COLLEEN WALKEY, LAURIE BICKNELL,
HAZEL NELSON, PATRICIA ABBOTT, NOREEN JAMES.

FRONT ROW - VERNON JOHNSON, NORMAN SKELTON, VERNON BICKNELL,
COLIN BUS, DAVID BERGERON, STEVE AGASSE, GLEN WALKEY



*Thornhill
Elementary
1960 – 1961
Div. 1
Mr. Peacock*



1960 - 1961

DIV. I

MR. PEACOCK

BACK ROW - RANDY BUSS, RON SMALL, LANCE GILSON, LARRY DIRKS,
HERB JAMES, TAMMY JONES, ROSS MITCHELL, DOUG JAMES,
ROBERT JOHNSON

2ND ROW - LENORD JOHNSON, DALE MELVIN, PETER BURLEIGH,
BRENT MELVIN, MAURIE NORD, KIMON VENTURIS, FREDDIE
BICKNELL, FRANK NIPUS, STEVEN GILSON

FRONT ROW - NOREEN JAMES, CAROL SKARSET, BARBARA
COLOSIMONE, BARBARA BABCOCK, BONNIE COLOSIMONE,
TERRY JONES, BETTY KIMOLA, BARBARA DONALD,
LORRAIN WALKEY, CAROLINE ELLISON



*Thornhill
Elementary
1960 – 1961
Div. 2
Mrs. Norman*



DIV 2

1960-1961

MRS. NORMAN

BACK ROW - BRENT NORMAN, ERWIN WALKEY, NICO VENTURIS,
ROGER EATON, GLEN WALKEY, VERNON JOHNSON, KERRY
NORMAN, VICTOR SCHINDELKA, DARRELL BOHN.

2ND ROW - KENNY BOHN, STEVE AGASSE, GLENDA WALKEY,
LINDA BURLEIGH, COLLEEN WALKEY, JANICE LOVELESS, BETTY
ANN TONER, LORRAINE TONER, LAURIE BICKNELL, ANITA ELLISON,
BONNIE BABCOCK, JACKIE NYLUND, DAN GILSON

FRONT ROW - NORMAN SKELTON, JANET BICKNELL, SHANNON
MITCHELL, MARY VENTURIS, ARDEN MEWIN, MRS. NORMAN,
MARIETTA BABCOCK, SHERYL NORMAN, JUDY KIMOLA,
PAT SCHINDELKA, COLLIN BUSS.



*Thornhill
Elementary
1961 – 1962
Div. 1
Mr. Neligan*



1961 - 1962

DIV. I.

BACK ROW - STEVEN GILSON, LARRY DIRKS, KIMON VENTURIS,
HERB JAMES, RANDY BUSS, BRENT MELVIN, MAURIE NORD
FRANK NIPIUS

2ND ROW - RON SMALL, DOUG JAMES, SANDRA STONE, CATHERINE
MOORE, BONNIE COLOSIMONE, TERRY JONES, BARBARA
BABCOCK, LANCE GILSON

FRONT ROW - BARBARA DONALD, JANET VERIGIN, BARBARA
COLOSIMONE, MR. NELLIGAN, LYNDA MOORE, BETTY KIMOLA
LORRAIN WALKEY, MOIRA KELLY.



*Thornhill
Elementary
1961 – 1962
Div. 2
Mrs. Allan*



DIV 2

BACK ROW - PETER BURLEIGH, NICO VENTURIS, VERNON JOHNSON, BRENT NORMAN, ERWIN WALKEY, SCOTT STONE, NORMAN SKELTON, COLLIN BUSS, STEVE AGASSE

2ND ROW - DICK JONES, LENORD JOHNSON, DALE MELVIN, DARRELL BOHN, ROBERT JOHNSON, TOMMY JONES, ROSS MITCHELL, ROGER EATON, JACKIE NYLUND

FRONT ROW - LORRAINE TONER, NOREEN JAMES, CAROLINE ELLISON, JANICE LOVELESS, MRS. ALLAN, BETTY ANN TONER, COLLEEN WALKEY, ANITA ELLISON, GLENDA WALKEY



*Thornhill
Elementary
1961 – 1962
Div. 3
Mrs. Norman*



1961 - 1962

DIV. 3

BACK ROW - DAVID CAMPSALL, KENNY BOHN, DAN GILSON,
KERRY NORMAN, JOHN LOVELESS, TIM BRYANT
CLIFFORD THATE, GLEN WALKEY, DAVID NIPINS

2ND ROW - SHANNON MITCHELL, LINDA BURLEIGH,
LYNDA STONE, SHERYL NORMAN, RETANE BRYANT,
MARY VENTURIS, CATHY STROUD, MARIETTA BABCOCK,
IRENE JOHNSON

FRONT ROW - ARDEN MELVIN, GAIL SMALL, SHARON STROUD,
MRS. NORMAN, SUSAN SKELTON, RANDI COLDSIMONE,
CHERYL JONES, SHELLEY STROUD



*Thornhill
Elementary
1962 – 1963
Div. 1
Mr. Williams*



1962-1963

DIV. 1

BACK ROW - OSCAR ISAACSON, PETER BURLEIGH,
KIMON VENTURIS, LENORD JOHNSON, RANDY BUSS,
FRANK NIPIUS, STEVEN GILSON, ALLAN KERMEEN,
BRENT MELVIN, MR. WILLIAMS

MIDDLE ROW - DALE MELVIN, HERB JAMES, ROBERT
JOHNSON, RON SMALL, BARBARA BABCOCK, BARBARA
COLOSIMONE, JANET VERIGIN, LARRY DIRKS, LANCE
GILSON, TOMMY JONES, ROSS MITCHELL

FRONT ROW - LYNDA MOORE, LORRAINE WALKEY, NOREEN
JAMES, DIANE KERMEEN, CAROLINE ELLISON, LYNN
ISAACSON, BETTY KIMOLA, CAROL SKARSET



*Thornhill
Elementary
1962 – 1963
Div. 2
Mrs. Lanes*



DIV. 2

BACK ROW - NORMAN SKELTON, VERNON JOHNSON,
GLEN WALKEY, JOHN ISAACSON, ERWIN WALKEY,
NICO VENTURIS,

MIDDLE ROW - STEVE AGASSE, DICK JONES, COLLIN RUSS,
BETTY ANN TONER, BRENT NORMAN, DARRELL BOHN,
ROGER EATON, MRS. LANES

FRONT ROW - LINDA BURLEIGH, ANITA ELLISON,
SHANNON MITCHELL, LORRAINE TONER, LINDA KERMEEN,
JANICE LOVELESS, COLLEEN WALKEY, ARDEN MELVIN,
MARY VENTURIS



*Thornhill
Elementary
1962 – 1963
Div. 3
Mrs. Norman*



Div. 3 1962 - 1963

Back row— Dan Gilson, John Loveless, Herbert Leggett, David Nipius, Kerry Norman, Willard Toner, Shawn Walkey, ^{Ronald Skelton} Charles Jones, Mrs. Norman.

Middle Row— David Campsall, Kenny Bohn, Rosemary Gunther, Gail Small, Judy Kimola, Cheryl Jones, Marietta Babcock, Tim Bryant, Clifford Thate,

Front Row— Sheryl Norman, Irene Johnson, Randi Colosimone, Susan Skelton, Darlene Nipius, Lorri Agasse, Linda Peacock, Christie Thompson, Rejane Bryant.



Thornhill
 Elementary
 1963 – 1964
 Div. 1
 Mr. Williams



1963-1964

DIV I.

BACK ROW - MR. WILLIAMS, ALLAN KERMEEN, TOMMY JONES,
ROSS MITCHELL, ROBERT JOHNSON, ROBERT DEWALD,
HERB JAMES

MIDDLE ROW - ROGER EATON, NICO VENTURIS, NORMAN SKELTON,
ERWIN WALKEY, BETTY ANN TONER, LENORD JOHNSON, BRENT
NORMAN, DARRELL BOHN, PETER BURLEIGH, DALE BABCOCK

FRONT ROW - LORRAIN WALKEY, CAROLINE ELLISON, DIANE
KERMEEN, LYNDA MOORE, NOREEN JAMES, SHIRLEY
DEWALD, ROSE VOLKER, JANICE LOVELESS



Thornhill
Elementary
1963 – 1964
Div. 2
Mr. Watsyk



DIV. 2

BACK ROW - HERBERT LEGGETT, DAN GILSON, GLEN WALKEY,
VERNON JOHNSON, JOHN LOVELESS, RONALD DEWALD,
KERRY NORMAN, COLLIN BUSS, STEVE AGASSE,
DICK JONES, TIM BRYANT, KENNY BOHN, MR. WATSYK

MIDDLE ROW - MARY VENTURIS, ARDEN MELVIN, SHANNON
MITCHELL, JUDY KIMOLA, ROSEMARY GUNTHER,
GAIL BEZANSON, LINDA KERMEEN, COLLEEN WALKEY
ANITA ELLISON, JENNIE DEWALD, LORRAINE TONER

FRONT ROW - DENISE BEZANSON, GAIL SMALL, KAREN MUSTO,
RÉJANE BRYANT, RANDI COLOSIMONE, SUSAN SKELTON,
SHERYL NORMAN, BONNIE BABCOCK, MARIETTA BABCOCK,
LINDA BURLEIGH, CHERYL JONES



Thornhill
 Elementary
 1963 – 1964
 Div. 3
 Mrs. Norman



1963 - 1964

DIV. 3

BACK ROW - DAVID CAMPSALL, RAYMOND SKELTON,
DAVID NIPIUS, TERRY BOHN, WILLARD TONER Mrs Norman

MIDDLE ROW - DAN ELLISON, RONALD POPOFF,
CHARLES JONES, CHRISTIE THOMPSON, LINDA PEACOCK,
IRENE JOHNSON, RICKY DUBÉ, DAVID MOORE,
LEE BABCOCK

FRONT ROW - CATHY LOVELESS, MARIA PAPPAS,
DARLENE NIPIUS, LORRI AGASSE, HEATHER
CAMPSALL, JO-LYNN LEGGETT



*Thornhill
Elementary
1964 – 1965
Div. 1
Mr. Williams*



1964 - 1965

DIV I

BACK ROW - DAN GILSON, MARK DUMONCEAU, KERRY NORMAN, DICK JONES, NORMAN SKELTON, VERNON JOHNSON, ROGER EATON. MR. WILLIAMS

MIDDLE ROW - MRS. LOTHROP, NICO VENTURIS, PETER BURLEIGH, DALE MELVIN, ROSS MITCHELL, LENORD JOHNSON, ERWIN WALKEY, BRENT NORMAN, STEVE AGASSE

FRONT ROW - SHERYL NORMAN, JUDY KIMOLA, GAIL BEZANSON, ROSEMARY GUNTHER, JANICE LOVELESS, BETTY ANN TONER, LORRAINE TONER, JENNY DEWALD, COLLEEN WALKEY, RETANE BRYANT

Thornhill
 Elementary
 1964 – 1965
 Div. 2
 Mr. Watsyk





DIV. 2

BACK ROW - DAVID NIPIUS, HERBERT LEGGETT, TIM BRYANT
JOHN LOVELESS, RONNIE DEWALD, DON FRENCH,
MICHAEL O'HEARN, RAYMOND SKELTON, CHARLES JONES,
MR. WATSYK.

MIDDLE ROW - IRENE JOHNSON, CHERYL JONES, SHANNON
MITCHELL, ARDEN MELVIN, MARY VENTURIS, LINDA
BURLEIGH, GAIL SMALL, BONNIE BABCOCK,

FRONT ROW - LORI AGASSE, DARLENE NIPIUS, DENISE
BEZANSON, SUSAN SKELTON, KATHY FRENCH, RANDI COLDSIMONE,
KAREN MUSTO, CHRISTIE THOMPSON, LINDA PEACOCK

*Thornhill
Elementary
1964 – 1965
Div. 3
Mrs. Norman*





DIV. 3

BACK ROW - DAVID MOORE, FREDDIE MUSTO,
LEE BABCOCK, BARRY LEGGETT, FRANK BURLEIGH

MIDDLE ROW - DAVID DEWALD, WILFORD TONER,
MARIE DEWILDE, SUSAN THOMPSON, JOYCE POPOFF,
RONALD POPOFF, RICKY O'HEARN

FRONT ROW - PAM FRENCH, JOLYNN LEGGETT,
CAROL PEACOCK, CATHY LOVELESS, MRS. NORMAN
GRACE JOHNSON SHERRY BEZANSON, LAURIE BUIS.

*Thornhill
Elementary
1965 – 1966*



No photos yet for the school year 1965-1966.



Thornhill
 Elementary
 1966 – 1967
 Div. 3
 Mrs. Norman



Back Row- Mark Pontinen, John Walentshka, Barry Thate, Ronnie Buis, Daryl Kowalski, Rick O'Hearn, — Mumford, Wayne Law, Billy French.

Middle Row- Cathy Guenette, Patsy Kowalski, Linda Thompson, Alison Loveless, Shawn Walkey, Tim O'Hearn, Rod Nipius, Matt Peacock, Bobby —.

Front Row- Sandra Weston, Kathy Skelton, Karen McIntosh, Mrs. Norman, Donna McIntosh, Grace Johnson, Joyce Popoff, Pauline Bomba.



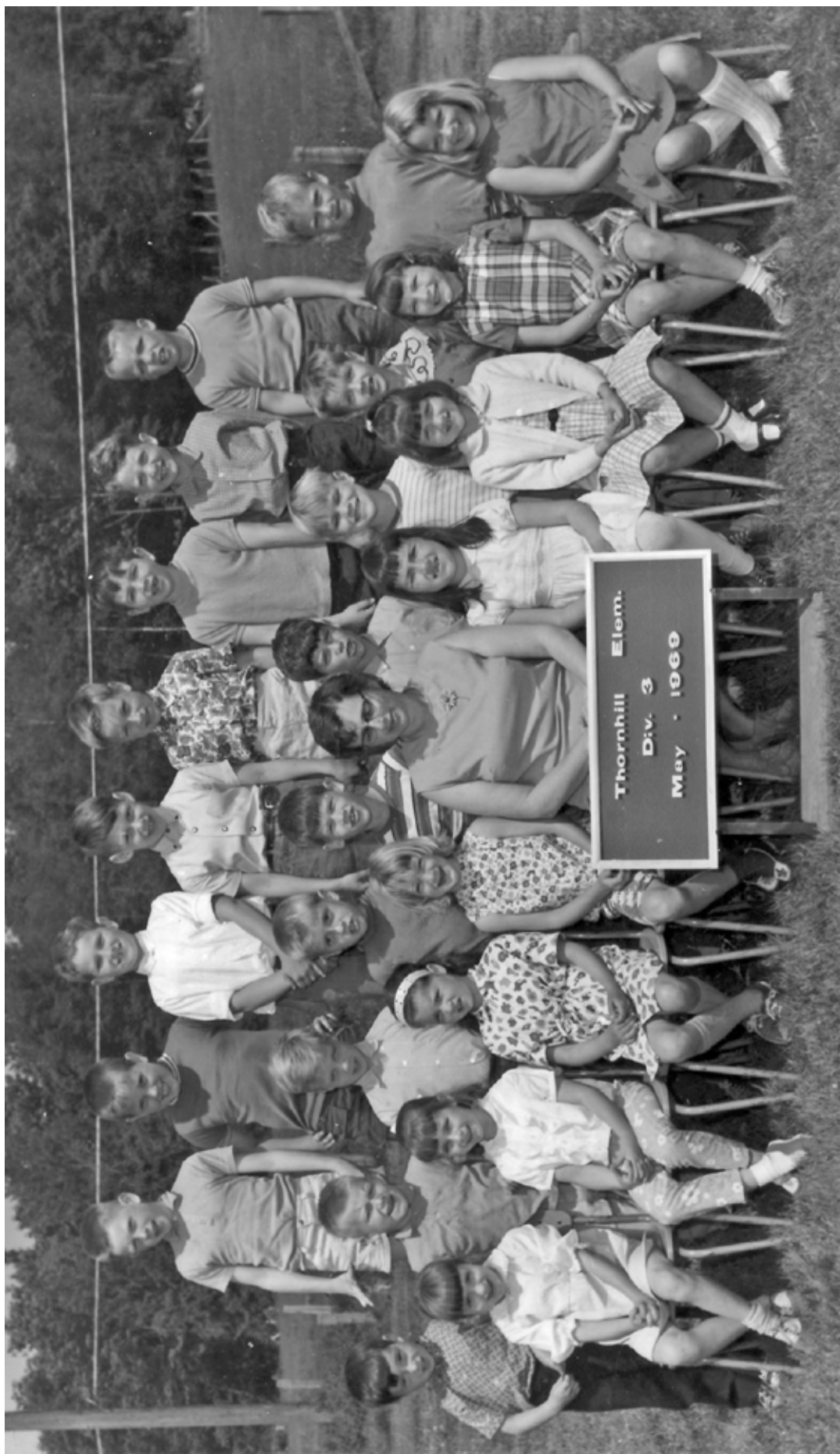
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Elementary
1967 – 1968
Div. 3
Mrs. Norman



Back row - Glenn Barnes, Lain Babcock, Mike Knight, Bobby Malli, Andrew Bonbr, Mark Pontinen, Matt Peaco, Mikey Edwards.

Middle Row - Rod Nipius, Sheldon Walkey, Michael Pelser, Linda Thompson, Pauline Bonbr, Barbara Kaur, Kathy Ann Skilton, Jenny Richardson.

Front Row - Alita Tradin, Donna McIntosh, Sandra Weston, Leanne Guenette, Mrs. Norman, Jacqueline Guether, Wendy Skton, Roberta Foster.




*Thornhill
Elementary
1968 – 1969
Div. 3
Mrs. Norman*



*Back row - Left to right - Wilford Jover, Andrew Bomba,
 Rory Kneash, Matthew Peacock,
 Brent Saniger,
 middle row - Bobby Dirks, Lee Babcock,
 Cameron Mitchell, Glenn Barnes, Alan Loveless, Peter Jenevin, David
 Spain,
 front row - Debbie Babcock, Roberta Dirks, Cheryl Law,
 Mrs. Norman, Audrey Westle, Jacqueline Gunther, Tracy Thompson,
 Barbara Bomba.*

More information needed.



Margaret Norman
Teachers 1959-69

Sid Peacock
Margaret Norman
Reg Nelligan
Mrs. Lanes
Mrs. Allan
Sylvia Muraro
Mrs. Williams
Mrs. Scambler
Mrs. Lothrop (sub)
Miss Miller
Cynthia McKinley (P.E.)
Dave Watzyk
Mrs Rintoul

Mrs. Lothrop filled in
at one time when Mr.
Williams was ill.
Over a month if I
remember correctly.



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Margaret Norman
Secretaries

Mrs. Isherwood
Judy Chappell
Barb Colosimone

Mr. Lowther was
a musician who
visited certain
schools once a
week.

I don't have the
pictures of the
older groups all
the way to 1969.



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Mrs. Lothrop, Mr. Williams, Mrs. Norman, Mr. Watsyk. Mrs Lothrop filled in for about a month when Mr. Miler was ill. [1965]



Back: Marie Thompson (substitute), Cynthia McKinley (physical education) , Freda Easy (school nurse). Front: Margaret Norman, Ben Scambler, Barbara Colosimone (secretary). [Undated]



Mrs. Noreen Rintoul, Roy Lowther (visiting music teacher), Mrs. Irishwood (secretary), Ben Scambler, Mrs. M. Norman. [1966–1967]



M. Norman, Mr. Scambler, Sharon Miller, Judy Chappel (secretary). [1968]

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