

MAY FETE - 1922 - 2022

- 1922 - Miss Hazel Taylor Teacher - "MAY DAY CONCERT" - FIRST QUEEN OF MAY - Ruth Snyder.
- 1923 - Miss Hazel Taylor - "THE SEASONS" - Oldest May Fete program found.
- 1924 - Miss Neola Barrows Instructor- A May Day Celebration by 5th graders was enjoyed.
- 1925 - Miss Ivalee Atkins Teacher - "TWILIGHT ALLEY" - Performed in the 2nd Opera House.
- 1926 - Miss Ivalee Atkins - "MOTHER GOOSE" the first four grades performed an outdoor program.
- 1927 - Miss Myrtle Gifford Instructor - "THE MAID AND THE GOLDEN SLIPPERS"
- 1928 - Ms. Margaret Alexander and Mr. Herbert Darby - ANNUAL GRADE SCHOOL OPERETTA.
- 1929 - Miss Dorothy (Edith) Gillespie Teacher - Grade School closed but still a show.
- 1930 - Miss Jean Willis Instructor - "THE KITCHEN CLOCK" - Performed in the 2nd Opera House.
- 1931 - Miss Jean Willis - QUEEN Lillian Spitsnogle (Schmieding) - "A MAY DAY FETE"
- 1932 - Miss Lois McNitt - WHS 1923 graduate. QUEEN - Helen Tubbs (Berentz) crowned.
- 1933 - Miss Lois McNitt - QUEEN Ernestine Soller. Theme was "THE STORY OF SPRINGTIME"
- 1934 - Miss Lois McNitt - QUEEN chosen but no mention of name - "VACATION AND SPRING"
- 1935 - Miss Lois McNitt - QUEEN Peggy McLeod - "THE SELFISH GIANT" - Washington City Park.
- 1936 - Miss Lois McNitt - QUEEN Shirley Shropp (Thomas) - "MOTHER GOOSE MAY FETE"
- 1937 - Miss Lois McNitt/Esther Hollway - QUEEN Patricia Doctor - "CALENDAR OF THE SCHOOL YEAR"
- 1938 - Miss Lois McNitt - QUEEN Sara Flury (Coder) 1st grade. Called "FESTIVAL OF NATIONS"
- 1939 - Miss Dorothy Shanton Teacher - QUEEN Patsy Cousins (Anderson), "AT RAINBOW'S EDGE"
- 1940 - Miss Katherine Polley Teacher - QUEEN Norma Roberts. - "A MAY MUSICAL"
- 1941 - Miss Katherine Polley - QUEEN Betty Ann Fay (Bolley). was just called "MAY FETE"
- 1942 - Miss Katherine Polley - QUEEN Patricia Waterman (Lundry). "ALL-GRADE PROGRAM"
- 1943 - Miss Lois Ballow - QUEEN Herberta Darby (Fletcher)- "MAY DAY PROGRAM"
- 1944 - (SADLY NO TEACHER IS NAMED!) - QUEEN Marjorie Burnett (Moore). May Fete held May 15th.
- 1945 - (NO MENTION OF TEACHER) - QUEEN Jenne Lee Walker (Barley) - "WASHINGTON MAY FETE"
- 1946 - Ms. June Adah Alexander - QUEEN Joan Patrie (Bennett) - "AUNT DRUSILLA'S GARDEN"
- 1947 - Maybe Grade School Teachers - QUEEN Jeannette Gassert - "MAY FETE PROGRAM"
- 1948 - Miss Margaret Alexander - QUEEN Mary Ann Anderson (Mitchell) - "MAY FETE"
- 1949 - (No Music Teacher) - 2 QUEENS - Barbara Sloop & Shirley McClelland - "ANNUAL MAY FETE"
- 1950 - Miss Evalyn Lehman Teacher - QUEEN Jane Thompson (Plaza-Meyer) - "TO GREET THE SPRING"
- 1951 - Miss Evalyn Lehman Instructor - QUEEN Delores Reier (Hubbard - Zurfluh) - "MAY DAY PAGEANT"
- 1952 - Miss Paula Brecheison (Darby) Teacher - QUEEN Javene Stoffel (Lobaugh) - "MAY DAY PAGEANT"
- 1953 - Mrs. Paula Darby - QUEEN Phyllis Brunmeier (Buch) - "WHIRL OF THE WORLD IN MAY"
- 1954 - Mrs. Paula Darby - QUEEN Janice Tremblay (Tegethoff) - "SPRING GAIETY"
- 1955 - Directed by Grade School Teachers - QUEEN Sharon Lampe (Dickson) - "DANCING IN MAY"
- 1956 - Grade School Teachers, (Again we think?) - QUEEN Karen Williams (Cernik) - "SPRING GLOW"
- 1957 - Mrs. Ethel Warning, Teacher - QUEEN Elaine Waterman (Bedinghaus) - "SPRING FANTASY"
- 1958 - Mrs. Paula Darby, Former Teacher Returns - QUEEN Judy Huston - "JOYOUS SPRINGTIME"
- 1959 - Mrs. Paula Darby - QUEEN Ruth Stigge (True) - "SCHOOL YEAR REVUE"
- 1960 - Mrs. Paula Darby - QUEEN Sheryl Johnson (Watters) - "CENTURAMA"
- 1961 - Mrs. Paula Darby - QUEEN Janet Van Amburg (Hampe) - "KANSAS MUSICAL REVUE"
- 1962 - Mrs. Paula Darby - QUEEN Joan Burt (Brabec) - "COLORAMA" - A two night performance.
- 1963 - Mrs. Paula Darby - QUEEN Ruth Ann Baker (Fischer) - "SYMPHONY IN SPRING"
- 1964 - Mrs. Paula Darby - QUEEN Patty Mayer (Heser) - "A HOOTENANNY" - Grade School Gym.
- 1965 - Mrs. Connie Spear quit before May Fete- NO MAY FETE BUT QUEEN, Reba Hoffman.
- 1966 - Mrs. Virginia Wilkerson - QUEEN Marilyn Beam - "HERITAGE OF SONG"
- 1967 - Mrs. Virginia Wilkerson - QUEEN Karen Zabokrtsky (Acree-Price) "MAY MELODY'S"
- 1968 - Miss Winona Lee Beach, WHS 1948 Alumni - QUEEN Ruth Imhoff (Zenger) "SPRING MEDLEY"

1969 - Mrs. Betty Griffiths Teacher - QUEEN Joyce Fuhrken (Buchanan) "AN EVENING with WALT DISNEY"

1970 - Mrs. Donna (Synovec) Westhoff - Instructor - QUEEN Vicki Brown (Hobbs) - "AROUND THE WORLD"

1971 - Miss Carol Chopp Grade Music Teacher - NO QUEEN - "SPRING GLOW"

1972 - Miss Carol Chopp - "SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN DWARFS" - Kathy (Stewart) Spence Snow White.

1973 - Mrs. Carol Chopp (Stamm) - "OUR MUSICAL HERITAGE" - Some 250 children participated.

1974 - Mrs. Carol Stamm - "MAY PROGRAM" (Songs from Musicals). LaDonna Heck accompanist.

1975 - Miss Kathy Lund - "ANNUAL SPRING PROGRAM" - Two Maypoles wound by fifth graders.

1976 - Miss Kathy Lund - "AMERICA, OUR HERITAGE" - Kindergarten - 5th grade.

1977 - Mrs. Kathy (Lund) Brax - "IT'S MUSIC" - 3 dances - The Candy Stripe, The Spider's Web and The Weave.

1978 - Mrs. Kathy Brax - "MAY PROGRAM." The enthusiastic Hokey Pokey was a crowd pleaser.

1979 - Mrs. Kathy Brax/Gay Lynn (Stewart) Manning - Student Teacher - "ENTERTAINMENT NOW AND THEN"

1980 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - WHS 1974 Alumni - "DISNEY REUNION." 206 mouseketeers.

1981 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "TINGLING BROS. CIRCUS" - Entire faculty dressed as clowns.

1982 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "COUNTRY JAMBOREE" - Square danced and Circle danced.

1983 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "MUSICALAND" - Trees resembled clarinets, houses looked like pianos.

1984 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "SCHOOL DAYS" - Blaine Wells, principal retired. Paul Stewart was Big Bird.

1985 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "IT'S A PARTY" - featured in the *"Kansas Magazine"*.

1986 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "AH! HA! KANSAS" - Salute to Kansas' 125th Celebration.

1987 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "FIFTY FIFTY UNITED STATES" - 1st video taken. 200th birthday of the constitution.

1988 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "USS SONGBOAT" - Brad Owen, art teacher, painted the ship backdrop.

1989 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "SWINGIN' SAFARI" - Gracie Bryant & Home Ec. Dept surged ribbon edges.

1990 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "BACK FROM THE FUTURE" - Blast from the past 10 years of May Fetes.

1991 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "ROCK 'N ROLL" - Washington High School. Mike Manning filled in at Maypole.

1992 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "COUNTRY LIVIN'" - Featured "real" and not-so-real farm animals.

1993 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "UNITED WE SING" - Postponed because of storm & held following Monday.

1994 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "HAVE A BALL" - Easy costumes each classroom a different ball team.

1995 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "CAMP CAN DO" - Smokey the Bear, Jack Sweany, City Mayor.

1996 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "MILLIE, MOLLIE & MUSIC" - Martha Mosteller & Becky Saddler. guests.

1997 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "MUSIC IN MOTION" - The 75th Annual May Fete no chairs used.

1998 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "OCEANS OF FUN" - The 5th grade wound pole dressed as sailors.

1999 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "K.I.D.S." - which stood for Keep Improving District Schools.

2000 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "SCHOOL DAZE" - Recreated a school day recognizing Munchkinland built.

2001 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "REACH FOR THE STARS" - Star Lab culminating activity.

2002 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "100 YEARS OF MAGIC" - A century of Walt Disney entertainment.

2003 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "ANIMAL TALK" Brought back MAY QUEEN - Mary Ann (Waser) Crome.

2004 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "ON THE MOVE" - Grand March entrance.

2005 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "FUN IN THE SUN" - A trio of fishermen caught real fish!

2006 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "FIESTA FUN" - Private piano students played prelude.

2007 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "WESTWARD HO!" - North Central District #221 joined us.

2008 - Mrs. Erin Toole & Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A 5th GRADER?"

2009 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "BITE INTO THE FISH PHILOSOPHY" - For grant money fulfillment.

2010 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "CELEBRATE" - Washington Co. 150 Yrs Old - Alumni Maypole.

2011 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "CREATURE FEATURE" - Ruth Ann (Stewart) Finlayson, turkey.

2012 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "MOVE, MOVE, MOVE" - Invited First Lady Michelle Obama.

2013 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "NUTRICISE" - Combined nutrition songs and exercise.

2014 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "WEATHER THE WEATHER" - Stewart Manning, Texas meteorologist.

2015 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "COLORS" - All green and green checked Maypole ribbons.

2016 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "MUSICOLOGY" - All songs taught music theory.

2017 - Mrs. Gay Lynn Manning - "KEY of "C" - (Sea) - Denise Dragastin & Gay Lynn Manning retire.

2018 - Mrs. Shannon Plymell - "OFF THE BEATEN ROAD" - 5th grade wound traditional Maypole.

2019 - Mrs. Shannon Plymell - "4th, 5th, 6th, MAY FETE 2019" - Accompaniment with violin & banjo.

2020 - Mrs. Shannon Plymell - VERY SAD - NO MAY FETE -DUE TO COVID 19 PANDEMIC

2021 - Mrs. Shannon Plymell - "A COUNTRY WESTERN MURDER MYSTERY" May Fete.

2022 - Mrs. Andrea (Wilson) Anderson - "THROUGH THE YEARS" - 3rd & 4th wound the maypole,

May Fete in Washington, Kansas is celebrating a 100 year old tradition.

2023 - We welcome Jenna Hubele...(soon to be Mrs. Stevenson). She has signed her letter of intent to join the faculty at Washington Schools as the USD #108 Elementary Music Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.

100 YEARS OF MAY FETES & MAY THE TRADITION LIVES ON!