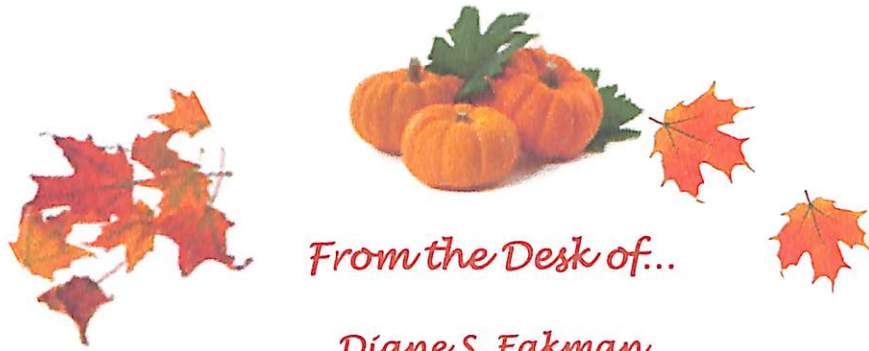




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From the Desk of...

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October 26, 2015

Mario Poggi
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Dear Mr. Poggi:

My husband Bruce and I met you at the Sussex County History Day and had a discussion with you regarding the elementary school formerly located on Harrison Street in Sussex. There had been a discrepancy as to when the school discontinued classes at that site,

I have enclosed a class picture, dated May 6, 1963, of my third grade class. The teacher was Mrs. Wilson who lived on Bank Street/Route 23 north. The principal was Mrs. Little who lived on the Little Farm, located on Route 23 north. At that time, the kindergarten class was located in the basement next to the boiler room. The first floor rooms had classes for first, second, third, and fourth grades. The teachers were – first grade, Mrs. Hough; second grade, Mrs. Clark; third grade, Mrs. Wilson; and fourth grade, Mrs. Newton, whose claim to fame was giving each of her students a heart made from construction paper on Valentine's Day that was good for one free ice cream cone at the newspaper/confectioners store on Main Street. Ice cream cones were 10 cents. The top floor was home to fifth, six, seventh and eighth grades. The teachers were – fifth grade, Mrs. Purcell; sixth grade, Mrs. Washer. I don't remember who the teachers were for grades seven and eight because I attended those grades at the Sussex Middle School. By that time High Point Regional High School had opened and the former Sussex High School became the Sussex Middle School.

Proof positive that we did exist after the 1935 closing date that you were given! Hope this photo will help clear up the mystery,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane Eakman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Diane Eakman