

Woods Hole Historical Collection
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REGISTER
Woods Hole Child Center
1943 – 1984

1 box

WOODS HOLE CHILD CENTER

HISTORY

The materials from the Woods Hole Child Center are sketchy and begin in 1943 when it was founded as cooperative nursery school and day care on Millfield St (in a private home), beginning with 8 children and rising to 15 in the second year. The Center moved to many sites in the following years (in 1948 it was reported that particular year had 11 teachers in 5 locations.). In 1949 the donation of land on Harbor Hill Road gave it a permanent site and in May the school charter was signed. Other donors were found and the school became a permanent, interactive force in the community with well-child clinics, housekeeping services for ill mothers, swap sitting for baby equipment and co-op babysitting. Winter schooling taught French, art, music and dance. Summer school included swimming, fishing, sailing and nature study. The school is still going strong today (2009).

SCOPE NOTE

The records are very sketchy, the earliest being the Incorporation in 1949 when the Child Center was already 6 years old. The by-laws were written in 1952 three years later, the handbook in 1962, the summer handbook in 1979. The only newsletters are from 1970, 1971 and 1984. With only one enrollment list from 1973. The Brockhurst and Smith article is very valuable as to what actually happened. The school served as a center for families both in winter and summer with the donors and parents actively joining into planning and support. The Woods Hole Community was treated to Christmas Teas and craft fairs, plays by the students. Children's Carnivals. Dinner dances were held using the M.B.L. Club. This article contains a picture taken in 1957 of the building being painted by children.

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BOX LIST

Newsletters: 1970, 1971.

School Scheduling: 1970, 1971.

Financial: 1970 – 1972, 1983 – 1984.

Summer Program: 1972 –1975, 1978.

Rules and Reports

Nominating Reports: 1970, 1971, 1972.

By-laws: 1952.

Incorporation: 1949.

Executive Rules: 1966.

Directory:1970, 1971.

Handbook: 1962.

Summer Handbook: 1979.

Summer Program: 1979.

Newsletter: 1984.

Enrollment List: 1973.

History by J. Brockhurst & Mary Lou Smith: c. 1960 (?).

9. Newsclippings.

10. Proposed Additions and Renovations, 2003.