

## The Various Names and grades of Laurel

When Laurel was constructed in 1906, it was called the Laurel Street School. This was confirmed by newspaper stories as well as school directories located in the PSD Records department. It was alternatively known as Laurel School as noted in various articles. The short version of simply Laurel was also used then and in the present.

In the early 1960s, it was known for a couple of years as Laurel Intermediate Elementary School but soon began to be known simply as Laurel Elementary School. This is all evidenced by the school directories of the time. Laurel was still occupying the original building on Laurel Street when these changes took place.

It was known as Laurel Elementary School through the modular building years and into the permanent structure of 1993. After a school-wide push to find a niche for the changing times, the name became Laurel Elementary School of Arts and Technology, the name by which it is officially known today.

Of course, she will always be lovingly tagged as simply, Laurel.

### K-8, 1-6, 4-6, or K-6?

When Laurel started, it housed 1st-8th grades. In those days, Kindergarten was housed in the Remington School, the first Kindergarten west of St. Louis. In the mid-1920s, when Fort Collins High School moved into its new building on Remington St. and the vacated building became Fort Collins Junior High School, the 7th and 8th graders were sent there, and Laurel housed 1st-6th grades. Kindergarten came into Laurel in the mid-1940s, although the directories do not show them at Laurel on a consistent basis. It was generally 1-6. It changed slightly when Harris and Laurel were joined as one unit with one principal. At that time, in 1968, Harris housed K-3 and Laurel contained 4-6. They were joined again in the new building in 1993 as Laurel Elementary School.