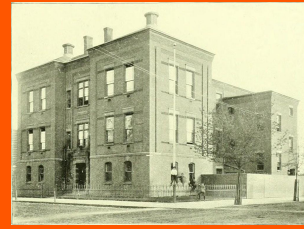


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School History
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Before we were Forrestdale



Forrestdale was built in 1957. There was another school before Forrestdale named Lafayette Street School. The school was built in 1893 on the site of what is now Rogers Park. The school had students from k to 10th grade. By 1908, the school needed more classrooms to fit more incoming students, so a renovation was done. Again in 1936, the school so crowded that a different school had to be built. The new school was Rumson Fair Haven High School with students from 7th to 12th grades and Lafayette Street School was k to 6th grade. By 1957 the Lafayette school was so old that kids could not play on part of the playground. The building was in such disrepair that falling bricks and shingles often ended up on the playground. There was a time before we were Forrestdale, the Lafayette Street School, but now we are growing again to be a bigger and better Forrestdale School than ever!!