

## MEMORIES OF BARRINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



### From Ellen Isaly:

One memory I have is of Albert Salzgaber, our beloved custodian. Do you remember Albert? He was very friendly and all the kiddos loved him. Strangely, I remember that whenever a child got sick, he would give the boy or girl a nickel, to try to make him or her feel better! Do you remember when he passed away? We planted a tree in his memory, with a plaque beneath it, and that tree is now a large spreading source of shade out in the front (Andover Road) courtyard.

Remember how the boys (and a few girls, I guess) used to carry their technologically advanced, brand new transistor radios around the playground at recess during the World Series? I sure do - it was a status symbol to have that thing held up to your ear!

Girls - remember the jungle gym on the Barrington Road side of the building that was on blacktop? Someone invariably got a cracked noggin there from hanging upside down and then someone would come along and tickle them and make them lose their grip and down they'd go! But what I remember is that we girls went through a phase when we wore shorts underneath our dresses so that we could hang upside down and still show nothing forbidden! Maybe because we weren't allowed to wear anything except dresses, it seemed special to wear shorts under them - who knows?

Remember Mrs. Steinhauer, our librarian? Mrs. Gustin, the art teacher? And how about Maury Angle, the PE teacher? He was still teaching PE when I taught at the school from 1978-1981. "Mr. A," as we called him, died shortly after I stopped teaching, and he wasn't very old - just a few years older than we are now, I think.