

Sheiko Elementary School

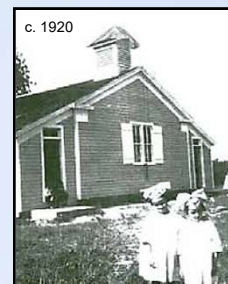
Our School History



Memoirs suggest the first school in the Green District was a log cabin built near the southwest intersection of Orchard Lake and Walnut Lake Roads.

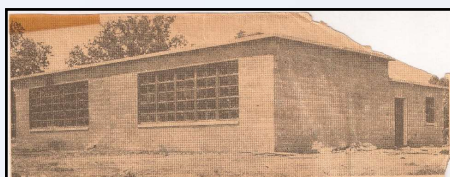
A sturdier one-room, wood-frame school built on the Hartwell Green family farm, c. 1866, replaced the cabin, providing a more suitable facility. The school had one entry for boys and one for girls though the rule was rarely enforced. Inside was one large classroom for all grades, K-8. The tower held a bell to call students to class.

The Green family donated the land for the one-room school. As was customary at the time, local families boarded the lone teacher, usually a young, unmarried woman who was responsible for teaching all grades.



The one-room school was located near the intersection of Green Road and Savoie Trail.

The third Green School, built in 1948, included two large classrooms and two smaller rooms, used for industrial and domestic arts. This building has been renovated, expanded, and repurposed several times. It has housed the District Media Center and local cable commission. Once nicknamed "Little Green", the building was formally named Green Media Center in 2011.



The fourth Green Elementary School opened in 1956 just to the east of the third Green school. A pine tree was planted near the driveway in honor of former teacher George Merring.



A long-term community project known as "Operation Green Thumb" converted open fields into a playground in 1958. Families came from the whole area to grade the fields, pick up stones, and make a baseball diamond. Further playground and garden improvements were made by families in 1998 and 2004. Community involvement has been strong from the very beginning, including support from an active PTO.



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In June, 2011, the West Bloomfield School Board voted to rename the school Sheiko Elementary in honor of retiring principal, Mrs. Katherine Sheiko.



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