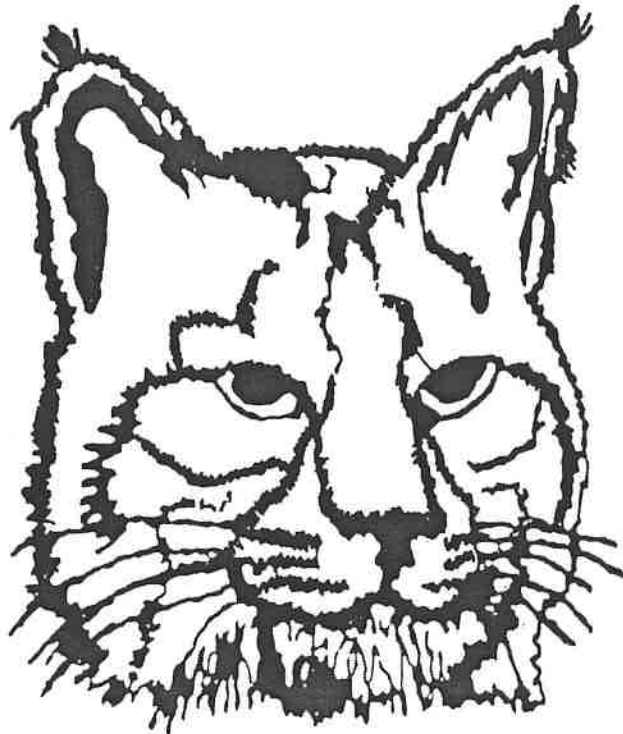


Bobcat Memories Through the Years



**Beacon Hill
Elementary
1967-2021**

Name	Years/Role	Memory
Barbara Clausen	Principal	During the first fall, I recall that in my red suit, putting on my red heels to dash to the district office for a meeting, I got the alert that we had a runaway kindergartener escaping across the play field. Not taking time to change shoes, I hiked up my skirt and ran. I cannot tell you what the soggy field did, but we caught the child! Later that summer, maintenance put in drains for the field...
Mary Watland	1978-2007, Parent and Staff	From 1978 -1988 I was involved with Beacon Hill as a parent and PTA president. From 1988 -2007 I was a teacher in grades 3,4 and 5. I concluded my career as LAP teacher. Beacon Hill has meant to me school, friends, students and most of all, a caring community. Go Bobcats! Thanks for the memories! Mary Watland
Dr. Jerry D. Hamm	Staff	The years I spent at Beacon Hill Elementary were clearly the crowning years of my career. In reflection, it seems to me that all my experiences and work pointed me toward this wonderful position: being the leader of the best school in the Kelso School District, Beacon Hill. My time was a marvelous and fulfilling. I think back to outdoor school, music concerts , Extreme Team, field trips, upgrades in the library, gym and music room, and the integration of computers into Beacon Hill team. All making Beacon Hill the Best School in Kelso. I was so lucky to have the opportunity to work with our outstanding staff members and the greatest students in Kelso. The parents and PTO made my work so easy. Thank you, Beacon Hill Bobcats for the wonderful years!
Rose (Kingsley) Roden	60's-90's, Student and Parent	My best memory of Beacon Hill Elementary is the sense of neighborhood. The Pride of the Staff, Students, Parents and the Community had at Beacon Hill. The School Spirit - it connected the school to the Beacon Hill Community
Claudia Broschat	Parent and Staff	I started as a Bobcat parent and fell in love with the school and staff so much that I went to work for Beacon Hill within a few years. Memories are wonderful and too many to recall. For this reason, my family and I will always and forever be Bobcats!
Pat Reistroffer	Staff	I have several memories but one of the fondest memories is teaching in a multiage classroom with Bob Reistroffer and Sandy Bishop. It was so rewarding to get to know the children and their families over a 3 year period. Field trips that went along with our themes - Riding the train to Portland and Max, Riding the Sternwheeler, Seagullville in Kent, Air and Space Museum in Seattle, spending the night at the zoo in Portland, sleepover in the library and so many more.
Don Drury	1996-2001, Staff	Beacon Hill was an amazing place to work. The students, families, and staff were world class people to be around. I started my teaching career at Beacon Hill and will forever have fond memories of my time there. After 25 years of teaching, I still look back and realize how blessed I was to be a part of such an amazing place.
Kelly Fitch	Current, Parent	My favorite memory of Beacon Hill as a parent is from day one! Seeing all the staffs smiling faces on Andreas first day of Kindergarten was so welcoming! Our family is so appreciative of the long lasting bonds, friendships made and rich values and traditions Beacon Hill has provided throughout the years.
Kevin Kennedy	1987-94, Student	I was one of the fist extreme team kids! Road the 6footer backwards while juggling first!
Mandy (Amberg) Westervelt	1987-94, Student	Beacon Hill Bobcats for life!!! It was the best elementary school! So many good memories growing up there! I remember in first grade when we found out we were getting a PE teacher and it was Mr. Sims first year. He was amazing! I loved all of his PE games especially the ship one and all the gymnastics. I also loved being in choir with Mr. Boaglio, he made music so fun. And of course the World's Fair in sixth grade and going to cispus.
Becky Slocum Lewis	Staff	The many Zoo field trips with Cindy Pihl, Loa Dahl and Sue Junnikkala were fun and memorable. Tim Yore roping a cow using jump ropes was one of my lasting funny memories of BH. We had to stay in lockdown until the cow was secured and the owner could be found. None of us knew what the lockdown was about until afterwards. We all thought there was a madman on the loose. Turned out it was a MAD COW! Beacon Hill will always stay with me in my heart as a wonderful place to work and be part of a great staff of people. Best wishes as you all merge into a brand new building!
Teri (Enbody) Dietz	1960's, Student	It was a nice little school, with polliwogs in the ponds nearby. We used to play "prison ball" in the play shed during recess. Hot lunches were shipped in from outside and we ate at our desks. It seems like there were two "clusters" that consisted of a central room that connected to 4 classrooms each, and I'm thinking perhaps the rest rooms were also located in those central rooms
Emma Soyars	2000's, Student	Mr. Boaglio was my favorite teacher. He always made music really fun, cared about his students and was always so upbeat. The choir he put together and the school Follies performance was amazing.
Patricia Filbin	2000's, Student	Mrs. Reistroffer was my favorite teacher. She encouraged us to explore science with the addition of listening to classical music while doing so to support creativity. Not to mention spin art was always my favorite carnival activity. She truly cares about each student and helping them grow.
Ashlee Hilliard (Bonahoom)	1990's;2000's, Student	My favorite tradition was Extreme Team. I remember working hard on the skills I would need to try out. When I made it I was so excited I tripped running to tell my mom. Many great trips with my teammates and staff!

Trinity Noga	2010's, Student	My favorite tradition was the 5th grade kick ball game against the teachers. All of my time at Beacon Hill I wanted to do the kick ball game, and when I finally did, it created some of my favorite memories (even if the teachers cheated *Mr. Sims*).
Macy Zelko	2000's, Student	My first time ever playing basketball was for the Beacon Hill Bobcats
Bobby Freund	1970's, Student	I don't think you could pick just one teacher. All 6 teachers from 1st grade Mrs. Bishop to 6th grade Mr. Holcomb were all excellent and brought different strengths to the classroom. Prison Ball in 6th grade under the covered shed was probably the most fun and the annual outdoor school.
Alyssea Tenison	2010's, Student	My favorite teacher there was Mr. Sims, he was so fun to be around, he lifted everyone up and teaching us how to dance , the fun PE classes and the extreme team . He came up with ideas for us kids to have fun years at that school and that was super special to me , I love beacon Hill:)
Kyra Gressett	2000's;2010's, Student	The entire experience at Beacon Hill shaped me into who I am today but the teacher with the most impact was Mrs. Treadway. She always made everyone feel special, she was funny and she made learning exciting. I felt I had the closest bond with her and I still think about her to this day.
Tehya Tenison	2000's;2010's, Student	Beacon Hill was a school where everyone felt welcome teachers were amazing including my favorites Mrs. junnikkala, Mrs. Beard, Mrs. MKay, Mrs. Golden, Mr. Sims. They all made me feel understood and worked with me so I thrived and I want to thank these teachers.
Elisa McDaniel	2010's, Student	My favorite teacher was Mr. Sims because of how nice he was. If I had the chance I would have kept him as my PE teacher for the rest of my life.
Heidi/Heath Webb	2010's, Student	Ms. Cain was my favorite because she always pushed me to do my best and would always support me throughout the year. I felt a lot better about myself being in her class.
Avery Coburn	2010's, Student	My favorite event from Beacon Hill was the Sock Hop. It was always super fun and in Kindergarten I thought it was so cool that I got to stay up past my 8:30 bedtime.
Corbin Sims	2000's, Student	Sock Hop, School Carnival, The Folies, Extreme Team...there are too many to choose. Beacon Hill was the best school in Cowlitz co to attend and has made an impact on me that will last forever. Thank you to all the staff (especially my dad) who made that happen. Go Bobcats!
Ginny Flegel	2000's;2010's, Staff	My first year as library/media teacher at Beacon Hill was 2000. One of the first experiences that I remember was the whipped cream pie toss when Mr. Sims, Mr. Boaglio and I were the objects of the "yummy" pies in the face! But it was all worth it for a great cause!
Austin Halbleib	2000's, Student	Mr. Sims was my favorite teacher. He wasn't only my teacher, but a coach and mentor. He always made practices/games/performance fun and exciting. Mr. Sims made it extremely easy to look up to him, and was a great example to positively mold a young boy. Thank you Mr. Sims!
Teri Bratt	2010's, Staff	Working with Zedric and Benji!! They were best buddies. I like to believe my personal library and games helped students to love to read and enjoy games. I'll never forget how Sandee G baked goodies for the kids. She was a great grandma to many students!!
Makenzie Revis	2000's, Student	Mr. Sims was my favorite teacher, He made PE so fun and always made sure everyone was included. He was an amazing coach for Extreme Team and he taught me to juggle, ride a unicycle and use a Chinese yo-yo! Even when I had health issues he still treated me like anyone else and I'll never forget that.
Skylar Sullivan	Current, Student	My favorite teacher is Ms. Fischer because she is kind and has a Bobcat Buck store.
Sam Brien	1990's, Student	Somehow Pat Reistroffer convinced elementary school students to wake up early and run laps at the school before class. We collected one straw per lap and tracked the distance we'd gone. The way she treated running as a joy and not a punishment inspired a love of running that I still enjoy today.
Avery Coburn	2010's, Student	Ms. Taylor was my favorite teacher because she was always very positive and made learning fun.
Cathy (Higgins) Neves	1980's, Student	The musical we performed while in sixth grade. Good Ole 1890's. I would love to see that again. I still remember some of the songs. Bicycling bicycling Bi-cycleing, giving the pedals a pump...
Robbin Treadway (Turner)	1980's;1990's;2010's; Student, Parent and Staff	Beacon Hill was the foundation of my future in education. I was a student and teacher here. Virginia Janke-2nd grade. Her smile, hugs, warmth, and hearty laugh made me want to be just like her. I was a student and teacher here. My goal was to extend her love and joy to my students. #BobcatsForever
Carly Sims	2000's, Student	Beacon Hill had so many amazing traditions and opportunities for students to be involved. My favorite activities were being a part of the Extreme Team, performing in the Folies, going to the carnival and dunking teachers in the dunk tank (including my dad), and of course the pumpkin run!
Arianna	Current, Student	The Color Run was my favorite because it was so fun and people signed my shirt. I was super colorful and I loved it. I love all the teachers at Beacon Hill!
Macy Watkins	Current, Student	I remember in third grade when me and my best friend (Bethany Cannon) would write fake announcement speeches because we couldn't wait to be in the fifth grade and say the announcements to the whole school. I also will never forget the day I made the extreme team!
Estefani Valencia Arroyo	Current, Student	My favorite teacher was Mrs. Uhrlaub because she is really nice, great, funny and fun.
isabella britt	Current, Student	My favorite memory is Extreme Team. I was so happy when I got on it - it was so much fun! I'm sad I have to leave and will miss this school, but I will have all the good times with me always.

Mason	Current, Student	Mrs. Urlaub is my favorite teacher because she makes my class happy and is always finding a way, even with Covid, she still finds a way to make school fun.
Kenna Schoenborn	Current, Student	Beacon Hill impacted me in so many ways, it got me ready for 6th grade and everything. From the teachers to the events and all the school spirit. I loved my time in Beacon Hill and I am happy to be a Bobcat. I will always remember Beacon Hill as an amazing place.
Adison Mean	Current, Student	My favorite memory is when I was with my friends, doing the color run, and just walking with my best friends on a hot summer day. I loved every second of every year I've been here at the amazing Beacon Hill Elementary school!!!
Jordyn Robarge	2010's, Student	Mrs.Booth was my favorite teacher from Beacon Hill. I had the most fun in her class. We would do science things such as holding snails. Mrs.Booth also taught us the basis of our learning today. Without her we wouldn't be writing or reading.
Theresa Ames	1980's;1990's, Staff, Parent and Grandparent	As a parent, volunteer, employee, and grandparent. Helping at school carnivals and collecting pumpkins for the annual pumpkin run. My favorite principal was Jerry Hamm and I had the pleasure of working with Betty Longden in the office. Many thanks to all the teachers!
Linda Downing/Bonahoom	1990's;2000's; 2010's, Parent Volunteer	So many great memories. Running the RIF program was such a highlight & I still have graduated kids recognize me as the RIF lady. Helping with the book fairs & my other favorite was helping Mr. Sims with Extreme Team. My Beacon Hill volunteering time will be missed.
Keri Klayum	1970's;1980's, Student	I have only happy memories of my time at Beacon Hill as a student. We had bars to swing on, fields to run in, and mud to play in! I have two favorite teachers: Mrs. Miller (3rd grade) and Mr. Finkas (5th grade). It was Mrs. Miller who inspired me to become a 3rd grade teacher! Lots of love!
Carissa Jackson	2010's, Staff	Beacon hill was where I started my teaching adventure in first grade. I loved all of the students I had and I miss everyone that I worked with! I will forever be grateful for the memories I made with students and staff on the hill. Love my bobcats!
Dwight Gaston	1970's, Student	When I was in first and second grade I loved playing with Matchbox cars in the dirt slopes up from the playground. We dug roads in the dirt and played all recess.
Kelly Sims	2000's, Parent, Extreme Team Coach	As a wife of a staff member and also a parent of two children whom attended all their elementary years we have so many fond memories. From the teachers, school carnivals, sock hops, and Extreme Team. When I reflect on BH I think FAMILY!
Scott Sims	1980's;1990's; 2000's;2010's; Staff and Parent	My 33 years at Beacon Hill have been the best. The staff relationships, amazing students, and supportive families made it unique. The Pumpkin Runs, Sock Hops, carnivals, Extreme Team seasons - and much more will be terribly missed. Thank you EVERYBODY! I am a Bobcat for life, and so blessed.
Marley Blisard	2000's, Student	Beacon Hill gave me life long friends! Some of which I ended up going to college with. At the end of the year, Mr. & Mrs. Yore took the crossing guards to go ride horses. I think about that day often(:
Arianna Catlin	2010's, Student	Ms. Wendy Golden was my favorite teacher because she gave me my love of choir but also my love of orchestra. Without attending Beacon Hill I might not have been in choir right now. If you are seeing this right now Ms. Golden, I miss your class so much!
payten mullen	Current, Student	My favorite event was the Color Run because you have to race around the track and get covered in colors then you can take the shirt home!
Piper Bochart	Current, Student	My favorite tradition at Beacon Hill was the Pumpkin Run because I loved dressing up in orange and winning prizes after the pumpkin run like pumpkins or Halloween decorations.
Brody Hanson	Current, Student	What impact Beacon Hill had on me is that it has a great community. The teachers helped me a lot and this school is the best. I have never been at a better school.
Noah	Current, Student	All my teachers were my favorite because they are all very nice and they taught me how to be smarter.
Isabella Gomez	Current, Student	On my first day here everyone was so nice to me and that's what I love.
Koda Haug	Current, Student	My favorite tradition is the Christmas Bizarre because I get to surprise my family and make my brother happy by getting him a gift.
Parker Moore	Current, Student	I did not have one favorite teacher. I had so many good teachers and I respect all of them. They are all so nice. They have impacted my life so much. You're the best, we love you teachers!
Makenna Wallace	Current, Student	My favorite teacher is Miss Boultinghouse because she is nice, fun, funny and she is just so cool!
Catherine Kyle	Current, Student	My favorite teacher is Ms .Boultinghouse because she has helped me in school a lot!
Carsen Jason	Current, Student	My favorite teacher is Ms Boultinghouse because she's nice, fun and let's us play games.
Cohen Mcmillan	Current, Student	My favorite traditions are Extreme Team and the Color Run because they are a lot of fun!
Marvin Kasemeier	Current, Student	For me, every teacher I've had has helped me not just as a student but also as a person. I'm so glad that I came to Beacon Hill to meet all these great teachers!
Kenzie Junnikkala	2010's, Student	One of my favorite memories from Beacon Hill was going to all the Extreme Team retreats and traveling with my team.
Serri Treadway	2010's, Student	My favorite event at Beacon Hill was Extreme Team because I made so many friends and it was a great experience.
Eleanor Treadway	2010's, Student	Ms. Cain was my favorite teacher. She really made learning fun and that was definitely my favorite class.

Michelle McMillan	1990's, Student	My favorite memory was when I was in Kindergarten on one of the last days of school we got to watch the old Freaky Friday movie on a projector in the gym.
Khloe Palmer	2000's;2010's, Student	One of my many favorite traditions at Beacon Hill was the sock hop. It was so fun when I was little to dress up in poodle skirts and poofy hair for a night to go dance with my friends.
Kinsey Palmer	Current, Student	My favorite memory was field day. I loved how we all got to spend our day playing outside with all our friends!
Elaine Van Mil	2000's, Staff	In 2004 I got my first long-term leave position, after graduating earlier that year. The staff, students, and families were so amazing to work with! Everyone made me feel like a part of the team! What a wonderful experience for a brand new teacher! Beacon Hill holds a special place in my heart!
Kaelynn McMillan	2010's, Student	My favorite thing about Beacon Hill was Extreme team, I was on the Extreme team and it was so fun and i'm very glad that I got to experience that. Beacon Hill was a very good school and it will be missed.
Cami Rothwell	Current, Staff	I started working at Beacon Hill in 2014. The building reminded me a lot of my own elementary school. What stands out to me, something I will always cherish, are the wonderful people in the community. It's been an honor to work with such amazing staff, students, parents, and community members.
Ailey Ray	Current, Student	My favorite Beacon Hill event was the Sock Hop. It was so fun dressing up and socializing, I will really miss it!
Sheri Evald	Parent	My fondest memories of Beacon Hill have to do with Pat Reistroffer. I felt that Pat was a part of the family in the way she cared about the kids and her families. Many of the things I see in my kids today are due in part to her and her open, let them explore, let them be themselves, and allow them the room to grow attitude. I have many more memories of Beacon Hill and the role it played in our lives. But, nothing compares to the great staff that Beacon Hill has always had. I am excited for my grandkids to attend the new school!!!
Mandy Westervelt	Student and Parent	Beacon Hill Bobcats for life!!! It was the best elementary school! So many good memories growing up there! My daughter got to go for kindergarten before we moved to Vancouver and it was so cool to go back as a Bobcat parent. So sad they are closing the doors permanently. Mr Sims and Me Boaglio were the best and made school so much more fun! I loved being in choir and I loved all of Mr Sims PE games.
Amber Unthank	Student	The memories of playing ships mast in Mr. Sim's class and singing with Mr. Boaglio will remain with me always.
Stephanie Hammonds Vandenbrock	Staff	Being the breakfast cashier for 13 years and having all 3 of my girls go through Beacon Hill made for some wonderful memories.
Casey Robinson	Student	Amazing times at Beacon Hill. That place will always leave nothing but great memories. It produced some of the best people I know. Sad that it is closing.. But thankful I was able to grow up there and be a kid. It truly was an amazing place!
Elizabeth Muir	Staff and Parent	So many great Bobcat memories! However what I will cherish most is being able to have my own children attend Beacon Hill while I worked there. We were able to create our memories together!
Katie Watkins	Student, Staff and Parent	Follies, Pumpkin Run, Carnival, Staff vs. 5th Grade Kickball, Holiday Bazaar, Cispus, Sock Hop....The more I tried to choose, the more I realized they are all favorites filled with joy, community, and tradition. Just part of what made Beacon Hill and amazing place to teach and learn!
Hattie Watkins	Student	My favorite tradition is the Carnival. I loved the face painting, the duck game and the pop-a-shot!
Sue Junnikkala	1990's, 2000's, Staff and Parent	What an amazing staff to have been part of for 23 years! I love ALL the things our staff did to make our school stand out in such positive and memorable ways. Some of my favorites were World's Fair, American Celebration, Follies, intramurals, Exteme Team, Sock Hop, field day, pumpkin run, & more.
Tenley Settle	Current, Student	I'm going to miss Beacon Hill So much! My favorite memories are performing in the Talent Show, Pumpkin Run/Orange Day, Spirit Days, Music Shows, and being with friends. Being on the Extreme Team was the best, and I loved doing the bowling pin stunt, and helping with the juggling knives!
Josie Settle	2010's, Student	I have so many amazing memories, I just could not choose. Life long friends, Pumpkin Run/ Orange Day, Field Day, Elementary Track Meet, Amazing teachers, and of course being a part of the Extreme Team! Extreme Team Let's Go!
Emberlyn Ankenman	2010's, Student	My favorite teacher that I've ever had was Ms.Cain, now known as Mrs.Uhrlaub, she was my 5th grade teacher 3 years ago and she always knew how to make the classroom a fun environment while maintaining respect from all of us.
Addie Muir	Current, Student	Some of my favorite memories are baking in Mrs. Pihls 2nd grade class. We learned a lot while having fun! My favorite recipe we baked was homemade bread!
Giuliana Viscuso	Current, Student	My favorite memory at Beacon Hill is doing the Color Run with my friends. It's super fun!
Sofia Viscuso	Current, Student	Sofia's favorite memory is her fun times in both 1st and 2nd grade with Mrs. Watkins.











