

**CLASS OF 1973**  
**25th Year Reunion**  
**at**  
**PETERSON SCHOOL**  
***August 29, 1998***

*Commemorative Book*

A Personal Message From Mr. Andrews:

Dear Class of '73,

Although I cannot be  
with you for your reunion,  
I wish you the best!

You were honestly one  
of my greatest classes.

Have a great time in  
the future also and  
remember each other  
fondly.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Andrews

## The Way We Were



### **Peterson School Room 208, 8th Grade Graduation Photo (June 1973)**

*Top Row (left to right):* Luis Torres, Edwin Fuhrmann, Debbie Reid, Jay Shub, Ted Licker, Tim Chappell, Ricky Yong, Neil Rosenbaum, Elaine Berger, Stephen Gold, John Quinlan, Scott Martin

*Row 2:* Melanie Post, Donna Matulewicz, Sara Edgren, Sharon Weinstein, Pam Van Note, Marilyn Hawkinson, Betsy Johnson, Marsha Bander, Barbara Liebman, Helen Katsoulis, Frances Vaccaro

*Row 3:* Bill Sekalias, Terry Rehfeldt, Sigfried Mueller, Frank Liberatore, Manfred Lehmann, John Pittas, Mark Friedlander, Bill Tong, David Katter, Greg Clark

*Front Row:* Diane Juglal, Donna Murphy, Debbie Schlessinger, Terri Jacobson, Tammy Spero, Barbara Wittert, Terri Goldsberry, Sue Tinnes

**Home Room Teacher:** Mr. Donald Andrews

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### **Peterson School Room 210, 8th Grade Graduation Photo (June 1973)**

*Top Row (left to right):* William Low, Kathy Hanson, David Schoenfeld, Ira Ragans, Angelo Zafirris, Garry Katz, Mark Michael, Brian Kaplan, Rena Zaid, Ron Chaiken, Michelle Newcomb

*2nd Row:* Rachel Gecht, Bonita Sadowsky, Paula Spector, Jane Matulewicz, Audrey Saper, Cheryl Napravnik, Beth Gold, Vivian Delgado, Carla Jameson, Judy Grossman, Sheryl Bloom

*3rd Row:* Benjamin Shapiro, Terry Rosen, Robert Perlin, Ray Waltz, Robert Glzauskis, Marty Karbin, Jon Anderson, Leonard Zolno

*Front Row:* Hasmik Jindoyan, Sandy Kaiser, Donna Matteson, Rubina Ahmed, Debbie Zelinsky, Sheryl Halprin, Cheryl Velick, Esther Rapoport

*Not pictured:* Kris Anderson

**Home Room Teacher:** Miss Anna Vidor (later, Miss Helen Spranger)

# **CLASS OF 1973**

## **25th YEAR REUNION at PETERSON SCHOOL**

### **Dear Fellow Classmates:**

Thank you for participating in the 25th Year Reunion of the Class of 1973. Also, to former classmates who transferred to other schools before 8th grade, and to Peterson graduates of other years, we welcome you as well. While grade school reunions are not as common as those for high school, many of us were classmates together at Peterson for as long as nine years (kindergarten through 8th grade). We eagerly look forward to meeting all of you on August 29 for the grand event at our alma mater. Based upon your feedback and input, we have put this commemorative book together to help you catch up and keep in touch with your many old friends and former classmates, including those who were unable to attend the reunion.

Do you remember when our former teachers used manual typewriters, phonographs, reel-to-reel tape recorders, hand-crank mimeograph machines, and black-and-white televisions during our grade school days? Compare the technology we had then with what school kids of today have today, especially computers, the Internet, e-mail, and electronics.

The reunion organizers wish to give our sincerest thanks to all of our classmates who contributed to the reunion and to this publication. We hope you enjoy this book as much as you did our 25th Year Reunion. So, here's a toast to the Class of 1973 and to all other Peterson graduates, former classmates, and former teachers! Please stay in touch.

*Sincerely,*  
**Bill Tong, Editor**

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### **Peterson School, Chicago IL, 8th Grade Class of 1973 Roster**

*The following roster of 80 classmates was compiled with the help of the 8th grade graduation photos taken in 1973. We apologize for any inadvertent omissions or misspellings. The two home rooms were Room 208 (Mr. Andrews), and Room 210 (Ms. Vidor/Ms. Spranger):*

Ahmed, Rubina	Juglal, Diane	Rehfeldt, Terry
Anderson, Jon	Kaiser, Sandra	Reid, Debbie
Anderson, Kris	Kaplan, Brian	Rosen, Terry
Bander, Marsha	Karbin, Martin	Rosenbaum, Neil
Berger, Elaine	Katsoulis, Helen	Sadowsky, Bonita
Berk, Randy	Katter, David	Schlessinger, Debbie
Bloom, Sheryl	Katz, Garry	Schoenfeld, David
Chaiken, Ron	Lehmann, Manfred	Sekalias, Bill
Chappell, Tim	Liberatore, Frank	Shapiro, Benjamin
Clark, Gregory	Licker, Ted	Shub, Jay
Delgado, Vivian	Liebman, Barbara	Spector, Paula
Edgren, Sara	Low, William	Spero, Tammy
Friedlander, Mark	Martin, Scott	Tinnes, Susan
Fuhrmann, Edwin	Matteson, Donna	Tong, William
Gecht, Rachel	Matulewicz, Donna	Torres, Luis
Glazauskis, Robert	Mateulewicz, Jane	Vaccaro, Frances
Gold, Beth	Michael, Mark	Van Note, Pamela
Gold, Stephen	Mueller, Sigfried	Velick, Cheryl
Goldsberry, Terri	Murphy, Donna	Waltz, Raymond
Grossman, Judy	Napravnik, Cheryl	Weinstein, Sharon
Halprin, Sheryl	Newcombe, Michelle	Wittert, Barbara
Hanson, Kathy	Perlin, Robert	Yong, Ricky
Hawkinson, Marilyn	Pittas, John	Zafiris, Angelo
Jacobson, Terri	Post, Melanie	Zaid, Rena
Jameson, Carla	Quinlan, John	Zelinsky, Debbie
Jindoyan, Hasmik	Ragans, Ira Jean	Zolno, Leonard
Johnson, Betsy	Rapaport, Esther	

# FILL IN THE BLANKS FROM YOUR MEMORY BANKS

**Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was... Three words that best describe me... I think I've become more... Nobody knows I'm... In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on... My favorite teacher(s)... My favorite subject(s)... My favorite memories of Peterson include... In ten years, I see myself...**

**JON ANDERSON:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was crazy. Three words that best describe me: intense, emotional, loving. I think I've become more educated. Nobody knows I'm still a kid at heart. In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on Sara Edgren, Betsy Johnson, Kathy Hanson, and Kris Anderson. My favorite teacher was Mr. Hastings. My favorite subject was gym. In ten years, I see myself wealthy and retired.

**VIVIAN DELGADO ARENDT:** Three words that best describe me: love my life. I think I've become more satisfied with my life. The older I get the more I appreciate each small blessing. Nobody knows I'm busy trying to write novels.

**DAVE BLATT:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was insane. Three words that best describe me...I have failed! I think I've become more conservative. Nobody knows I'm very capable. In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on...I'd rather not say! My favorite memories of Peterson include Betsy Johnson getting sanctions from Mr. Wahle for "over reacting." In ten years, I see myself hopefully no longer a failure.

**STEVE BURDEEN:** Three words that best describe me: hard-working, caring, family-oriented. My favorite subject was math. My favorite memories of Peterson include 7th grade, when I carved my name on a desk, and Mr. Wahle made me sand it down and varnish it.

**SARA EDGREN FLYNN:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was shy. Three words that best describe me: Mom, spontaneous, caring. I think I've become more confident. My favorite teacher was Mr. Wahle. In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on Tim Chappell, Scott Martin, and Steve Johnson. My favorite memories of Peterson include field trips, patrol, and Lighted School House. In ten years, I see myself still busy with the kids, maybe traveling more, and enjoying more time with family.

**EDWIN FUHRMANN:** My favorite memories of Peterson include the walk to and from school every day with my friends, working in the library, and singing in the "Peterson Pipers."

**STEPHEN GOLD:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was the Class Klutz. Three words that best describe me: honest, happy and wise. I think I've become more understanding. Nobody knows I've never had a real job. In 7th/8th grade I had a crush on Kathy Hanson, and in 6th grade, Abby Siegel. My favorite teachers were Mrs. Weinberg and Mr. Wahle. My favorite subject was science. My favorite memories of Peterson include winning the intramural checkers championship, and science classes. In ten years, I see myself as a good father.

**KATHY HANSON WAGNER:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was wild(?). Three words that best describe me: caring, determined, easy-going. I think I've become more self-confident. In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on Scott Martin and Terry Rosen. My favorite teachers were Mr. Wahle and Ms. Rosenstein. My favorite subject was science. My favorite memories of Peterson include Mr. Wahle's class, parties at the Matulewicz's house, assemblies, and French class. In ten years I see myself as a grandma!

**MARILYN HAWKINSON MALECKI:** Fellow classmates at Peterson though I was tough, but cute! Three words that best describe me: friendly, independent, funny. I think I've become more patient. In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on singer David Cassidy. My favorite teachers were Miss Gillick, and Ms. Rosenstein. My favorite subjects were science (with Mr. Wahle), art, and French. My favorite memories of Peterson include the game Seven Up ("thumbs-up"), snow days, Hot Dog day, the city-wide science fair, patrol girl, Lighted School House, and parties at Donna & Jane Matulewicz' basement. In ten years, I see myself moving west.

**TERRY JACOBSON SPINKS:** I think I've become more tuned in to the important things in life. Nobody knows I'm a big country music fan. In ten years I see myself older wiser, and poorer (3 kids in college).

**CARLA JAMESON FRISCH:** Three words that best describe me: mother, wife, friend. I think I've become more able to set priorities. In ten years I see myself having more free time/time for myself.

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**BETSY JOHNSON STEGBAUER:** Three words that best describe me: dedicated, hard-working, sentimental. I think I've become more mature. In ten years I see myself enjoying life in Michigan!

**DAVE KATTER:** In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on Kathy Hanson (didn't everyone?). My favorite memories of Peterson include row quizzes in Mr. Wahle's class, making fake cameras and stuff with Bill Tong, getting a "U" in math in second grade, and hanging out with Frank Liberatore and Jon Anderson.

**LORAIN KOGAN KANE:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was fat, ugly, and smart. I think I've become thin, pretty, and smarter. My favorite teacher was Miss Mulvihill (1st grade). My favorite subject was math. My favorite memories of Peterson include doing the can-can in Mrs. Seidman's 5th grade class. In ten years, I see myself hopefully retired and traveling around the world.

**MANFRED LEHMANN:** Three words that best describe me: tall, bald, handsome. I think I've become more understanding.

**FRANK LIBERATORE:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was... who knows? (You know, they say the mind is the first thing to go.) Three words that best describe me: a big kid. I think I've become more rounded, as a person (literally and figuratively). Nobody knows I'm a huge professional wrestling fan. In 7th/8th grade I had a crush on one of the brides on the TV show, "Here Come the Brides." My favorite teacher was Mr. Wahle. My favorite subject was science. My favorite memories of Peterson include the kindergarten slide and sandbox, skizball, Mr. Wahle's Row Quiz, and the Watergate hearings (NOT!). In ten years, I see myself a U.S. Supreme Court Justice or a game show host.

**BARBARA LIEBMAN MELNICK:** Three words that best describe me: loving, patient, a good mom (Oops! That was 6 words - I can't count!). I think I've become more set in my ways.

**MARK MICHAEL:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was quiet. I think I've become more assertive.

My favorite subject was math. My favorite memories of Peterson include Lighted School House. In ten years, I see myself retired.

**DONNA MURPHY WITTERT:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was a bit wild(?). I think I've become more relaxed. In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on lots of boys. My favorite teacher was Miss Gillick. My favorite memories of Peterson include "boys chase girls" at recess, passing notes in French class, science (and most other) classes, trips to the Hollywood Bowl at lunchtime, lunch at C.V.'s, being one of the first patrol girls, games at "Lighted Schoolhouse" and pizza bread at Sherri's afterwards, having the first "boy-girl" party with Barb Wittert at my house. In ten years, I see myself traveling more (I hope!)

**JOHN PETRAKIS:** My favorite teachers were Mr. Wahle, Miss Reid, Mr. Kaczmarek, and Mrs. O'Connor. In 7th grade, I had a crush on Kathy Hanson, Sara Edgren, Paula Spector, and Donna Matteson. My favorite memories of Peterson include Mr. Wahle's volleyball games at lunchtime in 7th grade, Miss Reid's kindergarten class, the Hollywood Bowl, hosting Peterson's version of the Johnny Carson Show in Mrs. Rosenstein's 6th grade (Frank Liberatore played Ed McMahon), 16" softball and skizball, the Peterson Pipers, the "flying saucer" pastries from the bakery on Bryn Mawr, and Tong's Tea Garden.

**ESTHER RAPOPORT CRAVEN:** I think I've become more outgoing. Nobody knows I'm having a hard time filling this out.

**TERRY REHFELDT:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was... I don't know. My favorite teacher was Mr. Wahle. My favorite subjects were spelling and gym. My favorite memories (and nightmares) of Peterson include: Barb Wittert staring at me (trying to spook me), being a patrol boy for 3 years, a big-shouldered classmate named Manfred Lehmann, Mr. Wahle's Row Quiz (I was in Row 5), and winning a bet worth 1,000 Row Quiz points with Mr. Wahle about the details of a certain novel (maybe the only Row Quiz question I ever got right.)

**NEIL ROSENBAUM:** Fellow classmates at Peterson

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thought I was husky and strong. In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on Kris Anderson. My favorite teacher was Mr. Andrews. My favorite subject was science. My favorite memories of Peterson include that student teacher who sand to us with a guitar, I believe, during 6th grade in Mrs. Stone's class. In ten years, I see myself retired, consulting, and traveling.

**BEN SHAPIRO:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was hyper. Three words that best describe me: opinionated, cynical, energized. I think I've become more focused. In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on Paula Spector, Cheryl Velick, and Dr. Stanek. My favorite class was gym. My favorite memory of Peterson was recess. In ten years I see myself very busy.

**PAULA SPECTOR CLAR:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was Paula Spector. Three words that best describe me: alive and well. My favorite teachers were Miss Mulvihill, Miss Barezsky, Miss Gillick, and Mr. Kaczmarek. My favorite class was patrol gym, when we played softball on Friday afternoons. My favorite memories of Peterson include having Mr. Kaczmarek put mercurochrome on all my scratches. In ten years, I see myself still happy.

**BILL TONG:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was a nice guy. Three words that best describe me: organized, patient, creative. I think I've become more accustomed to change. Nobody knows I play the autoharp and electronic keyboards by ear. In 7th grade, I had a crush on Kathy Hanson. In 8th grade, I had a crush on Kris Anderson. My favorite teachers were Mr. Wahle, Mr. Andrews, and Miss Stark. My favorite subjects were science, social studies, and spelling. My favorite memories of Peterson include Mr. Wahle's Row Quiz, building the fastest-running electric motor kit in 7th grade, learning the songs from the musical "1776," drawing science diagrams of the eye, throwing the 16" softball so far in an 8th grade gym test that it hit the boiler house wall (a 150' throw), running the 50 yard dash in 6.7 seconds, being able to do 10 pull-ups in gym, winning the 7th and 8th grade spelling bees, and watching the Watergate hearings at school on TV. In ten years, I see myself ten years wiser.

**CHERYL VELICK SHAPIRO:** Three words that best describe me: fun, sensitive, friendly. I think I've become more wise.

**SHARON WEINSTEIN:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was "the new kid." Three words that best describe me: content, motivated, shopaholic. No one knows I am a closet Republican (but still a Clinton apologist). I think I've become mellower (maybe a teeny bit). My favorite teacher was Mr. Wahle. My favorite class was: I don't remember... probably English. In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on... (*ask Barbara Wittert Apgar; she seems to remember everything*). In ten years, I see myself the widow of an extremely wealthy and very, very old man, who left me the funds to spend my days at Nieman Marcus and the Golden Door Spa.

**BARBARA WITTERT APGAR:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was friendly, funny, nice. Three words that best describe me: friendly, funny, nice. I think I've become more gutsy and confident (but only a little...). Nobody knows I'm shy. My favorite teachers were Miss Stark, Mrs. Rosenstein, Mrs. Stone, and Mr. Hastings. In 7th grade, I had a crush on Pete Sekalias. In 8th grade, I had a crush on high school guys. My favorite memories of Peterson include recess ("boys chase the girls," and "who stole the cookie from the cookie jar" with Marla Udany et al), Student Council, and lunches with Rena Zaid and Mr. Hastings. In ten years, I see myself famous with the famous.

**DEBBIE ZELINSKY:** Fellow classmates at Peterson thought I was a smart nerd. Three words that best describe me: sincere, creative, fun. I think I've become more open with communication. Nobody knows I rarely wear matching socks. In 7th/8th grade, I had a crush on Frank Liberatore and Mark Friedlander. My favorite teacher was Mr. Wahle. My favorite subjects were French and music. My favorite memories of Peterson include hot dog lunch days, trips to the Museum of Science and Industry, singing in the chorus, playing pinnars, playing bingo in French, being lucky enough to live close to school, although not as close as Becky Zidoff. In ten years, I see myself as happily married with a new family, waiting to tease my fellow classmates on how they are all headed toward 50 while I'm



still 48 and a half.

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## Personal Communication

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To Barb Wittert Apgar, Debbie Zelinsky, Frank Liberatore, Dave Blatt, Neil Rosenbaum, Bob Perlin, Ed Fuhrmann, Kathy Hanson Wagner and Donna Murphy Wittert: Thanks for all your support and your on-line assistance with tips, leads, memories, and write-ups for this book. This book and this reunion would not have been possible if not for all the information passed along through those hundreds of e-mail messages. To everyone in the Peterson Class of '73: In your hearts, keep the memory alive of Peterson - that special place and time that we all shared so long ago.

-Bill Tong

As I embark on my mid-life career change from Advertising to Education, I hope I can have half the impact on my students that Mr. Wahle had on me. Mr. Wahle, wherever you are - thanks!!! Finally, to all the other members of Mr. Wahle's Room 205 Row One Team, WE STILL RULE!

-Bob Perlin

Thanks to Miss Luby and Mrs. Shapiro for all those multiplication tables; I can still calculate tips and tax in my head. NO thanks to Mr. Crane, who made me sing a solo (calypso music, no less) at our graduation.

-Frank Liberatore

Tim Chappell, where are you? Sigi Mueller, where are you?

-Neil Rosenbaum

To Frank Liberatore: Old buddy, I'm glad we found each other after almost twenty years. It's hard to believe it's been a year and a half since we first entertained the notion of organizing a Peterson reunion. Thanks for all your help and ideas in organizing this reunion, and stay in touch.

-Bill Tong

To Dave Katter: Glad to hear from you after all these years. You still remember those paper cameras, too! I remember the excellent painting and art work that you did at Peterson. Sorry you won't be joining us at the reunion. Keep in touch.

-Bill Tong

To Mr. Wahle and Mr. Andrews: Thanks for being the great teachers that you were. You were both great influences on my academic career, and you were part of the reason I majored in science in college, eventually getting a masters degree in earth science.

-Bill Tong

Mr. Wahle: I will never forget the inner workings of the heart or eye or ear because of your class. All three are used now in my work.

-Debbie Zelinsky

Mademoiselle Genitis: Je connais les numeros tres bien, a cause de vous. Merci pour l'aide dans notre classe.

-Debbie Zelinsky

To Miss Stark: Despite the 33 years that had passed(!), I still have wonderful and vivid memories of you and my first grade experience. Thank you for teaching me the enjoyment of learning.

-Barb Wittert Apgar

To Mr. Hastings: Thank you for sharing all those lunch hours with me and Rena, and for treating us as adults (rather than the 11 ½ year old girls that we were).

-Barb Wittert Apgar

To Bill Tong, Neil Rosenbaum, Frank Liberatore (a.k.a. "Frangucci Sarucci"): I still think about you guys on occasion; hope you're doing well.

-John Petrakis

To Kathy Hanson: Thanks for my first kiss(es) in 1st and 2nd grade, but you really cut into my allowance when you started charging me a nickel per kiss in 3rd grade.

-John Petrakis

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## Former Peterson Classmates Who Moved Before 8th Grade

*During our nine years at Peterson, a number of our former classmates moved or transferred before graduating from 8th grade with the rest of us in 1973. While the following list is by no means complete, we haven't forgotten them, and some are attending the reunion. Where possible, we have indicated in parentheses is the last grade they attended at Peterson before transferring. We apologize for any inadvertent misspellings, omissions, or factual errors.*

John Petrakis (7th), Dave Blatt (7th), Steve Burdeen (7th), Randy Berk (7th), Randi Kolen (7th), Phil Jensen (6th), Joan Engeman (6th), Keith Kaplan (6th), Leslie Harris (6th), Jimmy Dong (6th), Steve Gione (6th), Loraine Kogan (6th), Lynn Deutsch (6th), Hope Rushikoff (6th), Norman Sage (6th), Phillip Gardenier (6th), Jonathan Freeman (5th), Ronna Farkas (5th), Tom Tillman (5th), Scott Yen (4th), Mark Feldman (4th), David Jenkins (4th), Murray Friedman, Phillip Eng, Scott Whitcup, Scott Okin, Marla Udany, Lori Van Meegan, Dawn Duncan, Debbie Blanton, Tula Mazomenos, Kiki Mazomenos, Steve Blinderman, Alfred Chang, Barry Weiss.

## **PETERSON CLASSMATES: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

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A Chicago native who moved back to Chicago from Los Angeles in 1971; Dave spent a memorable second semester of 7th grade at Peterson in 1972, then moved to Des Plaines before 8th grade, and spent his high school years in Indianapolis. He returned to Chicago in 1979 and later earned his Masters degree in History in 1984. After teaching high school history for several years, Dave is currently working at the House of Security, a storm door company.

**Nancy Block Ritz (Class of '74)**  
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**Steve Burdeen (Wendy)**  
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Steve graduated from 8th grade at Oakton Jr. High in 1973, from Niles East High in 1977, and from Oakton Community College in 1980. He currently works as a Service Consultant at the Patrick Dealer Group, an car dealership in Libertyville. Steve and his wife Wendy have two sons, Michael (13) and Daniel (9). He likes old cars and playing with his children.

**Vivian Delgado Arendt (Patrick "Pat")**  
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Vivian is currently an "at home mom" with her daughters Lauren, 10 and Brianna, 6. Previously she worked in Corporate America as a Finance Manager.

**Dr. Lynn Deutsch Meisles**  
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Lynn is a rheumatologist, and she is married to an orthopedic surgeon.

**Sara Edgren Flynn (Terry)**  
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Sara graduated from Luther North High in 1977, and studied at North Park College and Triton College in the certified dental assistant program. She lists her occupations as: Mom, part-time crossing guard, and Mary Kay consultant. Sara and her husband Terry have four children: Mike (13), Paul (11), Jon (7), and Kelly (6).

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Kathy is currently between jobs. She loves reading, shopping, and decorating. She also enjoys singing on the Worship Team at church. She and husband, Glen, have been married for 21 years, and have three children: Jeremy (20), Melissa (18) and Jodi (13).

**Marilyn Hawkinson Malecki**  
Marilyn works as an Office Manager in graphic design at Strandell Design, Inc. After attending Von Steuben from 1973-75, she graduated from Luther North High School in 1977. She has three daughters, Denise (20), Sara (13), and Lauren (10). She enjoys travel and sports.

**Terry Jacobson Spinks (Rick)**  
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Terry is working for a home health agency as their medical social worker. She and her husband Rick have been married for 17 years, and they have three children; Michael (13), and twins Laura and Jennifer (9 1/2).

**Carla Jameson Frisch (Mark)**  
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Carla is a Social Worker who enjoys bicycling and swimming. She and her husband have three children: Jeremy (10), Ethan (7), and Naomi (4).

**Betsy Johnson Stegbauer (Frank)**  
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Betsy is a registered nurse in a small community hospital. She enjoys skiing, snow-mobiling and reading. She and her husband, Frank, have three children: Dan, Amy and Laura.

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Dave is Director of Engineering at Candescant Technologies, a high-tech start-up company in Palo Alto, CA, that specializes in designing flat-screen video monitors. He graduated from Carleton College and Northwestern University, earning a degree in Chemical Engineering and an MBA. Dave and his wife, Anita, have two daughters, Abby (3 years) and Lucy (2 months). He enjoys golf, cycling, and travel.

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## Peterson School Class of 1973 Trivia Questions:

1. About how old was Miss Luby when the Class of '73 was in 3rd grade (1967-68)? (SUBMITTED BY DONNA MURPHY WITTE RT)
2. Which row team dominated Mr. Wahle's weekly Row Quiz competition during 7th grade (1971-72) and who were the members? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
3. Who won the 7th & 8th grade intramural spelling bees? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
4. Which three classmates during second grade performed a puppet show production of "The Three Little Pigs"? (SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN GOLD)
5. Who was the intramural chess champ during 7th/8th grade? (SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN GOLD)
6. Who was the intramural checkers champ during 7th/8th grade? (SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN GOLD)
7. What was the name of the Peterson School Chorus?

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(SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN GOLD)

8. What were some of the songs that were performed by the graduating class of 1973 during the graduation ceremony? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
9. Which Peterson School teacher was also a licensed optometrist? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
10. Which teacher during our school years (1964-73) had taught at Peterson since the year the school first opened? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
11. Which teacher gave her new students the assignment of creating a poster-sized physical relief map? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
12. For a brief time during the prolonged Chicago teachers' strike of 1972, a number of voluntary substitute classes were held for Peterson students at a nearby school. Where were these classes held? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
13. Which teacher held weekly spelling bees and gave 100-word spelling tests? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
14. When was the toboggan slide in operation in the Peterson School playground? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
15. What popular version of baseball was played during recess without the use of a bat? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
16. What form of football was played during recess during our school years? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
17. What was the earliest grade a student could be enrolled in French class? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
18. During our earliest years at Peterson, we had both morning and afternoon recess. By what grade was afternoon recess discontinued? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
19. About what year were fluorescent lights installed at Peterson School? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
20. How long was the recess period? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
21. Because Peterson School lacked a lunchroom, students went home for lunch, except for an annual fund raiser - name this event where we ate lunch in school. (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
22. What was the Peterson School equivalent of the yearbook called? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
23. During President Nixon's historic trip to China in 1972, David Blatt wrote and posted an essay which described the Beijing government as the "most sinister regime on the planet." Three Room 205 (Mr. Wahle's class) students composed a rebuttal article attacking Blatt's views. One of them was Mr. William K. Tong. Who were the 2 others? (SUBMITTED BY DAVID BLATT)
24. What colors were the Peterson School sweatshirts sold during 4th grade? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
25. Which two classmates "manufactured" paper box cameras during 4th grade? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG & DAVE KATTER)
26. During all Peterson School assemblies, the musical performances were always preceded by the posting of the flags of the United States and of the school on stage and the pledge of allegiance. Who performed this ceremony, and who was their sponsor? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
27. A number of talented classmates took private music lessons and occasionally, the band comprised of Peterson students would perform a concert at the assembly hall. Who was the music teacher and bandleader? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE & BILL TONG)
28. Which teacher played much of the piano accompaniment and most of the marches when students would go on and off the stage? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
29. A student from the Class of 1972 did a science fair project on freeze-drying that made it to the semi-finals held in the gym. His device produced dry ice as a by-product, and when the dry ice was dumped in the janitors sink, it made rolling waves of fog in the hallways. Name the student who made this project. (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
30. In first grade, a student invited many classmates to

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- his birthday party, which featured lunch at McDonald's at Kedzie and Peterson, and his father purchased over \$200.00 in tickets for rides at Hollywood Kiddieland in Lincoln Village. Name that student (he transferred to another school and did not graduate with us in 1973). (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
31. During 7th grade, students in Mr. Wahle's class put together a short-lived newsletter, which later became a bulletin board. What was the name of this newsletter and who was its editor? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
32. In 1972, a select group of 8th graders from the Class of '73 were enrolled in a new science class offered at Von Steuben high school, which counted for future high school credit. The class was held in the morning at 8:00 AM, before regular classes started at Peterson. What was the name of this class, and who was the teacher? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
33. During our years at Peterson, what calendar cut-off date for your birth date was used to determine when you would begin kindergarten? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
34. During our years at Peterson, at what time of the day did classes begin? When was recess? At what time in the afternoon was school finished for the day? How long were class periods? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
35. During the mid-1960s, much of Peterson's original playground equipment was still intact. How many sets of swings, merry-go-rounds, slides, monkey bars, parallel bars, and hi-flyers were there? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
36. During our Peterson years, when did the school year begin, and when were classes over for the summer? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
37. What former principal of Peterson School left after a short term to become a full-time faculty member at Northeastern Illinois University? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
38. Which Peterson School teacher introduced her students to the Broadway musical "1776"? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
39. During 7th grade, Ms. Leavitt, the librarian, made a "stream of consciousness" tape recording of a group of students who were asked to create and build a fictional tale, one player at a time, each adding to the previous parts. What type of story or theme was used for this project? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
40. What was Ms. Genitis favorite topic/pet peeve during French class? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
41. What was the name of the variation of dodge ball popular in Mr. Kaz's gym class? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE & BILL TONG)
42. What risque Broadway play was recreated in part by Peterson 8th graders, circa 1969? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
43. What special event was held by Peterson in conjunction with Earth day? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
44. By what grade did students begin switching teachers for different subjects (not including French, gym, library)? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
45. At what local vendor could you buy wax lips, wax tongues, fake teeth, candy etc., near school? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
46. What did Mrs. Shapiro do each year to ruin the last day of school for her new incoming students? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
47. What famous prairie folk song did Mr. Wahle attempt to have his 7th grade class sing at an assembly during the 1971-72 school year? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE & DAVE BLATT)
48. What did Tom Keyes, the janitor, do during recess once every few years to make the kids happy? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
49. What was the name of the after school program for 7th, 8th and 9th graders, run by Mr. Wahle? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
50. What game was often played during indoor recess, when there was inclement weather? (SUBMITTED BY



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FRANK LIBERATORE)

*Hint: He is the same student who did the freeze drying project for the 1972 science fair.*

(SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)

51. What federal program led to Peterson students being tested annually in pull-ups, push-ups, sit-ups and other such activities? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
52. What type of food was served at Mr. Wahle's end-of-year party during the spring of 1972? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
53. What was a favorite past time of young hooligans at Peterson? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
54. What did Mr. Wahle say about Peterson principal Dr. Stanek after she imposed indoor recess for several days in a row due to inclement weather? (SUBMITTED BY DAVE BLATT)
55. When did the dress code change to allow girls the opportunity to wear pants to school? (SUBMITTED BY BARB WITTERT APGAR)
56. What did Dr. Setze, the principal, habitually do when he addressed assemblies, and why was this a problem for Miss Luby's students? (SUBMITTED BY BARB WITTERT APGAR)
57. Who held the first "Boy/Girl Party" in 5th grade complete with hors d'oeuvres, a live band and spin the bottle (until the mother of one of the hosts came downstairs and took the bottle away!)? (SUBMITTED BY BARB WITTERT APGAR)
58. Mr. Hastings ran a mock presidential primary in March of 1972. Most 7th grade students participated in the Democratic Party primary but a few selected Republican ballots. In the mock 7th Grade 1972 Republican Party primary, Richard Nixon got 75% of the vote. What ultra-conservative Ohio congressman got the other 25%? (SUBMITTED BY DAVE BLATT)
59. Mr. Wahle had a farm in an upper Midwestern state where he often spent school vacations. What state was it? (SUBMITTED BY DAVE BLATT)
60. In first grade, circa 1966, a student (who eventually skipped second grade and graduated in 1972) invited a number of his classmates to his birthday party, where the theme was "Batman," and every child guest received a Batman cape and mask.
61. In 3rd grade, Miss Luby's students created a series of murals depicting scenes from the early history of Chicago, located on the wall of the southeast stairwell. What were some of the historical events depicted on these murals? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
62. In a role playing presentation during 7th grade (Mr. Wahle's class, Room 205), what side in the American Revolution did David Blatt endorse? (SUBMITTED BY DAVE BLATT)
63. What student was enrolled in Mr. Wahle's 7th grade class in 1971 for all of one day, and then mysteriously vanished? (SUBMITTED BY DAVE BLATT & BILL TONG)
64. Which members of the Class of '73 were informally known (and often admired) as the "Blonde Bunch"?
65. During 7th grade (1971-72) Mrs. Stone's sister gave a guest lecture to Mr. Wahle's Room 205 class. What topic did she speak about? (SUBMITTED BY DAVE BLATT)
66. During her guest lecture, Mrs. Stone's sister displayed the flag of a European country that had set up a temporary colony on the eastern seaboard in 1638, which created great excitement among Room 205's "Blonde Bunch." What country was this flag of? (SUBMITTED BY DAVE BLATT)
67. During 6th grade, Miss Geib (Room 209) was absent for much of the second semester due to a prolonged illness. Who substituted for her for the remainder of the school year? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
68. During 8th grade, Miss Vidor (Room 210) was absent for much of the second semester due to a prolonged illness. Who substituted for her for the remainder of the school year? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
69. During 4th grade, Neil Rosenbaum and Bill Tong made clay models of certain creatures; these were kept on display in Miss Gillick's class (Room 109). What creatures were modeled? (SUBMITTED BY BILL

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70. Who was Class President of the Class of '73, and who were the other officers? (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE & DONNA MURPHY WITBERT)
71. Which teachers at Peterson taught split classes composed of students in two different grades? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG & FRANK LIBERATORE)
72. What two Room 205 classmates in 7th grade were dissatisfied with the teachers' selection of musical material used for stage performances, and proposed their own recording of "musical history of the U.S." as an alternative? (SUBMITTED BY DAVE BLATT)
73. Which classmate declared during 7th grade, "When I die, I leave a million dollars to my mother, a million dollars to my father and a ham sandwich to Mr. Wahle?" (SUBMITTED BY FRANK LIBERATORE)
74. Which two Room 205 classmates were known for noisily volunteering to answer Mr. Wahle's row quiz questions, often receiving "points off for over-reacting?" (SUBMITTED BY DAVE BLATT)
75. Which classmate in 8th grade was known for his distinctive phrase when challenged by several classmates to any type of contest: "It's cool! It's cool! I'll take you both on!"? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
76. Which classmate was known as an avid skier? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
77. Which classmate was known as an avid scuba diver? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
78. Which classmate was given the nickname "Muggy" during 8th grade? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
79. Which classmate was known by his nickname "Ziggy"? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
80. Which classmate was best-known for wearing military attire? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
81. Where was the Class of 1973 graduation party held? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
82. At the end of the 8th grade graduation party, which classmate rearranged the letters of the large restaurant sign in the parking lot? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
83. Instead of the standard A-B-C-D grading system used at most schools (and later in high school), what letters were used to represent grades on Peterson report cards, and what did each letter stand for? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
84. Who was the school district superintendent during our Peterson School years? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
85. Asian American students were uncommon during the 1964-73 era at Peterson - name all of the Asian American students who were our classmates, from kindergarten through 8th grade. (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
86. During 6th grade in Miss Geib's class (Room 209), certain classmates were making paper boats folded from notebook paper. Which classmate introduced a new design and construction material that made these boats seaworthy (or "tubworthy")? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
87. What exclamation did Mr. Wahle often make when he couldn't find something on or in his desk? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
88. On the asphalt blacktop of the Peterson School yard, there were once a series of square boxes outlined in yellow or white paint, measuring approximately 8 feet by 8 feet. What game was played using these squares? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
89. What 8th grade teacher made his students warm up during music rehearsals by singing scales ("ah-ah-ah-ah...") from the key of C to G and back down again? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
90. What are the words to the pledge of allegiance to the American flag? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
91. What was the title of the patriotic American song adapted from the British song "God Save Our King," sung during our earliest years at Peterson, before we learned the Star-Spangled Banner? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
92. In what grade were students finally allowed to use ink pens instead of just pencils for their

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- schoolwork? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
93. Which Peterson newcomer read the class of '73 graduation speech? (SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE ZELINSKY)
94. Name the two people who ran the projector in the auditorium during 8th grade. (SUBMITTED BY NEIL ROSENBAUM)
95. The valedictorian of her Peterson graduating class of the late 1940's later had a daughter who graduated in the Class of '73. Name the daughter.
96. Which classmate was known for his impression of Sergeant Hans Schultz from "Hogan's Heroes"? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
97. During 8th grade, what did Mr. Andrews wear every single Wednesday? (SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE ZELINSKY)
98. During 7th grade, which classmate used the alias and pen name of "Colly Leroy Wilkinson III"? (SUBMITTED BY JOHN PETRAKIS)
99. In the gifted classroom, Mrs. Hollander had a special hobby which was admired by many. She attempted to teach her hobby to some lucky students. What was it? (SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE ZELINSKY)
100. Which Class of '73 classmate spoofed the musical number, "I Am A Fine Musician" from an episode of the Dick Van Dyke Show and did a science project singing "I Am A New Red Blood Cell"? (SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE ZELINSKY)
101. What hit song recorded by Peter, Paul and Mary did Belle Willins' daughter sing with her guitar during her visit to her mom's gifted class? (SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE ZELINSKY)
102. Which Class of '73 classmate used to do chin-ups in the girls bathroom by hanging on the bars above the stall doors? (SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE ZELINSKY)
103. Name the Peterson classmate who skipped 1st grade, by sliding into the 2nd grade half of a split 1st/2nd grade taught by Miss Kipnis, but then moved to the suburbs in before 8th grade and didn't graduate with us. (SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE ZELINSKY)
104. Which two Peterson classmates developed a comic book called "The Swingers" in 5th grade? (SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE ZELINSKY)
105. What 8th grade art project did Mr. Andrews assign that caused a run on the supply of magic markers at the local book stores? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
106. What were the sequence of words to the drill barked out by the leader of the Color Guard during school music assemblies? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
107. Who was the chin-up champ in the Class of '73? (SUBMITTED BY NEIL ROSENBAUM)
108. What was the name of the portrait photography studio that produced most of the annual classroom photos? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
109. What was the game of bingo called in French class? (SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE ZELINSKY)
110. Which girl set the school record for the softball throw in 1972 and 1973?
111. What was the last name of the owners and proprietors of the Flip Side record stores, including the one formerly on Foster Avenue (they were brothers named Carl and Larry). Hint: A Class of '73 graduate was their distant cousin with the same last name.
112. Whose kindergarten photo was pasted on top of a muscle body photo? (SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE ZELINSKY)
113. What brand of sneaker was especially popular amongst boys (and some girls) during 6th through 8th grade? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
114. What classroom during 7th grade had wooden desks that were not defaced? (SUBMITTED BY STEVE BURDEEN)
115. On what day did the Peterson Class of 1973 graduate from 8th grade? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
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## Answers to Peterson Class of 1973 Trivia Questions

1. *Third grade teacher Miss Agnes Luby, born in 1907, was in her early 60's during 1967-1968, when the future Class of '73 was in third grade. She retired in 1972, after a 39-year teaching career at Peterson. Miss Luby passed away in 1997 at the age of 90.*
2. *Amongst Mr. Wahle's home room students (Room 205), Row 1 dominated the Row Quiz competition during 7th grade (1971-72) for much of the year. The original members of Row 1 included Frank Liberatore, Bill Tong, Brian Kaplan, John Petrakis, Bob Perlin, and William Low. Later in the year, Mr. Wahle broke up the Row 1 team by transferring Bill Tong and John Petrakis to other rows.*
3. *Bill Tong won both the 7th and 8th grade intramural spelling bees. The 7th grade spelling bee finished in a dramatic "sudden death" playoff in Room 206 the day after all the remaining contestants misspelled the word "annihilate" in the auditorium.*
4. *During second grade (1966-67), Bill Tong, Frank Liberatore, and David Katter of Ms. Kipnis' class assembled and performed a cardboard box puppet theater production of "The Three Little Pigs," which featured a prop house made out of drinking straws, one of wooden popsicle sticks, and one of Lego bricks. A later production of this theater featured the "Three Billy Goats Gruff."*
5. *Brian Kaplan was intramural chess champion of 7th/8th grade.*
6. *Stephen Gold was intramural checkers champion of 7th/8th grade.*
7. *The Peterson School chorus was known as the "Peterson Pipers."*
8. *During the graduation ceremony, under the direction of Mr. Gerald Crane, the 8th grade Class of '73 sang "Graduation Day," and a series of calypso songs, including "Day O (Banana Boat Song)," and "I Am A Lad From Trinidad," and a calypso solo by Frank Liberatore.*
9. *Besides teaching 8th grade and science, Mr. Donald Andrews was also a practicing optometrist.*
10. *Miss Reid, kindergarten teacher and piano maestro, had taught at Peterson since 1925, the year the school opened.*
11. *In the fall of 1968, Miss Gillick directed her new 4th grade students to make physical relief maps of different countries. Students used materials such as starch paste, plaster paris, papier mache, etc.*
12. *For a brief time during the prolonged Chicago teachers' strike of early 1972, a number of teachers led by Mr. Wahle and Mr. Hastings held substitute classes for their students at the Shaare Tikvah Temple at Kimball and Ardmore Avenues.*
13. *During 7th grade, Mr. Wahle held a weekly spelling bee, and gave 100-word spelling tests. The winner of that week's spelling bee was excused from that week's test and was allowed to recite the words during the test. The row team that was in first place in the weekly row quiz standings only needed to take a 20-word spelling test.*
14. *During the mid-1960's, the Peterson School playground had a large toboggan slide that was built on a green wooden ramp, located just south of the baseball backstop along Kimball Avenue. The stainless steel, single-lane slide with a middle hump fell into disrepair by the late 1960's and the slide and ramp structure were eventually torn down.*
15. *"Pinders," a Chicago neighborhood form of baseball played in a confined area, typically between the width of an alley between a building wall and a garage, used a rubber ball that was thrown against the ground at an angle such that it struck the brick wall and acted as a batted ball; the garage at the other end of the field served as the "outfield wall." At the Peterson School playground, a beveled concrete ledge (the "pinner") along the wall of the school, located about two feet off the ground, was used as the striking surface. A ball thrown at the "pinner" that flew over a fielder's head was counted as a home run.*
16. *Touch football using a baseball-sized sock ball was a popular game played during recess.*
17. *Fifth grade was the earliest grade that a student could take French class, taught by Miss Genitis. Peterson School's language laboratory was fully*

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- equipped with a reel-to-reel tape recorder, French language tapes, headphones, and a monitoring system.*
18. *Afternoon recess was discontinued after 5th grade.*
  19. *Fluorescent light fixtures were installed at Peterson during the early 1970's (about 5th or 6th grade). The antique chandeliers in the assembly hall were replaced by huge square fluorescent panels.*
  20. *Amazingly, recess was only about 15 minutes long.*
  21. *The annual Hot Dog Lunch, sponsored by the PTA, usually featured an Oscar Mayer hot dog on a bun, a bag of Jays potato chips, and lemonade, all for fifty cents.*
  22. *The annual Peterson version of the yearbook was called the "Peterson Press" and it was typed and produced by the secretarial staff on the school mimeograph machine.*
  23. *In response to David Blatt's essay that criticized China's government and President Nixon's visit to China, Frank Liberatore and John Petrakis also wrote essays in support of Nixon's trip.*
  24. *The Peterson School sweatshirts sold during the late 1960s were maroon with gold lettering (the school colors).*
  25. *As a 4th grade art project, Dave Katter and Bill Tong created a number of mock paper box cameras patterned after the Kodak Instamatic camera. The lens and detailing were drawn with magic markers, and the shutter was a small strip of paper folded into an accordion. Fellow classmates then began requesting these cameras, so Dave and Bill produced a large number of them.*
  26. *The Peterson School Color Guard, sponsored by physical education teacher Eugene Kaczmarek ("Mr. Kaz"), were composed of a number of patrol boys, and they performed the presentation of the flags on stage and led the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. flag during musical assemblies.*
  27. *Mr. Barbakoff was a private music teacher who had many Peterson students as his pupils; he arranged occasional concerts at Peterson as the band leader.*
  28. *Kindergarten teacher Miss Reid was well-known for her piano playing skill, and played much of the musical accompaniment at school assemblies.*
  29. *During the spring of 1972, 8th grader Steve Newman did a science fair project on freeze-drying that was presented in the semi-finals in the gym. The dry ice that was created as a by-product got mixed with water in the janitors sink, and produced huge amounts of cold fog in the hallways.*
  30. *Scott Whitcup's father threw him a big party for his 6th birthday, which included lunch at McDonald's and lots of rides for his classmate guests at Kiddieland.*
  31. *The 7th grade Room 205 newsletter was called "Room 205 Talks" which later became a bulletin board called "The Communicator." William Low was the editor.*
  32. *Mr. Mayer Dudovitz, a chemistry teacher at Von Steuben High School, began teaching an early morning class in Anthropology during the fall of 1972, offered for high school credit to selected 8th graders from Peterson, Solomon, Sauganash, and Von Steuben Upper Grade Center.*
  33. *During our school years at Peterson, the cut-off date for school enrollment was December 1st; if you reached your 5th birthday on or after December 1st, you were made part of the older group of students, and you were assigned to attend the morning session of kindergarten during the first semester. During the second semester, the two groups switched schedules. The youngest students were those with November birthdays.*
  34. *Classes began at 9:00 AM in the morning. Recess was usually at 10:20. Classes usually finished at 3:15 PM. Class periods were 40 minutes long, with a 5 minute allowance to go between classrooms.*
  35. *Back in the 1960's, there were two sets of swings along the fence paralleling Bryn Avenue, and a set of toddler swings along Kimball Avenue. There were two merry-go-rounds along Bryn Mawr Avenue. There was a slide at the corner of Christiana and Bryn Mawr, a slide at the corner of Kimball and Bryn Mawr, and a toboggan slide*

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- along Kimball Avenue behind the baseball backstop. There was a set of monkey bars next to the toddler swings along Kimball, a set of parallel bars along Kimball, and another set of parallel bars along Christiana. Next to each set of parallel bars, there were also the "hi-flyers" - a set of rope ladders that swiveled around a tall metal pole. Next to each set of swings along Bryn Mawr were the see-saws (which were referred to as "teeter-totters").
36. The school year usually began after Labor Day, and usually ended by the 2nd week of June. On that final day of the school year, students would learn who was their home room teacher for the next school year.
37. Dr. Leonard A. Setze, who replaced Miss Eileen Cunningham as Principal of Peterson School in 1967, left in 1969 for a faculty position in the College of Education at Northeastern Illinois University.
38. Seventh grade teacher Mrs. Dora Stone (later Mrs. Berk) taught her students the music and lyrics of the Broadway musical, "1776" by playing phonograph records. She later organized a field trip for her students to the Shubert theater to see a live production of the musical.
39. Using a tape recorder, school librarian Ms. Leavitt recorded a small group of 7th grade students who created an original science fiction adventure story that the students made up as they went along. Among the participants were Frank Liberatore, Dave Katter, and Bill Tong. This project was never completed.
40. Miss Genitis' favorite digressive topic during French class was personal hygiene. A number of her students took great delight in trying to intentionally sidetrack her lessons, and tried mimicking her distinctive mannerisms, such as arching her eyebrows.
41. "Skizball," also known as "Bombardment" at other schools, was a form of dodge ball between two large teams that allowed multiple players to throw a ball at opposing players on the other side of the dividing line; at Peterson, we usually used 4 volleyballs simultaneously. Unlike regular dodge ball, the targets could play active defense by catching a ball thrown at them instead of just dodging the throw - catching a thrown ball would put the thrower out of the game.
42. A production of the Broadway play, "Hair," was presented at Peterson School by Bill Wittert et al., circa 1969.
43. In conjunction with Earth Day, Peterson School sponsored a neighborhood clean-up.
44. By 6th grade, students began to switch teachers for different subjects. For example, Mr. Wahle taught science to 7th graders, Mr. Hastings taught Math, Miss Rosenstein taught Art, etc.
45. At the long-defunct Hollywood Bowl, located on Bryn Mawr Avenue across from Peterson School, kids could eat lunch, buy snacks, candy, school supplies, and of course, those big wax lips.
46. On the last day of the school year, Mrs. Shapiro would "welcome" her incoming 4th grade students with a multiplication test, immediately after they had changed classes from third to fourth grade.
47. Mr. Wahle taught his 7th grade home room students in Room 205 the old folk song "Little Old Sod Shanty," which was quite unpopular with most of the students.
48. School janitor Tom Keyes during recess would periodically retrieve all the balls from the school roof which had accumulated from kids playing ball in the school yard after hours.
49. "Lighted School House" for students was held at Peterson School on Friday evenings, featuring a gym period, board games, limbo, and pool.
50. One of the games played by students during indoor recess was "Seven Up," where a group of seated classmates kept their eyes shut and their thumbs up, while another group would go around the room and each tap the thumb of a particular seated person. Those seated would then try to guess which person had tapped their thumbs.
51. The President's Council on Physical Fitness Challenge sponsored the tests given in gym class,

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- including push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, etc.
52. At Mr. Wahle's spring class party in 1972, we ordered Chinese food from Tong's Tea Garden, and pizza.
53. Unknown student hooligans threw wads of wet toilet paper at the ceiling of the bathroom, causing them to stick to the ceiling.
54. During 7th grade, after severe weather had caused indoor recess to be mandated for several days by the principal, Mr. Wahle commented: "Dr. Stanek thinks we're all going to melt!"
55. By 5th or 6th grade, girls were allowed to wear pants at school.
56. At Peterson School assemblies, Dr. Setze, the principal, often paced up and down the center aisle, but Miss Luby class instructed her class to face front at all times at all cost, so they could never see him!
57. Donna Murphy and Barb Wittert held the first "boy-girl" party during 5th grade.
58. The conservative Republican congressman who ran for President in 1972 was John Ashbrook of Ohio.
59. Mr. Wahle's farm and vacation home was located in North Dakota.
60. Steve Newman's 6th birthday party featured Batman costumes for all of the kids who were invited, and Steve even had a cardboard Batmobile and a mock Bat Cave control console!
61. The stairwell murals created out of construction paper and tempera paint by Miss Luby's third grade students featured scenes from early Chicago history, including Fort Dearborn, and the first railroad locomotive in the Chicago area, the "Pioneer." Dave Katter and Bill Tong were among the students who worked on this project.
62. During the classroom role-playing game in History class, David Blatt gave his outspoken support for the Tories, the American colonists loyal to the British Empire, and he advocated "hanging the rebels from the highest tree."
63. Shortly before David Blatt transferred to Mr. Wahle's 7th grade class in December 1971, an obscure student named Odin McDavid appeared for all of one day, and thereafter never returned to class. In fun, Mr. Wahle often made reference to the "mysterious missing Odin McDavid." (In reality, Odin McDavid had transferred to Canty School, thanks to information supplied by my cousin. - Bill Tong)
64. Informally known as and often admired by their classmates as the Blonde Bunch, these young ladies of Swedish-American heritage were: Kris Anderson, Kathy Hanson, Sara Edgren, Betsy Johnson, and Marilyn ("Meme") Hawkinson.
65. During 7th grade, Mrs. Dora Stone's sister presented a lecture to Mr. Wahle's Room 205 class about "Respect for the U.S. Flag."
66. The flag displayed by the Mrs. Stone's sister during her guest lecture was the flag of Sweden.
67. Mr. Garvin substituted for Miss Geib's 6th grade class (Room 209) for much of the second semester in 1971.
68. Miss Helen Spranger substituted for Ms. Vidor's 8th grade class (Room 210) for the second part of the 1972-73 school year.
69. During 4th grade, Neil Rosenbaum made clay models of Godzilla, while Bill Tong made clay models of dinosaurs, such as Tyrannosaurus Rex. These models were kept on display for a time in Miss Gillick's classroom.
70. Peterson School Class of 1973 officers: Donna Murphy was Class President, Paula Spector was Vice President, and David Katter was Secretary/Treasurer.
71. In order to even out the teaching load between different grades and teachers, split classes were often taught during our years at Peterson, typically between consecutive grades, such as 1st-2nd, and 6th-7th. The teachers who taught these classes included: Miss Stark (1st-2nd), Miss Kipnis (1st-2nd), Miss Mulvihill (Kindergarten-1st.), Mrs. Stone (6th-7th), and Mr. Hastings (6th-7th). Some teachers taught different grades, but during

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*different years, such as Mrs. Seidman (3rd grade in 1967-68, 5th grade in 1969-70).*

72. *David Blatt and Robert Perlin taped an original program, "musical history of the U.S.," which they tried to propose for the 7th grade to use as a prototype, but Mrs. Stone vetoed the idea.*
73. *John Petrakis declared during 7th grade, "When I die, I leave a million dollars to my mother, a million dollars to my father and a ham sandwich to Mr. Wahle."*
74. *John Petrakis and Betsy Johnson were known for noisily volunteering to answer Mr. Wahle's row quiz questions, often receiving "points off for over-reacting."*
75. *In 8th grade, Ricky Yong was known for his distinctive phrase when challenged by classmates to any type of contest: "It's cool! It's cool! I'll take you both on!"*
76. *John Quinlan was known as an avid skier.*
77. *David Schoenfeld was known as an avid scuba diver.*
78. *Mark Michael was given the nickname "Muggy" during 8th grade.*
79. *Sigfried Mueller was better known by his nickname, "Ziggy," although he used "Sigi."*
80. *Terry Rehfeldt was best-known for wearing military attire.*
81. *The Class of 1973 graduation party was held at the Pyrenees Restaurant and Banquet Hall in Wilmette during the evening following the 8th grade graduation ceremony at Peterson.*
82. *Before we returned home from the party, Greg Clark rearranged the letters of the big Pyrenees Restaurant sign located in the parking lot from "REGISTER FOR FALL PARTIES" to "REGISTER FOR ALL FARTS."*
83. *During our Peterson years, the grading system used equivalent to the A-B-C-D scale included: E ("excellent"), G ("good"), F ("fair"), and U ("unsatisfactory"). For emphasis, Miss Luby used*
- to threaten to give certain students a "Red U" - meaning she would write it on their report cards in bold red ink.*
84. *Shirley Stack was the school district superintendent; often mentioned by teachers, but seldom seen at Peterson.*
85. *Asian American students who were our Peterson classmates in the same grade, from kindergarten (1964) through 8th grade (1973): Bill Tong, William Low, Ricky Yong, Phillip Eng (moved after 3rd grade), Jimmy Dong (moved after 6th grade), and Alfred Chang (moved after kindergarten). By coincidence, all of the above were of Chinese descent. (Note: The above list does not include Asian American alumni from other graduating classes.)*
86. *During 6th grade, Bill Tong introduced a Chinese design for folded paper boats, which he learned from his father. These Chinese boats, which included a canopy at each end, were folded out of sheets of aluminum foil, so that they could actually float in water.*
87. *When he misplaced something on or in his desk, Mr. Wahle would exclaim, "Curses! Where is it?"*
88. *The 8' x 8' square outline boxes painted on the Peterson School yard blacktop were used for the game known as Four Square. Four Square was played by 2, 3 or 4 players, usually with a basketball. Each person would take turns serving the ball, which was initially bounced into another person's square in a diagonal direction. Thereafter, each player could bounce or slam the ball to any adjacent player's square, and the ball was kept in motion by each player by successively serving it to another square. If a player was unable to return an incoming serve, that player was out. The last player left was the winner.*
89. *Mr. Crane had his music students sing the scales (key of C to G and back down to C) as a warm up exercise.*
90. *"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands - one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*



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91. *America ("My Country 'Tis of Thee") was the song taught before we learned the Star Spangled Banner.*
92. *Penmanship and cursive handwriting was taught in the third grade, so that is when pens were first allowed to be used by students for schoolwork.*
93. *Newcomer Vivian Delgado read the graduation speech at the 8th grade graduation ceremony.*
94. *Neil Rosenbaum and Ted Licker operated the projection booth located in the balcony of the assembly hall.*
95. *Debbie Zelinsky's mother was valedictorian of her 8th grade Peterson class during the late 1940's. (SUBMITTED BY DEBBIE ZELINSKY)*
96. *John Pittas was known for his impression of Sergeant Hans Schultz from the TV show, "Hogan's Heroes." ("Ja Wohl!")*
97. *On Wednesdays, Mr. Andrews wore a yellow turtleneck.*
98. *During 7th grade, David Blatt used the pen name and alias "Colly Leroy Wilkinson III."*
99. *Mrs. Hollander's hobby was calligraphy.*
100. *Barb Wittert spoofed the Dick Van Dyke Show's "Alan Brady Show" number with "I Am A New Red Blood Cell."*
101. *Mrs. Willens' daughter sang "Leaving On A Jet Plane," which was written by John Denver.*
102. *Kris Anderson did chin ups in the girls' washroom.*
103. *Keith Kaplan transferred out of Peterson School after 6th grade.*
104. *Debbie Zelinsky and Keith Kaplan created a comic book called "The Swingers" in 5th grade.*
105. *Mr. Andrews assigned his 8th grade class to make "stained glass windows" by gluing a sheet of cellophane or plastic wrap between two frames cut out of construction paper, and staining them with different colored permanent ink markers.*
106. *Below are the words to the Color Guard drill, barked out by the leader who stood on stage, while the rest of the Color Guard (a select group of patrol boys) marched down the auditorium aisle carrying the U.S. and school flags to be posted on stage: "Color Guard... atten-hut!... Part-time March! ... Forward March!... Color Guard, halt!... Left and right face!... Post Colors."*
107. *The Class of '73 chin-up champ was Garry Katz, who could do more than 20 chin-ups in gym.*
108. *National School Studios was the company that produced most of the classroom portrait photos during our years at Peterson; these were shot in black-and-white up to 6th grade. Beginning in 7th grade, Heeren Photography took the classroom photos in color.*
109. *In French class, the game of bingo is spelled the same way, but it is pronounced "bango."*
110. *Marilyn Hawkinson set the school softball throw record in 1972 and 1973. (SUBMITTED BY MARILYN HAWKINSON)*
111. *Neil Rosenbaum was the distant cousin of Carl and Larry Rosenbaum, the brothers who owned the Flip Side Records chain. (SUBMITTED BY NEIL ROSENBAUM)*
112. *Neil Rosenbaum had his kindergarten photo pasted on top of a muscle body photo.*
113. *Long before Reeboks, Converse All-Stars were popular footwear during our latter grade school years.*
114. *Room 205 (Mr. Wahle) had wooden desks whose surfaces were relatively clean and unmarked.*
115. *The Peterson School Class of '73 graduated on Friday, June 15, 1973.*



## Bryn Mawr Avenue History Questions

Bryn Mawr Avenue forms the northern boundary of the Peterson School property. In Chicago, a major business thoroughfare usually served by a CTA bus line is usually found every four blocks or so; on the north side, there is Devon (6400 N.), Peterson (6000 N.) and Foster (5200 N.). But Bryn Mawr Avenue (5600 N.) doesn't fit the pattern - it looks more like a slice of small-town America than a typical business street. The street is truncated on the east by Rosehill Cemetery at Western Avenue, and become a one-way street west of Pulaski. Between Kedzie and Bernard, a great diversity of mom-and-pop stores on Bryn Mawr once operated. Here are a series of historical trivia questions that recall some of the former shops and stores that once existed during our Peterson years:

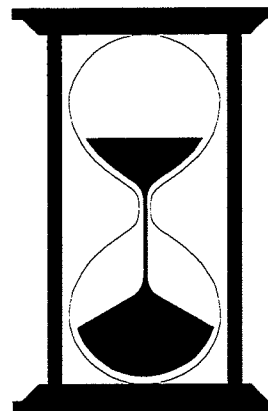
- B1. What was the name of the neighborhood barber whose barber shop was once located on Kimball just north of Bryn Mawr? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
- B2. What were the names of the two college book stores formerly located on Bryn Mawr where Peterson students could also buy school supplies? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG & JOHN PETRAKIS)
- B3. What was the name of the Chinese restaurant on Bryn Mawr?
- B4. During the 1960s, what was the name of the pizzeria and roast chicken restaurant on Bryn Mawr? (SUBMITTED BY NEIL ROSENBAUM)
- B5. What was the name of the corner snack shop at Kimball and Bryn Mawr? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
- B6. What was the name of the former restaurant on Bryn Mawr near the corner of Spaulding? (SUBMITTED BY NEIL ROSENBAUM)
- B7. What was the name of the toy store on Bryn Mawr, which closed in 1968? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
- B8. What was the name of the card and gift shop on Bryn Mawr Avenue? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
- B9. During the 1960's, what were the names of the two neighborhood pharmacies on Bryn Mawr, and where were they formerly located? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
- B10. What was the name of the former Schwinn bicycle

dealership on Bryn Mawr and which classmate's father and uncle owned it? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)

- B11. Who owned the former Chinese hand laundry once located on Kimball, just north of Bryn Mawr? Hint: One of the owner's sons was our former classmate. (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
- B12. For a very brief time (less than a year) in 1972, there was a small bakery that was located between the Seven Eleven and Les-On Drug Store on Kimball at Bryn Mawr. What was the name of this bakery? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
- B13. What were the names of the owners of the Hollywood Bowl? (SUBMITTED BY NEIL ROSENBAUM)
- B14. Where on Bryn Mawr Avenue was a Jewel Food store once located? (SUBMITTED BY BILL TONG)
- B15. What was the local pastry known as the "flying saucer" and where was the bakery located? (SUBMITTED BY KATHY HANSON WAGNER)
- B16. What was the name of the dress shop on Bryn Mawr, and which Peterson classmate was the daughter of the owners? (SUBMITTED BY KATHY HANSON WAGNER)
- B17. Which drug store opened next door to the Seven Eleven at Bryn Mawr and Kimball? (SUBMITTED BY KATHY HANSON WAGNER)

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Thank you for taking this little journey back in time.



Answers to this quiz are on the next page...

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- B1. *Irv Olsen, of Norwegian-American descent, was a friendly and popular barber and a neighborhood institution who gave haircuts to three generations of boys and men. His barber shop on Kimball Avenue was in operation for nearly 40 years. Among Mr. Olsen's many customers were countless boys and young men who attended Peterson School. As a camera buff, he photographed the kids as they got their haircuts, and displayed a photo montage in his shop window. Mr. Olsen passed away in 1984 at the age of 74, and the former barber shop is now the site of Top 10 Video.*
- B2. *Beck's Book Store and Follett's Book Store on Bryn Mawr Avenue primarily served students from Northeastern Illinois University, but Peterson students could also buy school supplies there. In 1973, Follett's closed its Bryn Mawr location and moved into the Northeastern Campus. In 1988, Beck's took over Follett's location inside Northeastern, and closed its Bryn Mawr Avenue store.*
- B3. *Tong's Tea Garden, founded by Bill Tong's grandfather, was operated by the Tong family between 1954 and 1984. The restaurant is now named Hunan Wok and is operated under lease; the property is still owned by Jerry Tong, Bill's father.*
- B4. *Sherry's Pizza, was owned and operated by the Friedman family.*
- B5. *CV's Snack Shop; the original owner, whose initials were "C.V.," lived in Maywood and drove to Chicago early each morning to open the diner at 6 AM.*
- B6. *Martin's Restaurant was located on the northeast corner of Bryn Mawr at Spaulding.*
- B7. *Hollywood Toys & Hobbies, which sold everything from Lego to chemistry sets to model airplanes, also was a notary public. After going out of business in 1968, the store was later converted into an art gallery owned by Northeastern Illinois University.*
- B8. *Hollywood Card Shop, which closed during the early 1990s.*
- B9. *Plotkin's Pharmacy was located at the northwest corner of Bryn Mawr and Christiana. Sandler's Pharmacy was located at the southwest corner of Bryn Mawr and Spaulding. The former Plotkin's site is now a violin academy, and what was once Sandler's is now the Hollywood Bar & Grill.*
- B10. *Lex Bike Shop was operated by the father and uncle of classmate Marty Karbin.*
- B11. *The family of Jimmy Dong operated the Chinese hand laundry once located on Kimball Avenue; it closed circa 1971.*
- B12. *The little bakery was known as the Pie Pantry, which closed in 1972.*
- B13. *Helen and Joe were the proprietors of the Hollywood Bowl, which sold hot sandwiches, snacks, candy, and school supplies. The Hollywood Bowl closed circa 1970.*
- B14. *On the north side of Bryn Mawr near Christiana was the local neighborhood Jewel Foods, which operated until circa 1965. The supermarket was then sold and operated as a part of the Certified Foods chain under the new name Bryn Mawr Food Mart.*
- B15. *The "flying saucer" pastry was made from yellow cake with chocolate frosting, produced by the bakery once located on the northeast corner of Bryn Mawr and Christiana. The building was razed during the 1980's to make room for a supermarket parking lot.*
- B16. *Bonita Sadowsky's parents owned the ladies' dress shop called "Bon-Shar" once located on the south side of Bryn Mawr, between Christiana and Spaulding.*
- B17. *Les-On Drugs opened during the early 1970's, located next door to the Seven Eleven on the northwest corner of Bryn Mawr and Kimball. It is now the site of a TCF Bank branch location.*



## Guess the Nickname

Guess which Class of '73 classmates used or were given the following nicknames back during our days at Peterson School. *Note: We have limited this list only to those nicknames which were used affectionately or were self-named.* (Answers are on Page 25 .)

1. Muggy
2. Ziggy
3. Q.Q.
4. Shrub
5. Subpena
6. Moleman
7. Sane
8. Foghorn
9. Meme

## Classroom & Teachers Match-up

*Match the teacher name with the correct room number. Some teachers names are used more than once, because they taught more than one grade. We apologize for any factual errors. (Answers on Pg. 25)*

<u>Room #, Grade &amp; Year</u>	<u>Teacher Name</u>
1. 106, Kindergarten, 1964	A. Mr. Andrews
2. 110, Kindergarten, 1964	B. Mr. Wahle
3. 101, 1st grade, 1965	C. Miss Barezsky
4. 112, 1st grade, 1965	D. Miss Rosenstein
5. 102, 2nd grade, 1966	E. Mrs. Stone
6. 103, 2nd grade, 1966	F. Miss Luby
7. 116, 3rd grade, 1967	G. Mrs. Seidman
8. 109, 4th grade, 1968	H. Miss Gillick
9. 115, 4th grade, 1968	I. Miss Stark
10. 204, 5th grade, 1969	J. Miss Geib
11. 211, 5th grade, 1969	K. Miss Kipnis
12. 201, 6th grade, 1970	L. Miss Mulvihill
13. 209, 6th grade, 1970	M. Miss Reid
14. 205, 7th grade, 1971	N. Miss Vidor
15. 206, 7th grade, 1971	O. Mr. Hastings
16. 207, 7th grade, 1971	P. Miss Roin
17. 208, 8th grade, 1972	Q. Mrs. Shapiro
18. 210, 8th grade, 1972	

## Peterson Teachers' Roster

*Thanks to Steve Gold, Frank Liberatore, Debbie Zelinsky, Donna Murphy Wittert, Barb Wittert, Bob Perlin, Kathy Hanson Wagner, Neil Rosenbaum and Bill Tong, we have compiled the following list of most, if not all, of the Peterson teachers who taught the Class of 1973, from 1964 through 1973. We apologize for any factual errors or misspellings of names:*

**1964-65, Kindergarten:** Miss Reid, Miss Claire, Ms. Vivian Mulvihill

**1965-66, 1st Grade:** Miss Shirley Stark, Ms. Vivian Mulvihill

**1966-67, 2nd Grade:** Miss Shirley Stark, Miss Bessye Kipnis, Miss Racquel Roin, Miss Weinberg

**1967-68, 3rd Grade:** Miss Agnes Luby, Miss Dorothy Bikshorn, Mrs. Anne Seidman

**1968-69, 4th Grade:** Miss Fay Gillick, Mrs. Dorothy Shapiro

**1969-70, 5th Grade:** Mrs. Anne Seidman, Ms. Barezky

**1970-71, 6th Grade:** Miss Miriam Rosenstein, Miss Edie Geib, \*Mr. Garvin, Ms. Fern O'Connor

**1971-72, 7th Grade:** Mr. Donald Wahle, Mrs. Dora Stone (Berk), Mr. Peter Hastings

**1972-73, 8th Grade:** Mr. Donald Andrews, Ms. Anna Vidor, \*Ms. Helen Spranger, Mr. Gerald Crane

**French:** Miss Elden Genitis

**Gifted Program:** Miss Belle Willins, Mr. Carl Sorensen

**Special Education:** Miss Carol Greene

**Physical Education:** Mr. Eugene Kaczmarek ("Mr. Kaz")

**Librarian:** Miss Eck, Miss Sylvia Leavitt

**School Principals:** Miss Eileen Cunningham (pre-1967), Dr. Leonard Setze (1967-1969), Dr. Muriel Stanek (1969-1980)

**School Vice Principal:** Ms. Eleanor Geise, Mr. Peter Hastings

*\*Substitute teachers who filled in for the regular teachers who were absent due to prolonged illness.*

## **Answers to "Guess the Nickname"**

1. "Muggy" = Mark Michael, a nickname coined by Bill Wittert.
2. "Ziggy" = Sigfried Mueller, although he preferred to use "Sigi"
3. "Q.Q." = John Quinlan
4. "Shrub" = Jay Shub (self-named), referring to his curly hair
5. "Subpena" = Ben Shapiro (according to Neil Rosenbaum)
6. "Moleman" = Neil Rosenbaum, a name that was first coined by his former camp counselor
7. "Sane" = John Pittas (self-named), who once explained to someone who asked, "Why are you called 'Sane'?" - he replied, "Because I'm not."
8. "Foghorn" = Jay Shub, another nickname that he used because he had the habit of imitating the sound of a foghorn to get attention.
9. "Meme" = Marilyn Hawkinson (self-named), who now spells her nickname "Mimi."

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### **Answers to Classroom & Teachers Match-Up:**

1. Room 106 (K) = Miss Reid
2. Room 110 (K) = Miss Mulvihill
3. Room 101 (1st) = Miss Mulvihill
4. Room 112 (1st) = Miss Stark
5. Room 102 (2nd) = Miss Kipnis
6. Room 103 (3rd) = Miss Roin
7. Room 116 (3rd) = Miss Luby
8. Room 109 (4th) = Miss Gillick
9. Room 115 (4th) = Mrs. Shapiro
10. Room 204 (5th) = Mrs. Seidman
11. Room 211 (5th) = Miss Baretsky
12. Room 201 (6th) = Miss Rosenstein
13. Room 209 (6th) = Miss Geib
14. Room 205 (7th) = Mr. Wahle
15. Room 206 (7th) = Mrs. Stone
16. Room 207 (7th) = Mr. Hastings
17. Room 208 (8th) = Mr. Andrews
18. Room 210 (8th) = Mrs. Vidor

## **Memories of Mr. Wahle's Row Quiz**

Mr. Donald Wahle, a long-time 7th grade and science teacher, and later Assistant Principal at Peterson School, created his famous Row Quiz to inspire his students with a spirit of friendly academic competition. The Row Quiz was a remarkably effective teaching tool that encouraged class participation and team building. This is my recollection of the rules and workings of his famous Row Quiz...

The Row Quiz was a weekly competition for points between different teams of students, each assigned by row. A running point total for each row team was posted in chalk on the blackboard. (*Students were remarkably honest during our school days - no one to my recollection ever tried to change or post a phony point total on the blackboard.*) At any given moment during a class lesson, Mr. Wahle would announce a question and offer a number of points to the row of the person who answered it correctly. Mr. Wahle's favorite time for giving row quiz questions was during science class.

Mr. Wahle taught spelling in a unique way that was tied to the Row Quiz. Each week, he held a classroom spelling bee. The winner would be excused from taking that week's spelling test, and would be given the opportunity to recite the words during the test. Mr. Wahle's weekly spelling tests required us to memorize 100 words, each broken down into syllables! One of the incentives for winning the weekly row quiz was to take a much shorter 20-word spelling test.

During 7th grade, the Row One Team consisting of Frank Liberatore, Bill Tong, Brian Kaplan, John Petrakis, Robert Perlin, and William Low dominated the Row Quiz competition to such an extent that Mr. Wahle later broke up the row by reassigning Bill Tong and John Petrakis to other rows. The Row Quiz was also used by Mr. Wahle to discipline students by deducting points from their row team total. Certain students who protested too vigorously, or noisily raised their hands attempting to answer a row quiz question were given "points off for over-reacting" and the loss was taken from their row.

Thanks, Mr. Wahle, for your inspiration.

*-Bill Tong*



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## Science Deluxe

I don't know how many of the Class of '73 went into medicine, but Mr. Wahle and Mr. Andrews sure gave us a head start. Mr. Wahle had us draw a diagram of the human heart, memorize all the parts, and write an essay on how the blood flowed from one part of the heart to another. Similarly, Mr. Andrews had us draw, label, and explain a diagram of the human eye.

-Bill Tong

## Boiler Room Tour

The facilities tour we once took through the basement, boiler room, etc., was pretty neat from a grade-schooler's perspective. If I remember correctly, several feet had to be taken off of the top of the chimney while we were at school; something about the bricks or the concrete holding them together coming apart.

-Edwin Fuhrmann

## The Old Playground Equipment

One of the things that always "hit" me the most on post-graduate visits was the change in the playground equipment. (I left the area after graduating high school; the impact of the changes was probably much less noticeable to those of you who stayed around.) I remember a large wooden structure that was used during the winter as a mini-toboggan run (no toboggan required), the "break-your-neck-if-you-let-it" metal merry-go-round, and one or two pieces we called "hi-flyers" which were a large metal post in the center, a metal wheel on the top, and 3 equally-spaced rope-ladder kind of rigs which hung down from the wheel. One could get a running start, hang on to the ladder, and make several revolutions of the pole before kicking a few times again to re-build momentum. Oh, and nice solid "monkey bars" and jungle-gym. Kid-safe? Yeah... right!

-Edwin Fuhrmann

## Memories of Gym Class

I didn't care much for gym, except that I always wanted to climb up those tall wooden contraptions near the walls that incorporated some kind of retractable ladder. Dodge-ball was the activity I enjoyed the most, "Skiz" I think we called it. We could always count on Terry Rosen to head up a side, calling out "Get the palsies first!". Way to go, Terry...

-Edwin Fuhrmann

## Crowded Classrooms

We had the old antique desks bolted to the floor.

There were 40 of them per classroom. We were always seated in alphabetized fashion. There were 41 students in the class one part of one year. Leonard Zolno was in the other class. Having a name at the end of the alphabet, I was stuck sitting in a 41st seat next to the teacher.

-Debbie Zelinsky

## Mr. Sports Authority

Jay Shub knew EVERYTHING about EVERY sport imaginable and at that time, I didn't. I remember hearing a sports announcer on TV saying that a hockey score was 96-72 (or something like that). The announcer had meant basketball, but had said hockey. Me, being as literal as I was, argued with Jay over that. He kept telling me that it couldn't have been hockey and I kept telling him that the man said hockey.

-Debbie Zelinsky

## Summer School

I remember Jon Anderson going to summer school when we combined with other schools, and drawing a face on Joanne Scharf's elbow mole.

-Debbie Zelinsky

## Chauffeur

I remember school principal Dr. Stanek driving me home one day when I had an allergic reaction.

-Debbie Zelinsky

## Valentines & Notes

During my younger years at Peterson I have strong memories of Valentine's Days and writing a valentine card for each member of the class. I also remember the fun of "delivering" the valentines during a class party and going home and reading them all. During my older years at Peterson I remember passing and receiving lots and lots and lots of notes.

-Barb Wittert Apgar

## Finger Traps

I remember having someone show me one of those finger catcher traps and not telling me how to get out of it. My fingers were stuck in it when I was called on to go to the board.

-Debbie Zelinsky

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## 8th Grade Classroom Pranks

### De Plane! De Plane!

During 8th grade, Ricky Yong designed a paper airplane that acted like a boomerang; it flew in a small radius circle and returned to the thrower. When he launched his airplane several times behind Ms. Spranger's back while she was writing on the blackboard, the class almost died laughing.

*-Bill Tong*

### Pop Goes The Easel

One of the classroom pranksters' delights were those things called "Snap Pops" - fingernail-sized wads of tissue paper containing metallic crystals that popped loudly when thrown against a hard object. People who brought these to class would throw these at the blackboard while the teacher was writing with his or her back turned to the class.

*-Bill Tong*

### Rubber Band Wars

Sometime during 8th grade, a number of classmates got into a rubber band war. Terry Rehfeldt brought a rubber band gun, which was a pistol-like device with notches for loading lots of rubber bands. To defend myself against other "contestants," I used a wooden ruler loaded up with rubber bands. A bunch of us ended up writing an essay on how rubber bands are made, as punishment.

*-Bill Tong*

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## Watergate Was Tough To Sit Through

During 8th grade, I remember having to watch the Watergate hearings, staring at the television for hours, sitting two to a seat, because both 8th grade classes were sharing a single TV in one room. I was paired with someone who took up more than their half and I kept sliding off.

*-Debbie Zelinsky*

## What Watergate?

During 8th grade, the Watergate hearings were televised during the day, and the students were assigned to watch the TV coverage. Because there weren't enough televisions to go around, students from both 8th grade classes (Room 208 and 210) combined into one room to watch a single black-and-white TV, but a number of students used to sneak back into the empty classroom and play checkers, chess, or Battleship.

*-Bill Tong*

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## 8th Grade Science Fair

To fulfill the science fair requirement, I usually put together some kind of gadget. For the 8th grade science fair, I made an electric arc furnace, which used the carbon rods from dead "D" size batteries as electrodes. When operated, the small gap between the two carbon rods got white-hot - hot enough to melt copper pennies and aluminum foil. I wore dark sunglasses to protect against the glare. Terry Rehfeldt collected a lot of dead batteries and extracted the carbon rods for me. To my surprise, my project made it to the semi-finals in the gym. My arc furnace drew so much electricity that many projects set up near me wouldn't operate properly. To regulate the electric current, I used a salt-water rheostat, which was just a glass orange juice jar with two strips of metal connected to wires to complete the circuit. The problem was, the salt-water would heat up so fast that it would start boiling, so I needed to change the water very often. During the science fair, Terri Goldsberry and Diane Juglal kept running to the janitor's sink to get more cold water to replace the hot salt water.

*-Bill Tong*

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## Good Reading

I remember being in the "advanced" reading program in 7th or 8th grade, being "rewarded" with French lessons, protesting by intentionally doing poorly, and being "busted" back to the regular class. The other episode where being an avid reader with a good vocabulary bit me was when I was assigned to some kind of "reading circle", where I was the only boy. I didn't know then, of course, how good I had it.

I remember from somewhere in the 6th-8th grade time frame that Peterson boasted the 2nd-highest elementary school reading/comprehension scores in the Chicago Public School system. I always boasted about that, and credited my reading ability and vocabulary to a good start at Peterson.

*-Edwin Furhmann*

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## Memories of 7th Grade (1971-72)

### 7th Grade Intramurals

During the 1971-72 school year, there were three (actually two and a half) 7th grade classes: Mr. Wahle (Room 205), Mrs. Stone (Room 206), and Mr. Hastings (Room 207), which was a combined 6th/7th grade. The teachers created a series of intramural competitions, including a spelling bee, checkers tournament, chess tournament, volleyball tournament, and softball tournament. Besides participating in the spelling bee, I remember

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playing on the Room 205 softball team.

*-Bill Tong*

## Spelling Bee Stories

I remember that during the intramural spelling bee, everyone was getting eliminated by the word "wholesome." When it was finally my turn, I was sure I had it, but I blurted out "H-O-L-S-U-M" just like the bread commercial spelled it, so I was out of the contest.

*-Frank Liberatore*

The 7th grade intramural spelling bee held in the auditorium had eliminated everyone but me with the word "annihilate" - but, in the heat of the moment, I forgot to say the "h" even though I had spelled it mentally to myself just a moment earlier. We finished the spelling bee in a playoff between the final contestants the next day in Ms. Stone's classroom, but I don't recall the last word I spelled correctly to win the contest for Room 205.

*-Bill Tong*

## 1776 - the Musical

Mrs. Stone taught the words and music from the Broadway musical "1776" to most of the 7th grade, using phonograph records and song sheets. Some of the musical phrases were used for particular classmates, such as the number sung by the Continental Congress to John Adams; "Sit Down, John!" was invoked whenever John Petrakis "over-reacted." Mrs. Stone's home room class (Room 206) even acted out the musical numbers at the assembly hall while lip-synching to the phonograph record. Mrs. Stone later organized a class field trip to the Shubert Theater to see the Chicago production of "1776."

*-Bill Tong*

## Mr. Wahle's 7th Grade

Mr. Wahle was a real inspiration to me and I will always remember his unorthodox teaching methods. Who can forget his stories about spontaneous combustion or how people were mysteriously and instantaneously transported from one place on the earth to another? These stories will always stick with me and are as interesting as anything in the "Weekly World News"... Does anyone remember Mr. Wahle's "magneto" machine? He would have the entire class hold hands, then he would crank this thing (a generator) and we would all get an electric shock. Imagine what would happen if a teacher did that today. But, to this day I still remember that lesson in electrical conductivity.

*-Robert Perlin*

I remember standing around with all the other 7th grade students, holding hands while Mr. Wahle cranked up the generator and we all took voltage through our hearts. I remember it as if it were burned in to my brain.

*-Edwin Furhmann*

## Etruscan Tubes Are Blocked

During 7th grade, Mr. Wahle taught us about the forerunners of the Roman civilization, the Etruscans. About that time, Mr. Wahle was also teaching us in science about the inner workings of the human ear, which included the Eustachian tube. I remember Sharon Weinstein kept getting Etruscan mixed up with Eustachian - she kept referring to the Roman forerunners as Eustachians.

*-Bill Tong*

I do recall very clearly a Dr. Davis coming in seventh grade and giving a small group of us some very basic science/medical training. Even though I did not end up going into medicine, at that time I was sure I'd be a doctor and loved his sessions. I also think it was a truly wonderful thing that he took time out to interest a bunch of 7th graders in science.

I still cannot say Eustrascin (or spell it!)

*-Sharon Weinstein*

## Middle Name Game

One time, Mr. Wahle looked over his class roster and asked his students if they could guess the middle names of different classmates. I knew immediately that no one would be able to guess mine, because it's actually my Chinese name, which Mr. Wahle wasn't able to pronounce correctly.

*-William Kiejan Tong*

## Fix That Desk!

When I knew I was going to transfer out of Peterson near the end of 7th grade, I thought I'd leave my mark by carving my name on one of the old wooden desks in Room 205. Mr. Wahle found out and made me stay in class during many recess periods to sand down the desk completely and re-varnish it.

*-Steve Burdeen*

## Where's The Melody?

I remember the musical numbers that the Room 205 class rehearsed for the assemblies. Mr. Wahle had the habit of choosing quaint, rather outdated music from an earlier generation, such as "Little Old Sod Shanty" which was not



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a big hit with his home room class, to say the least. One number that we practiced a lot was a tune called "It's Autumn Time Again." The boys were supposed to sing the melody, and the girls were supposed to sing the higher harmony part. But, the boys kept singing the girls' part, note for note, but one octave lower. I seemed to be the only one to notice what we were doing wrong, but I couldn't get Mr. Wahle to understand that.

-Bill Tong

## High Stakes Row Quiz Questions

### ... And For 2,000 Points

I remember once missing a 2,000 point Row Quiz question which was to recite the formula for converting centigrade temperatures to Fahrenheit. Ironically, after my wrong answer, someone pointed out that the correct formula was posted on the door between Mr. Wahle's room and the next room, within plain sight.

-Frank Liberatore

### I'll Bet You 1,000 Points...

I remember that my row team (Row 5) rarely came in first place. But I also remember arguing with Mr. Wahle over the details of a novel, and Mr. Wahle bet about 1,000 Row Quiz points on the answer. When he looked it up, he admitted I was right, and I had won the bet. It's the only time I can remember getting a Row Quiz question right.

-Terry Rehfeldt

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## Memories of 6th Grade (1970-71)

Mrs. Rosenstein's class was set up with moveable desks in groups of four. I remember sitting kitty-corner from Kathy Hanson and both of us immediately smelling the freshly mimeographed hand-outs.

-Barb Wittert Apgar

Starting in 6th grade, students began to switch teachers for certain subjects, and the home room teacher didn't teach everything. I was in Miss Geib's home room class (Room 209), and we had Mrs. Rosenstein (Room 201) for art. For music, Miss Geib seemed to rely upon several of her students (Kris Anderson, Meme Hawkinson, Betsy Johnson and others) who had piano-playing and musical talent, and we sang material taught by them for the assemblies. Miss Geib once tried to get me to write and direct a stage play based upon an ancient Chinese legend about a general who defeats an enemy army by scaring them with an airborne soldier held aloft by a kite. This project gave me nightmares, but I was off the hook after Miss Geib was absent for the rest of the school year. The long-term

substitute, Mr. Garvin, was a good teacher, but the students were really rowdy during that second half of the year, including a number of the normally top notch students.

-Bill Tong

I remember during Mrs. Rosenstein's art class, we usually had only one class period (40 minutes) to finish a project. Whenever we used tempera paints, we sometimes had to mix our own colors in a little mixing tin - a small, flat tray with round indentations. The toughest color to mix was "flesh-tone" because you had to remember the formula (red+blue+yellow+white), and constantly stir and test the color. I remember how hard it was to work with tempera paint; the paint would often dry out, the consistency between different paint bottles was uneven, and the colors would bleed into another. One time, I had mixed too small a batch of "flesh-tone" paint, and I had to mix another batch, which, of course, didn't match in color, so I painted a picture of people with "uneven" tans!

-Bill Tong

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## Memories of 5th Grade (1969-70)

The Peterson School intercom system had a P.A. speaker with a built-in microphone mounted in nearly every classroom. During its time, the system was fairly advanced (Von Steuben High School didn't have such a system). We didn't yet know the concept of "Big Brother," but school authorities could listen in on a classroom at any time. If any particular student was paged on the intercom, the rest of the class would immediately assume it was for disciplinary reasons. On the first day of 5th grade, it was also my sister's first day of kindergarten, and she was having a rough time adjusting, so I got paged that day from the principal's office to go and calm her down. I left the classroom to a chorus of "Ooh... You're in trouble!"

Mrs. Seidman used to complain that she would gain several pounds just from eating a few cookies.

What used to be quaintly called "the birds and the bees" was taught during 5th grade, because I remember Mrs. Seidman's matter-of-fact explanations.

During 5th grade, we saw a live production of a children's play called "The Thwarted Bolingrew" that took place in the assembly hall. I don't remember much about the plot, but I do remember the villain threatening to "smash the eggs," a key part of the story. At one point during the play, the villain made a surprise entrance through the center aisle from the back of the hall, causing a startled Mrs. Seidman to scream.

-Bill Tong

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## Memories of 4th Grade (1968-69)

On the last day of the school year, Mrs. Shapiro would "welcome" her incoming 4th grade students with a multiplication test, immediately after they had changed classes from third to fourth grade.

*-Frank Liberatore*

I remember doing multiplication "table papers" all summer long prior to entering Mrs. Shapiro's fourth grade class. I remember barely squeaking by "Current Events" in Mrs. Shapiro's class, while other classmates would memorize articles from the newspaper that went on for five minutes or more. Carla Jameson once reported on Paul McCartney's alleged death. It was the only current event in which I was ever interested!

*-Barb Wittert Apgar*

Most of the classrooms during our years at Peterson had the antique pedestal desks bolted to the floor, some of which still had the pencil groove and the old ink well covers intact. But during 4th grade, Miss Gillick's class in Room 109 had movable desks; students experienced a freedom of movement for the first time, and pandemonium reigned because the positions of desks shifted daily, as different cliques of people attempted to huddle their desks together and spitball wars erupted. Miss Gillick used to reserve a student desk positioned next to hers at the at the front of the room for the class goof-off, where she could keep an eye on him. That "hot seat" was the closest thing we had to a dunce's chair.

*-Bill Tong*

Despite having classrooms with nearly 40 students, during gym, we often didn't have enough students to play all 9 field positions during softball, because Mr. Kaczmarek usually had two games going on simultaneously, which would have required 36 players for 4 teams. If there was a shortage of fielders, each batter had to declare left or right field during an at bat, so that the fielding team could adjust their defense. If you hit to the wrong field, you were automatically out. I hated that rule, and for good reason. During 4th grade, I "called" left field, but hit a long fly ball 20 feet past the center fielder into right field; measured from the "green" backstop located by Christiana Avenue, the ball landed on a fly down by the swings at Bryn Mawr and Christiana. All I got for that was a long out.

*-Bill Tong*

## Memories of 3rd Grade (1967-68)

Miss Luby was well-known as a strict disciplinarian. We didn't know it then, but she was literally "from the old school," having taught at Peterson since 1933. One time during 3rd grade, she was furious with Hillary Goldstein for having a disorganized desk and notebook. She assigned us to fix Hillary's notebook and the contents of her desk out in the hallway. We spent over an hour making dividers, and patching up torn holes in notebook papers. But about a week after the incident, poor Hillary's notebook and desk were messy again.

*-Frank Liberatore & Bill Tong*

I remember Miss Luby's math tests; they were a horror, it seemed like she raced through the questions, which were all multiplication table questions.

*-Frank Liberatore*

We learned cursive handwriting during third grade (teachers called it "penmanship"); I remember how rigid and inflexible some of the teachers were. Some teachers insisted that we hold the pen at certain angle, pointed at your shoulder, using so many fingers, etc. I hated the way they taught us to write the capital "F."

*-Bill Tong*

Penmanship was taught using the Palmer Method. I remember being thrilled with being able to use a ballpoint pen after those leaky cartridge pens!

*-Barb Wittert Apgar*

One time Miss Luby humiliated me in front of her class by saying I had a messy, disorganized notebook. I was very upset when I got home, but my dad was even more upset - he went to school the next day, and in the hallway, he verbally pinned Miss Luby's ears to the wall, accusing her of singling me out, among other things. Miss Luby was nicer to me for the rest of the school year. But thanks to Miss Luby, I won't ever feel comfortable again having any kind of disorganized notebooks!

*-Bill Tong*

I remember having to stay after school in Miss Luby's room because Terry Rosen "tattled" on me for passing him a note. I also remember my mom going to school in my defense and telling me that she was going to rip off Miss Luby's wig for keeping me after school.

*-Barb Wittert Apgar*

During school assemblies, Dr. Setze, the principal, had the habit of pacing up and down the center aisle. But

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Miss Luby had ordered her students to face front at all times, at all costs, and we were never able to see him at all!

-Barb Wittert Apgar

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## Memories of 2nd Grade (1966-67)

On the first day of second grade, I overheard Miss Stark (my former first grade teacher), who was standing on top of the steps as we were lining up to start school, say: "These are all my children," referring to the students who had her during the previous school year.

-Bill Tong

Miss Kipnis didn't believe me when I told her in 2nd grade that I was able to pick out on the piano the tune the class had been practicing, called "Halloween Night." I had figured out how to play it on my sister's toy piano at home.

-Bill Tong

During 2nd grade, some older students did a "puppet" show in our classroom. Their "characters" were simply drawn on their hands, and the theater was a decorated cardboard box. This inspired me to do a similar type of puppet theater, but with papier mache puppets, and more elaborate sets. I decided to use the "Three Little Pigs" story, which everyone knew. I recruited my buddies Frank Liberatore and Dave Katter so we could do all the voices. Dave was the best artist, so he painted the backgrounds of the cardboard box stage. We decided to make working models of the three houses that the three little pigs built, but we took some "artistic liberties." Because we didn't know where to get straw, we simply glued plastic drinking straws onto index card panels. We designed this "straw" house to be collapsible by pulling a string. The wooden house built by the second little pig was made in similar fashion, using popsicle sticks. The brick house made by the third pig, which resisted the Big Bad Wolf's "hurricane breath" was, of course, made out of Lego. Later on, the three of us did another puppet show, the "Three Billy Goats Gruff." We made the goats and the troll out of papier mache, each animated by an attached coat hanger wire.

-Bill Tong

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## Memories of 1st Grade (1965-66)

When we were first learning to write, we used those big sheets of manila-colored paper with the thick green guidelines which made you write letters about 1 inch tall, using an oversized kid's pencil.

Miss Stark's class was a mixture of first and second

graders, and some of the second graders made sure the first graders knew they were boss. I used to miss a lot of school days from being sick, and second grader Rita Stenfield once taunted me, "You're gonna get in trouble, Tong - you're out sick so much."

-Bill Tong

Miss Stark was teaching us how to "borrow" in subtraction and I had no idea what I was borrowing or from what or whom. Ones, tens, hundreds - I was clueless. I remember learning syllables in Miss Stark's 1st/2nd grade class. We would say different class members' names and clap our hands for each syllable. I remember the melodic flow of this particular combination of 2nd graders' names, plus one 4-syllable river. "Lin-da! Ben-ja-min! Mississippi, Ross!"

-Barb Wittert Apgar

We used to use the S.R.A. Weekly Readers, a set of color-coded, standardized reading comprehension exercises, printed on card stock. Aqua was the first color. There was something of a competition between classmates to see who could progress the fastest from one color level to another. You couldn't rush through them, or you would make too many mistakes and get a low score.

-Bill Tong & Barb Wittert Apgar

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## Memories of Kindergarten (1964-65)

Room 106 (Miss Reid's classroom) had a shiny hardwood floor, with a big painted circle in the center of the room, and a hardwood slide located near the windows. There were a series of small tables that each seated about half a dozen kids, but no individual desks. When it was time for drawing and coloring, oversized crayons were distributed to the students from big tin trays. Miss Reid incorporated music in many of our lessons and activities, by singing and playing the piano. One of my favorite games was a role playing game where the princesses would be rescued by the princes, all set to music by Miss Reid. My favorite "princess" was a classmate named Marcy Berman.

-Bill Tong

I remember being jealous of Miss Reid's class because my classroom, Miss Claire's, had no slide. I remember painting on those huge easels and, along with every other girl in Kindergarten, copying Paula Spector's picture of a girl in a blue triangle skirt jumping rope.

-Barb Wittert Apgar

## Grade School Fads

Here are some school supplies that I remember being common or fashionable from about 1st grade through 5th grade (1965-1969): vinyl-covered cardboard briefcases, slide-top pencil cases with a slide-rule device that did multiplication tables, Sheaffer fountain pens with disposable ink cartridges, and Scripto mechanical pencils.

-Bill Tong

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## Strange School Rules

One of the most ridiculous school rules I ever suffered under was that for my entire nine years at Peterson, I was forbidden by the crossing guards to cross Kimball Avenue to school from the southwest corner of Kimball and Bryn Mawr, just a short distance from my house. Instead, I was forced to walk south along Kimball for one block, cross Kimball at Catalpa, only to backtrack north along Kimball for almost a block to get to the school entrance!

-Bill Tong

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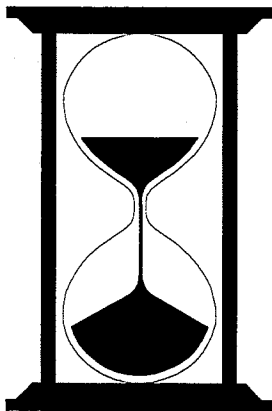
## Teacher Updates!

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Mr. Donald Andrews retired from teaching at Peterson School in June of 1987. Dr. Andrews is a licensed optometrist, and his practice is located in Jefferson Park in Chicago.

Mr. Donald Wahle retired from teaching at Peterson School during the late 1980's, and moved to the state of Washington. He had served as interim Assistant Principal at Peterson School shortly before retirement.

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## TIME CAPSULE:

### **SOME NEWS HEADLINES FROM OUR GRADE SCHOOL DAYS (1964-1973)**

#### **1964**

- Beatles arrive from England for U.S. tour
- Warren Commission rules Oswald acted alone in JFK assassination

#### **1965**

- Dr. King leads march in Selma, Alabama
- Malcolm X slain in Harlem

#### **1966**

- First artificial heart implant a success

#### **1967**

- 3 Apollo astronauts die in launch pad fire
- First successful heart transplant

#### **1968**

- Dr. King assassinated in Memphis
- Robert Kennedy slain in Los Angeles

#### **1969**

- Neil Armstrong walks on the moon
- Cubs fall out of first place to N.Y. Mets

#### **1970**

- Four students slain at Kent State U.

#### **1971**

- Supreme Court okays school busing
- Voting age lowered to 18

#### **1972**

- Nixon visits China
- Break-in at Watergate Hotel

#### **1973**

- Arab oil embargo causes gas shortages
  - Spiro Agnew resigns as Vice-President
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# Peterson Class of '73 Word Jumble

## by Debbie Zelinsky

F	W	A	H	L	E	P	A	P
Q	E	B	O	L	E	I	O	I
P	U	L	V	I	D	O	R	N
L	I	I	J	H	C	N	E	N
L	T	N	Z	I	E	L	I	E
I	E	D	G	V	T	O	D	R
B	A	A	I	L	A	Z	Y	S
R	M	F	M	U	G	G	Y	I
H	C	R	A	M	M	Y	G	X
G	R	A	V	E	L	G	G	A
Y	T	R	E	T	T	I	W	W
K	I	C	K	E	D	S	N	E

From the clues in each category below, find each word or name:

**Teacher category:**

1. The row quiz king
2. 1st grade teacher
3. Heart attack sufferer
4. Older kindergarten teacher

**Student nicknames category:**

5. ---i Mueller
6. Nickname for Mark Michael
7. Nickname for Ben Shapiro
8. Married name of Donna Murphy
9. William Tong's "new" preference

**Sports category:**

10. Ball game played at Peterson
11. Type of ball game played at gym class
12. Brand of shoes worn at gym
13. A sport played at lighted schoolhouse (first word)

**Work & Play:**

14. Robert Perlin and Debbie Zelinsky used to

perform these type of shows

15. The north playground was covered with...
16. William Tong works for the...
17. Kite flying is best during the windy month of...

**Miscellaneous school stuff:**

18. If you weren't paying attention in class, teacher's labeled you as...
19. Room where you could hear Mr. Kaz's stick
20. Mr. Wahle's row ----
21. Segment of the brain
22. Helen Keller was deaf and ----
23. By grade ----, students could use the second floor
24. Typical age when entering first grade
25. Political scandal of 1973 was Water----
26. The last person on the alphabetical list for the Class of '73
27. Stuck under most school desks

**Neighborhood Joints:**

28. Chinese restaurant, Tong's --- Garden
29. Type of lips one could buy at the Hollywood Bowl

*(List of jumble words appears on Page 40)*

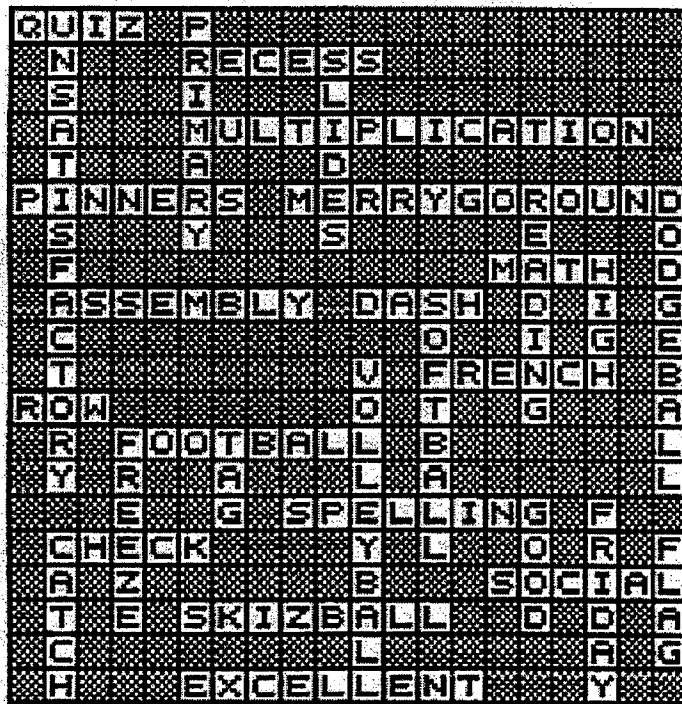
## Word Jumble List (Page 37)

1. WAHLE
2. MULVIHILL
3. VIDOR
4. REID
5. SIG
6. MUGGY
7. BENJIE
8. WITTERT
9. BILL
10. PINNERS
11. KICK
12. KEDS
13. PING
14. MAGIC
15. GRAVEL
16. EPA
17. MARCH
18. LAZY
19. GYM
20. QUIZ
21. LOBE
22. BLIND
23. FIVE
24. SIX
25. GATE
26. ZOLNO
27. GUM
28. TEA
29. WAX



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## Answers to Class of 1973 Crossword Puzzle:




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