

# *The Way We Were*

INCREASE MILLER • 20th ANNIVERSARY • 1963-1983

This special 20th Anniversary Yearbook is dedicated to:

DONALD FARRINGTON, Principal - for 20 years of  
positive leadership;

BETTY WINTER, Secretary - for 20 years of  
"handling" the office;

JOYCE BATCHELDER, Librarian - for 20 years  
of opening new worlds in  
the form of books;

JEFF KAHN, Teacher - for 19 years of excellent  
teaching and for instigating this  
tribute to

INCREASE MILLER

HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY

THE HEALY CHILDREN

MAURA - CLASS OF 1973

JOHN - CLASS OF 1974

JEFFREY - CLASS OF 1981



## THE HISTORY OF INCREASE MILLER

Few details are known of Increase Miller's life beside his gift of land for a church and school. Son of Stephen and Mary Miller, he was born in 1766. In 1813 he is listed as living in Lewisboro School District No. 6.

In an 1823 deed, Increase Miller sold for 1¢ one acre of land for a house of worship of which at least 24 square feet was reserved for a public schoolhouse. The house of worship, called Hermon Chapel School was built in accordance with the stipulation in his deed and operated through 1928. It was demolished 3 years later.

This acre lies in the northwest corner of the junction of Todd Road and Increase Miller Road. The road's name commemorates this donor, and our school continues to do so, although the school actually stands on former Brady property.



# HATS OFF TO INCREASE MILLER by Jeff Kahn

Hats off to Increase Mil-ler, We'll sing it loud and long-  
Hats off to Increase Mil-ler, Of you we're proud to boast-

(whistle)-- -- Hats off to In-crease Mil-ler, Let's sing it  
Hats off to In-crease Mil-ler, Let's raise a

proud and strong! (whistle)-- -- Watch the mountains  
glass and toast! Loyal and filled with

that we move; We're so firmly in the groove, I. Mil-ler---  
pride in-side; We'll never break our ev- en stride, I. Mil-ler---

Hear our song!  
You're the most!

2nd time only

Ex-clu-sive, (whistle)----- Ef-fus-ive! (whistle)-----

- E-lu-sive, (whistle)----- Second to none, 'cause we're number one!

3. Hats off to Increase Miller, Our students proudly cheer. (whistle)  
Hats off to Increase Miller, Each year we're here it's clear. (whistle)  
We're filled with spirit, drive, and style, We've got that Increase Miller style,  
I. Miller, best in the hemisphere!!!

# the staff: then. . . . .





o o o o o o o o o and now.



# class of . . . . .



1964

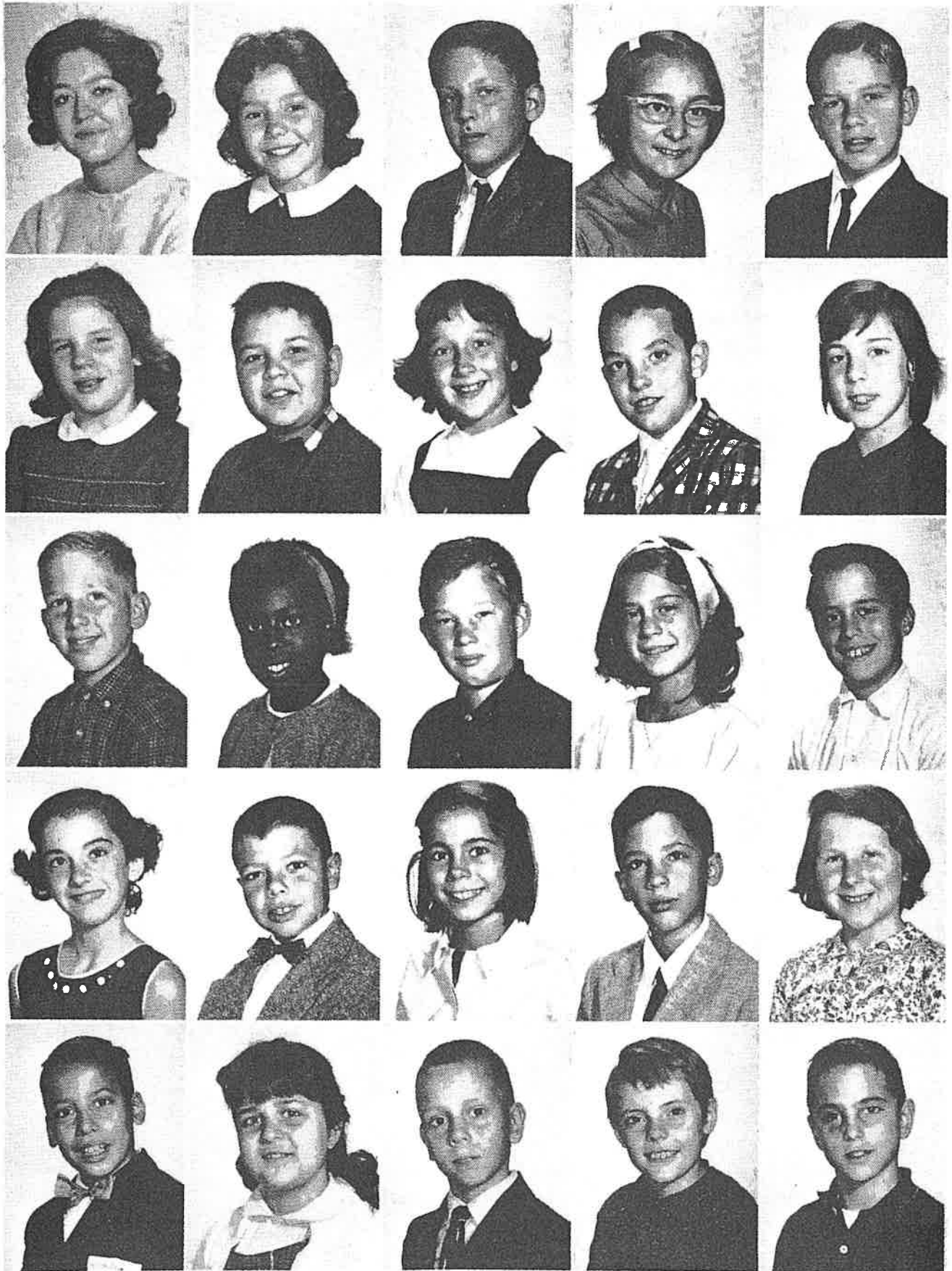


PTA Co-Presidents '63-'64  
Mr. & Mrs. Henderson Cole





class of . . . . .



# class of . . . . .



1966



PTA Co-Presidents '65-'66  
Mr. & Mrs. Todd Piacenza



# class of . . . . . 1967



PTA Co-Presidents '66-'67  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul H. Smith





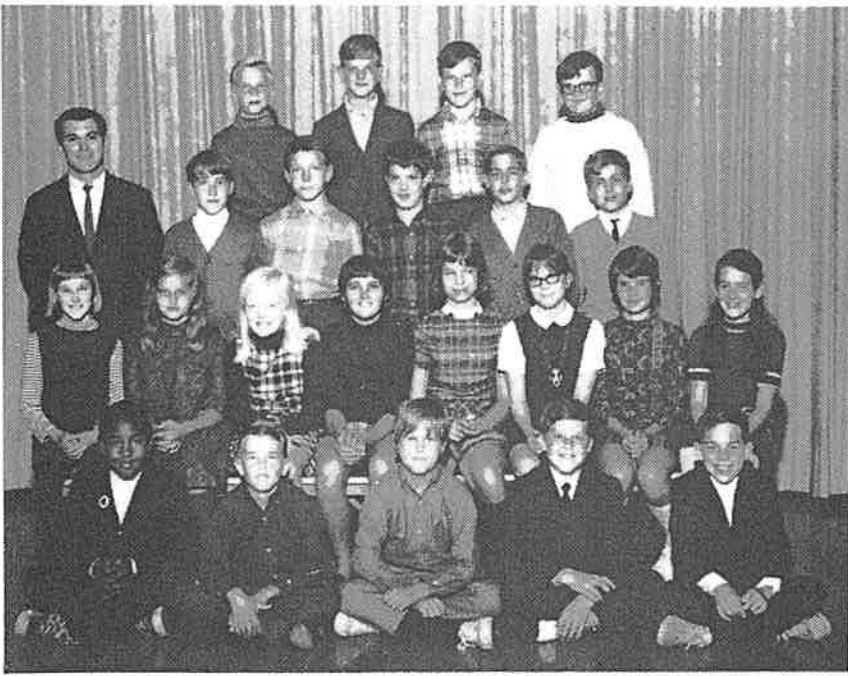
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PTA Co-Presidents '67-'68  
Mr. & Mrs. William Mills, Jr.



class of . . . . . 1968

# class of 1969



PTA Co-Presidents '68-'69  
Mr. & Mrs. John Mason





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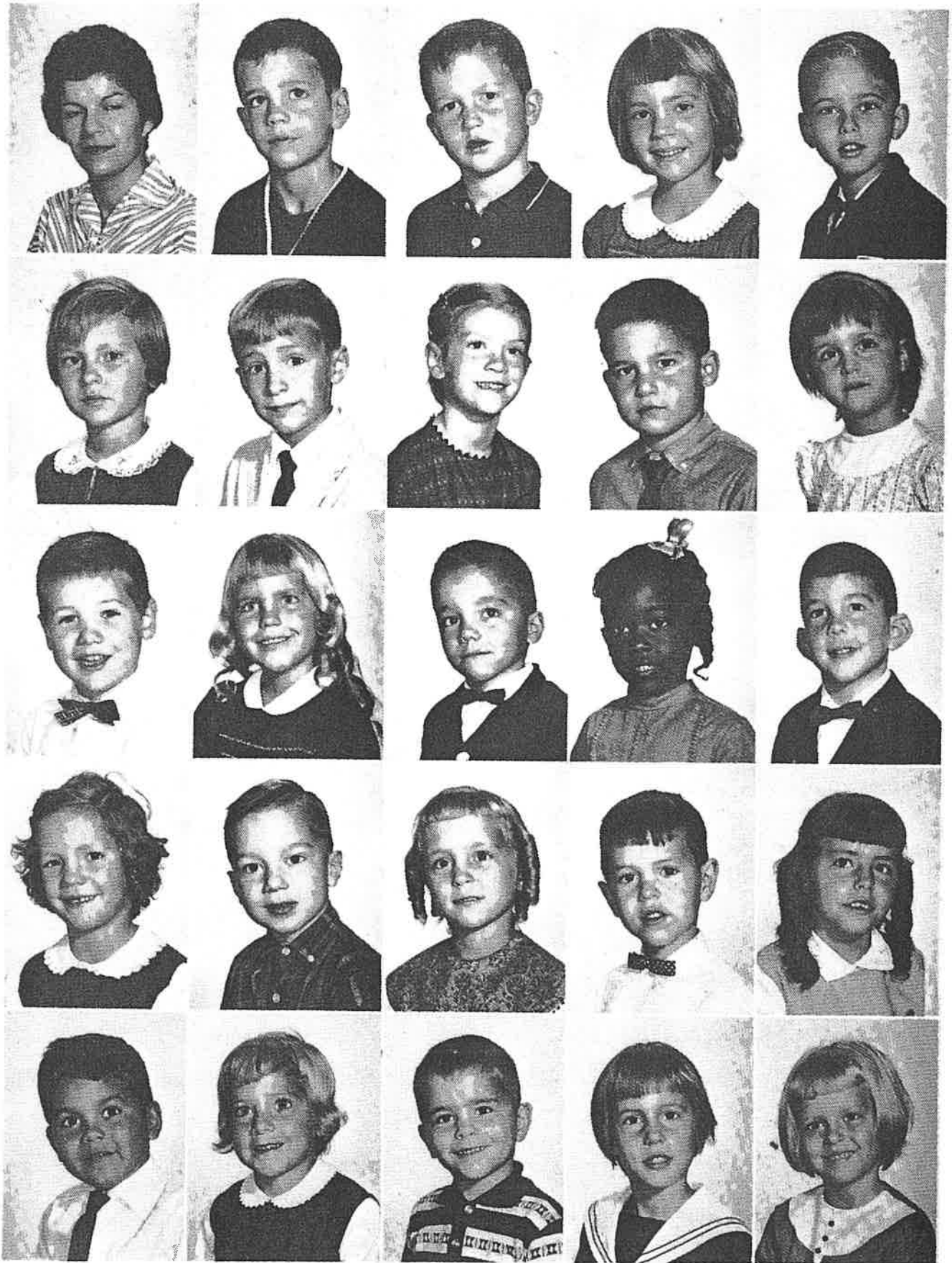


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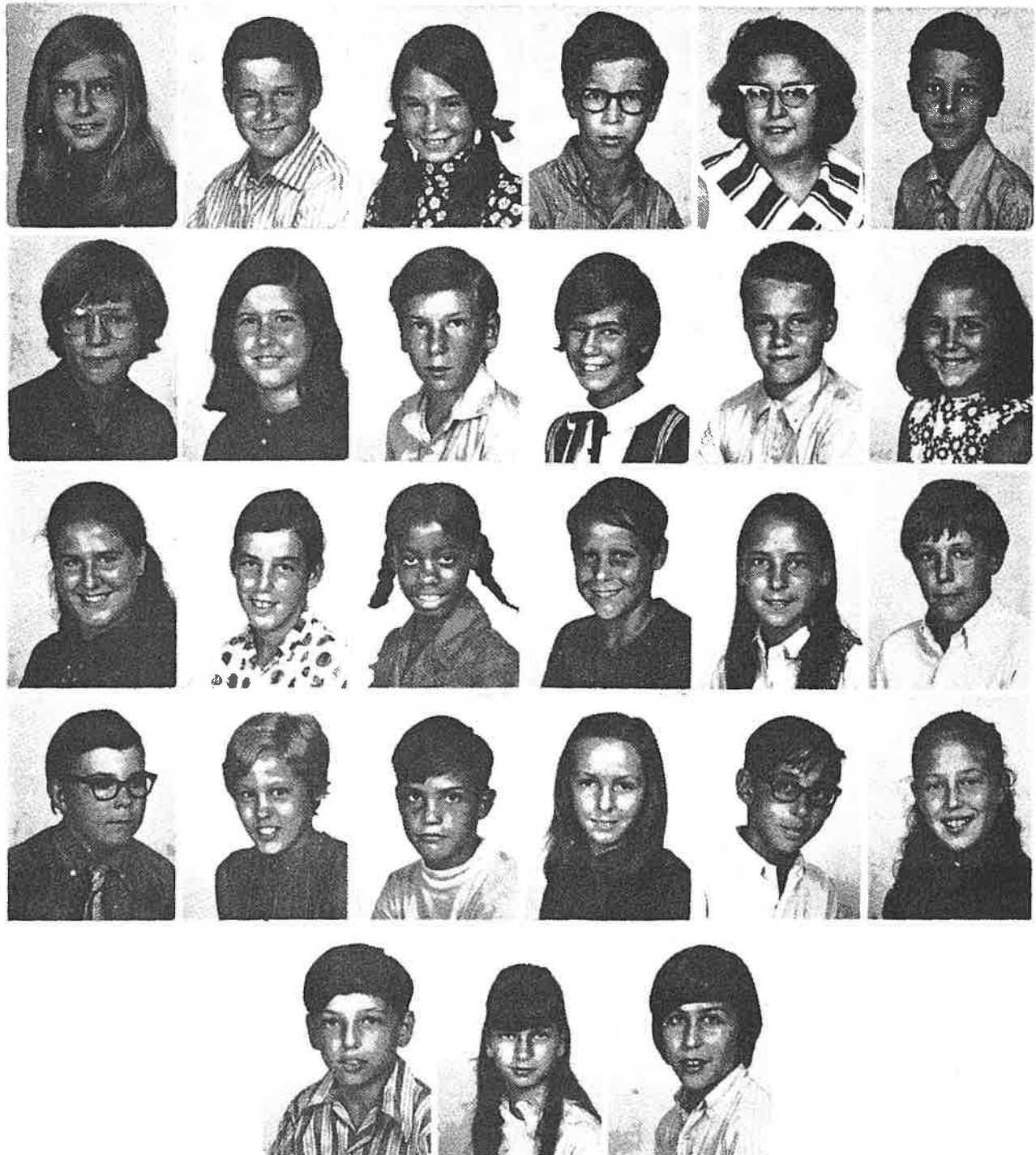




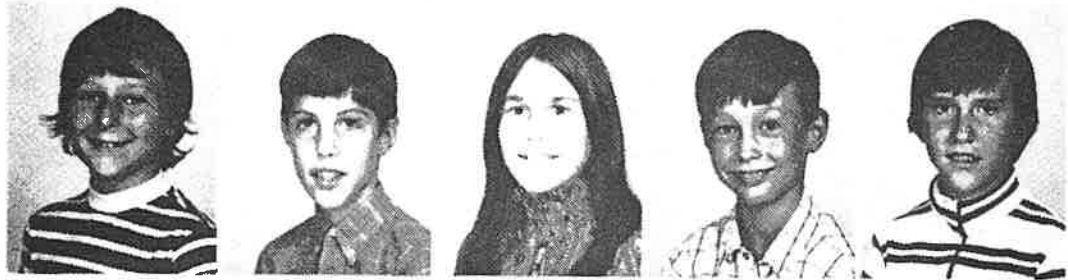
# class of . . . . . 1970



PTA Co-Presidents '69-'70  
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Canora



class of . . . . . 1971



class of . . . . .

PTA Co-Presidents '70-'71  
Mr. & Mrs. James Vanek







# class of 1972



PTA Co-Presidents '71-'72  
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Riordan





class of . . . . . 1973



*PTA Co-Presidents '72-'73  
Mr. & Mrs. Cy Marrion*



class of . . . . . 1973

# class of 1974



PTA Co-Presidents '73-'74  
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Olson







"More Than Meets The Eye", an original play by Jeff Kahn, was done by the students in 1971, under the direction of Jeff Kahn.

1972 was the first year that some of the Increase Miller students were selected to participate in the Westchester All County Band.





In 1963 hot lunches were served to the students and included soup, a hot plate, milk and dessert. All this for 35¢. Today no lunches are served and soup alone costs 35¢.





Joy Batchelder, Increase Miller Librarian, was chosen to be on the Newbery Award selection committee. In the fall of 1981 Mrs. Batchelder led an After School Book Club to get opinions from the students on the book eligible to receive the award.





A headline in a 1975 edition of the New York Daily News reads: "GOLDENS BRIDGE GIRL WINS BEE."

Lisa Weinstock, an Increase Miller sixth grader became the spelling champion of Westchester in the News sponsored National Spelling Bee.



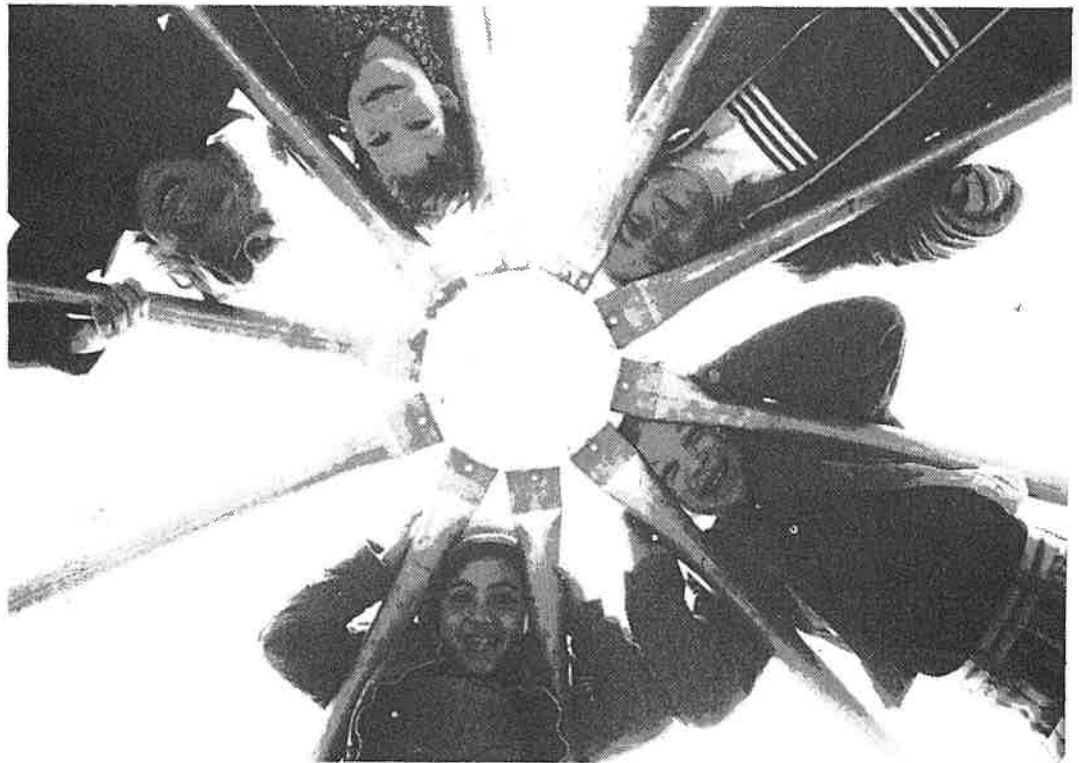


In 1968 the PTA sponsored the first Father-Son Dinner. The first Mother-Daughter Dessert started in 1970. In 1980 it was all changed to a Parent-Child Dinner.

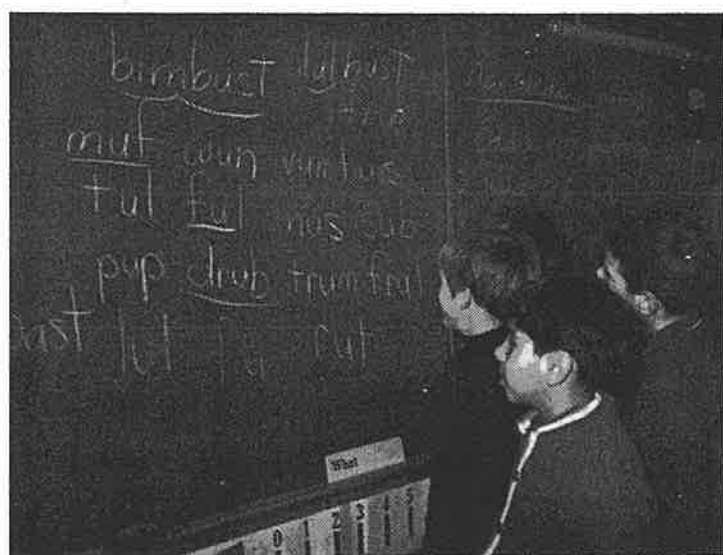
The first Annual Spring Fair was held in 1968. This event was chaired by Mary Ann Spahr and had as its theme "The Carnival". The profit for that year was \$530.00

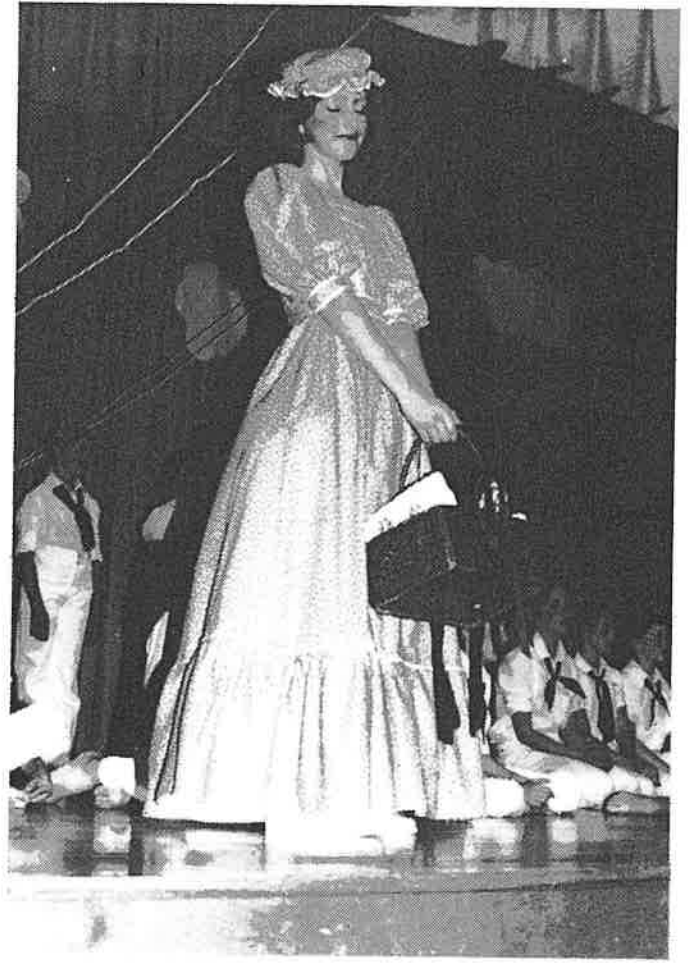
A new addition to the annual Spring Fair the "Fun Run" started in 1979. The 2.2 mile, 3.5 kilometer, race has now become a popular feature of the fair.















May 2, 1975 was the start of Increase Miller's celebration of the Bicentennial. A telegram was sent to PTA co-presidents Larry and Betty Roberts congratulating the Increase Miller students for participating in the celebration from Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller.

The Bicentennial celebration continued and a congratulatory letter was received from President Gerald R. Ford.

Goldens Bridge, Spanning the Years, was published in conjunction with the Bicentennial celebration. It was an extremely ambitious project undertaken by the PTA.

**It's a  
CARNIVAL**

**AROUND  
the WORLD in**

**at  
INCREASE  
MILLER**

**APRIL  
10  
1976**



**PANORAMIC  
VIEW**

**ALL NEW GAMES**

"BOONESBORO INN"  
FOR LUNCH DANIELBURGER  
"ALE" & PUPPIES IN BLANKETS  
"VIENNESE SWEET TOOTH"  
ICE CREAM SUNDAES ON  
SATURDAY, CAFE-AU-LAIT  
PICK A PACK OF PRETTY  
POSIES AND PUPPIETS  
AT THE "PICCADILLY BOUTIQUE"  
RUMMAGE THROUGH  
MEMORABILIA AT THE  
"LEFT BANK FLEA MARKET"

**PTA NEWSLETTER**



Mr. Kirk, Mr. Kahn  
Mr. Milove, Mrs. Herbst,  
Miss Yohan, Mrs. Greeley  
and Mr. Craffey



Mrs. Whalen, Mrs. Tafrate  
Mrs. Newman, Mrs. Schwartz  
Mrs. Black, Mrs. Manning,  
Mr. Miller and Mrs. Smith

#### OUTSTANDING ELEMENTARY TEACHERS OF AMERICA

The following item was taken from one of the 1972 PTA newsletters.

A very special honor has been accorded to Joyce Batchelder, James Craffey, and Dorothy Feret - they have been selected as Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America for 1972. Nominated by the school principal earlier this year, the teachers were selected for this national honor on the basis of their professional and civic achievements. The biographies of those honored are featured in the awards volume, Outstanding Elementary Teachers of America.

The men and women chosen for this high honor have explored new paths, developed new insights and effectively communicated their knowledge to their students and colleagues. They are exceptional teachers.



Mrs. Batchelder, Mrs. Bukowski  
 Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Whitman  
 Mrs. Jones, Miss Randolph,  
 Miss Maguire, Mrs. Lichtenstein,  
 Mr. Cutler



Mrs. Schuck, Mr. Farrington and Mrs. Winter







Mrs. Sinistore, Miss Munday, Mrs. Schildwachter, Mrs. Buhl, Mrs. Hupalowsky



Our school was formally dedicated on Sunday, September 27, 1964. There was a tour of the building and an Increase Miller exhibit in the library. The program for the day included: an invocation by the Right Rev. Monsignor Raymond M. Collins, Pastor of St. Michael's Chapel, Goldens Bridge; Flag Raising by the Boy Scout Troop 154; a Flag Salute by the Girl Scout Troops 54, 100 and 254; the National Anthem led by Mrs. W. G. Reese; greetings by Mr. Henderson Cole, PTA President 1963 and Mr. William Gunder, PTA President 1964; a dedication address by Mr. Russell D. Loucks, President of the Katonah-Lewisboro Board of Education; songs by the Increase Miller Chorus, Mrs. W. H. Reese, Director; music by the Increase Miller Band, Mr. William Krinsky Director; a PTA gift presentation by Mr. Todd Piacenza; and the benediction by the Rev. Joseph Price, Pastor of the Goldens Bridge Methodist Church.



#### Our Quarterstone

Increase Miller does not have a cornerstone. When the building was finished a quarter with the date 1963 was imbedded in the blacktop outside of the school. When it was repaved the quarter was dug up and mounted on a stone which now sits on Mr. Farrington's desk.

Coincidence? When Increase Miller opened in 1963 the flag was raised daily, by a pair of sixth graders. On November 22, 1963 the students went out as usual and raised the flag. At noon on that day, upon looking out the window, it was discovered that the flag was flying upside down - the universal distress signal. November 22, 1963 the day President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.



In 1964 there was a PTA sponsored program for parents on computers. In 1983 there was once again a PTA sponsored program for parents on computers. What was once only a discussion of what computers might bring to the children is now a reality. Both the teachers and students now have the opportunity to learn how to use, effectively, a machine that has become a part of our daily living.

In 1964 there was an after school activity for both boys and girls - social dancing. There was a dress code requiring the boys to wear either suits or sport coats and slacks with dress shirt and tie. Shoes not sneakers, and the girls to wear an appropriate dress, white socks and gloves. Today's after school activities don't require a dress code and run the gamut from computers to karate.

In 1964 the Junior Great Books Discussion Group was started. In 1983 the program is still going strong with parent volunteers and teachers leading the children.

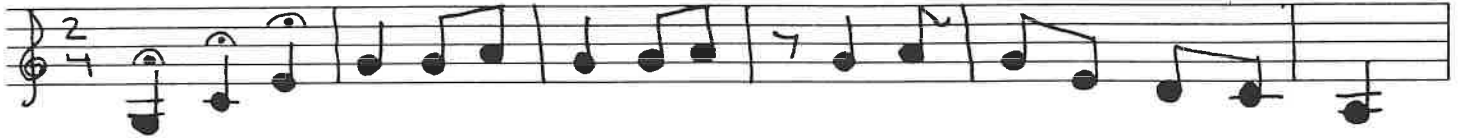
A Nature Program developed by the Bedford Garden Club was brought to Increase Miller by Jill Harned in 1976. The children of Increase Miller are still being taught the program by the volunteer "Nature Ladies."





FOREVER I. M.

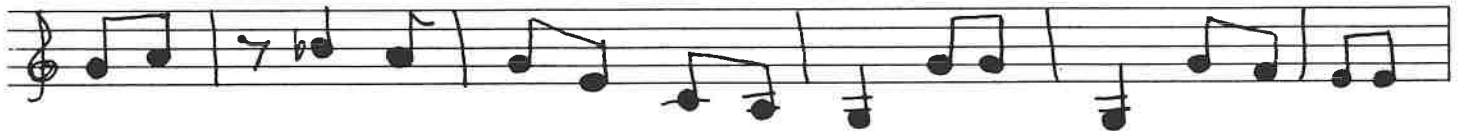
by Jeff Kahn



Oh let us sing for our school with our voi-ces swel-ling ga-ther 'round,



hear the rhythm of the tale we're tel-ling with our ban-ners un-furled



and our pride com- pel- ling us to strive on, to drive on, for-ev-er,



I. M! And with the tem-po and the spirit of our mar-ching feet as



Toy-al hearts set the pace with a steady beat, we're on the beam, got the steam,



gonna scream, and then re-peat, pro-claim us, we're fa-mous for- ev- er,



I. M.

Go, I. M.

Go,

I.

M.

(You can name all)  
THE PRESIDENTS

Washington then John Adams, followed by Jefferson, number three,  
Madison, Monroe, John Quincy Adams, and Jackson, Old Hickory;  
Martin Van Buren, a little obscure, and he was number eight.  
William Henry Harrison died too early, or came too late.

So you need not be hesitant  
You can name all the Presidents,  
All the White House residents  
Of the United States.

In a little while there came John Tyler, James K. Polk was next,  
Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore---Check any history text;  
Franklin Pierce, then James Buchanan, Lincoln did supplant.  
When he was gone came Andrew Johnson, then U.S. Grant.

CHORUS

Rutherford Hayes, then count the days of James A. Garfield's run.  
Chester Arthur followed right after, then Grover Cleveland won.  
Benjamin Harrison stayed four years, but Cleveland's support was firm!  
Again he ran to be the only man with split Presidential terms.

CHORUS

William McKinley's luck spread thinly, shot by a madman's gun.  
Theodore Roosevelt ran two terms, and William Taft for one;  
Woodrow Wilson came to the front, but Warren G. Harding died,  
And after Calvin Coolidge, we had Hoover's landslide.

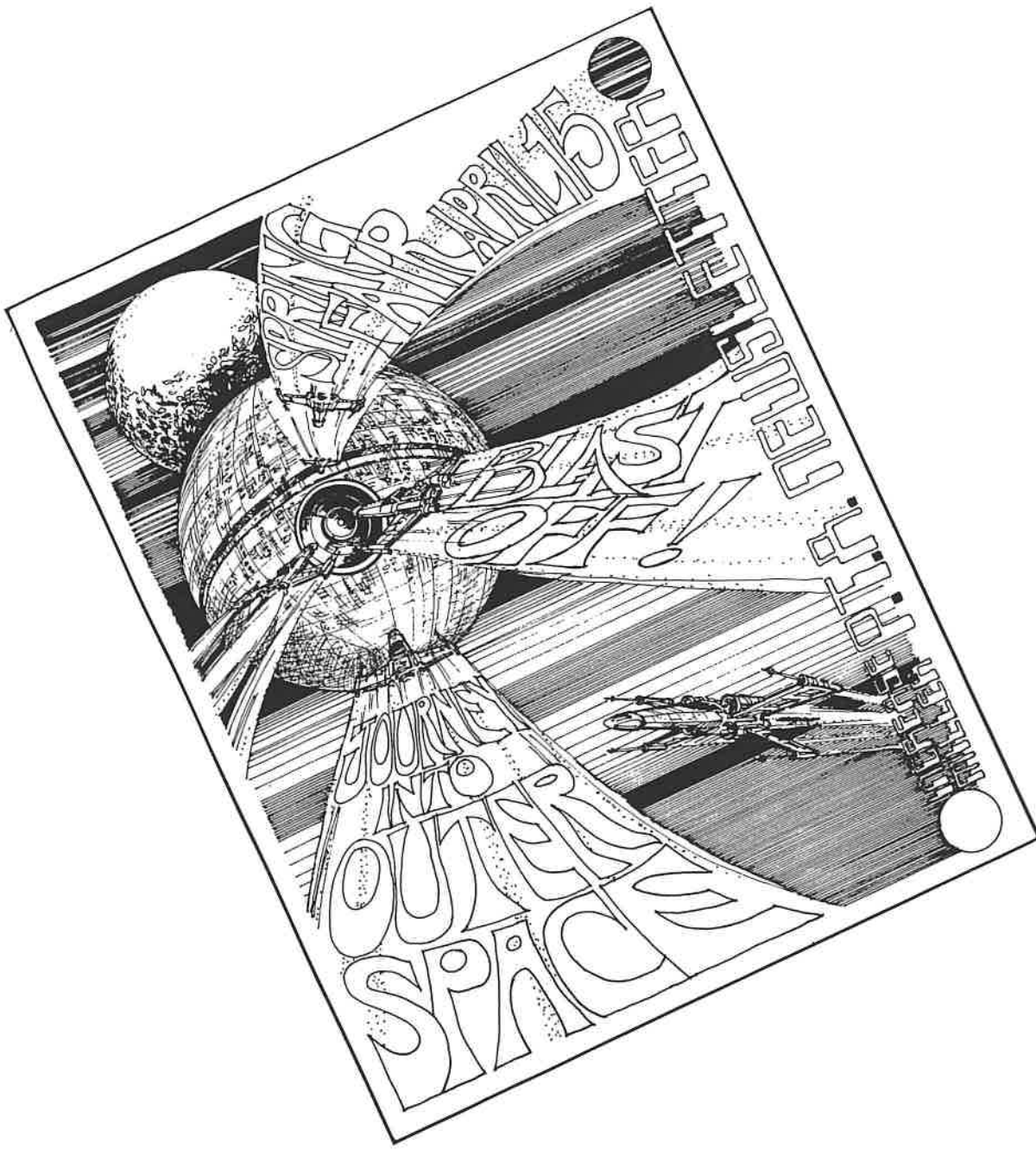
CHORUS

From F.D.R. through Harry S. Truman, to Eisenhower's eight year stay,  
When John F. Kennedy died in Dallas, next came L.B.J.  
Richard M. Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, then Carter led the way.  
Now Reagan's got the chore till 1984 - then who can say?

CHORUS

So you need not be hesitant  
You can name all the Presidents,  
All the White House residents of the U.S.A.  
You can name all the Presidents of the U.S.A.

Jeff Kahn



Twenty years ago poetry written by the children was reprinted in the local newspapers. Once again, in 1983, the poems written by the children were published. This time it was in a poetry anthology after the 3rd and 5th graders worked with poet-in-residence Katherine Kane and in IMagine That, a literary magazine compiled under the direction of the PTA Culture Committee.

### Magic Blanket Called Night Brings Peace

by Susan Grieco

Overhead and all around  
    hung this magic blanket,  
That brings peace and rest  
    to every man.  
This blanket brings a big shining  
    moon, that looks like a big crystal ball  
Peering down upon the earth.  
This blanket brings stars, too,  
    that look like diamonds you  
Can reach out and touch.  
This magic blanket covers the day.  
It brings mother nature, sleep  
And to little children sweet dreams.  
This magic blanket, this wonderful  
    blanket  
Is called night....

IMERICK -- Euphia Hsu (6th grade)

On a faraway tropical isle  
The natives will say with a smile,  
"You're welcome to stay  
For dinner today,  
But you should know we're cannibisles!"

STAR -- Katie Szlasa (6th grade)

A star I saw  
One late, cool night,  
Was alone for a while.  
But all by itself,  
It brightened the sky,  
Like a happy, shining smile.

SNOWFLAKES -- Derik Skola (K)

The little white snowflakes  
live up in the cloud  
and when they fall down,  
they're never too loud.



# class of 1975



PTA Co-Presidents '74-'75  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Roberts



JOHN

# class of 1976



PTA President '75-'76  
Mrs. Mitzi Chiappinelli



*PTA Co-Presidents '76-'77  
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Morrison*



class of  
1977



PTA Co-Presidents '77-'78  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hovel



class of  
1978





class of  
1979



PTA Co-Presidents '78-'79  
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Fossel

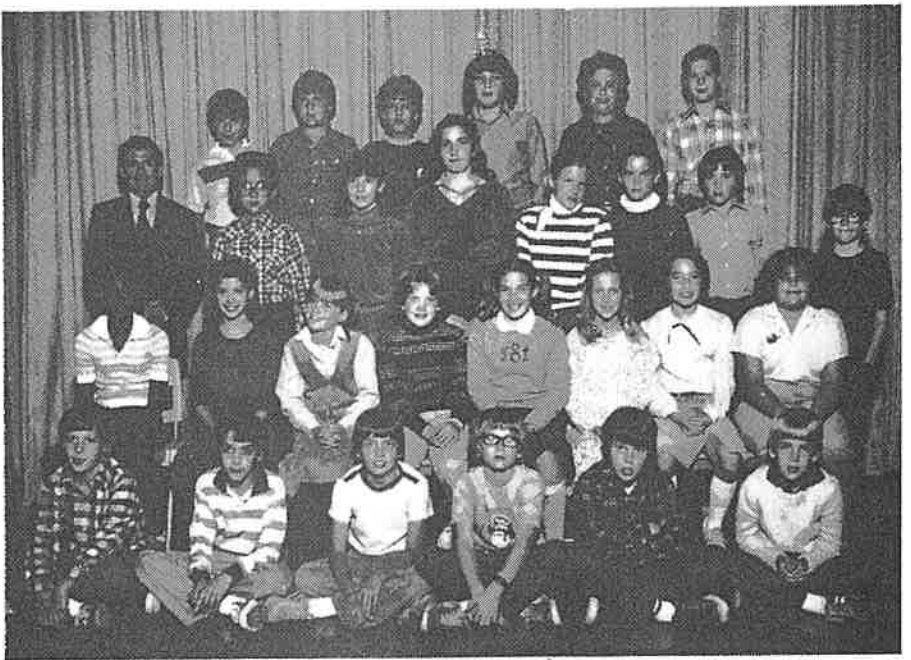
PTA Co-Presidents '79-'80  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Scronic



class of  
1980



# class of 1981



JEFFREY



PTA Co-Presidents '80-'81  
Mr. & Mrs. Barry Kanter



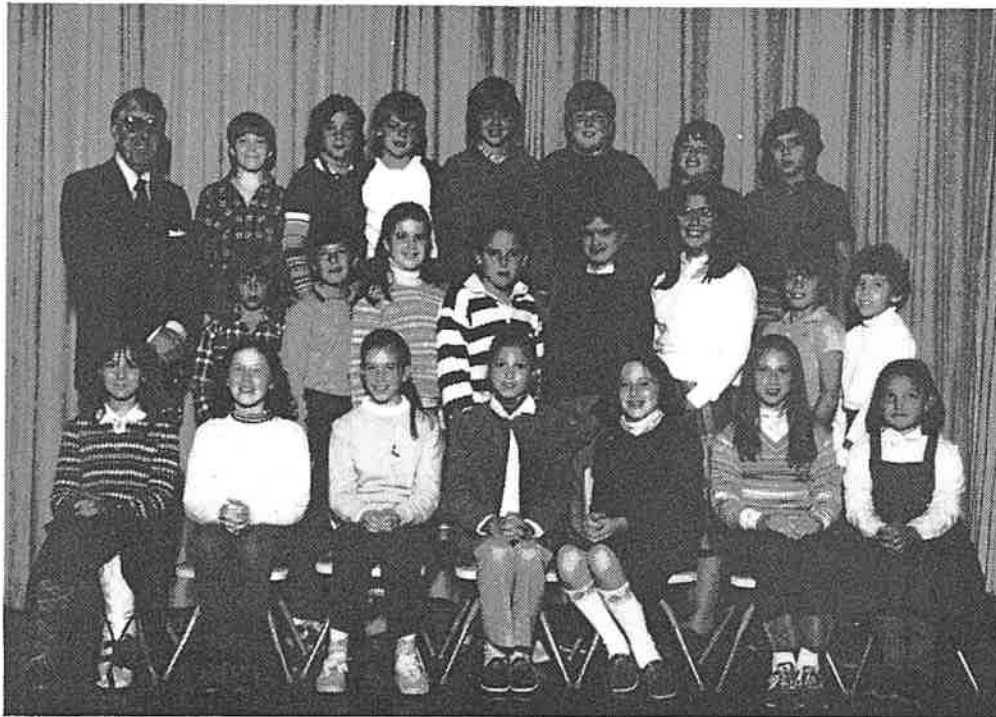


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PTA Co-Presidents '81-'82  
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Hennig

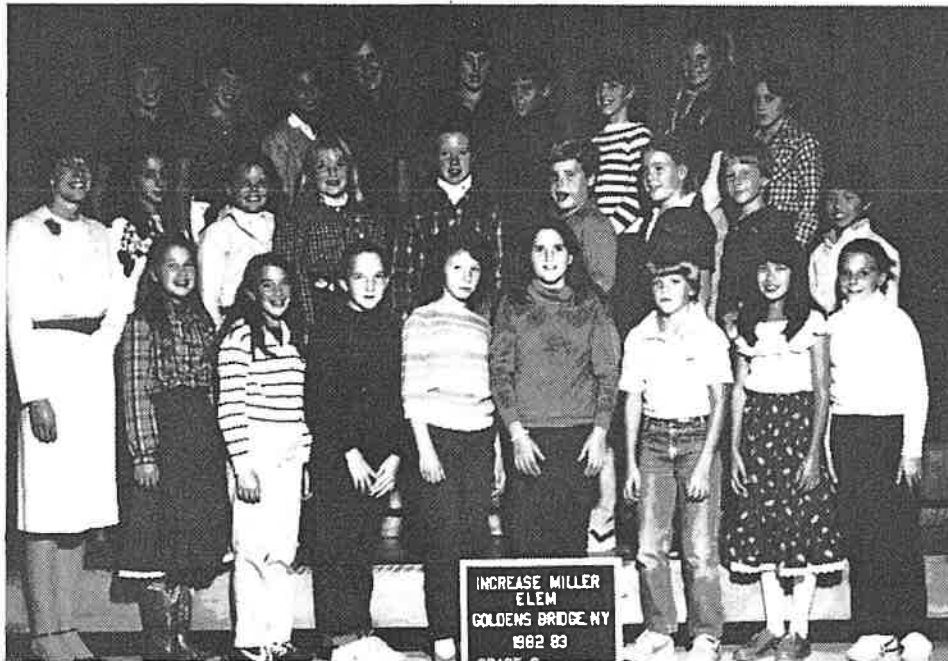


class of . . . . . 1982

PTA Co-Presidents '82-'83  
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Harvey



# class of 1983





## PATRONS PLUS

"In Loving Memory of Albert Chiappinelli, Sr. who built this school" -  
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Richard & Antoinette Callahan, and  
Laura

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Mr. Farrington is our Principal

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Paul

Mrs. Rosalee Cuffee - Taught '64-'69

The Elman Family, Stuart, Doris, Mark,  
Larry and Janet

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our Art Teacher

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our School Nurse

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is a teacher '79-present

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Mrs. Winter is our School Secretary

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Mrs. Feret taught '66-'77  
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Just Looking

Karen Olson Lennon - Music Teacher '63-'67  
Elizabeth, Margaret and Peter Mayer  
David Miller  
Thank you...  
Rob, Mary & Suzy Palazzo  
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'63-present  
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Mrs. Sheeran taught '81-'82  
'77-'79

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We hope you've enjoyed this trip down Memory Lane.

Some of the photos available for our use were not of the best quality for reproduction purposes. The fault did not lie with Katonah Publishing.

In addition, there were no class pictures for some of the sixth grade classes. We decided that rather than leave anyone out, available class pictures from other grade levels were substituted.