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- o Resident from 1969-1983
- o Eaton parent 1969-1972

When we moved here in 1969, I had become concerned about public education and I knew John Eaton was an O.K. school and I knew the principal, Mrs. Pickett....she was the principal before Joan Brown.... so I put the children in Eaton. All the children on the block went to John Eaton.

When my children were here at Eaton, I used to teach art in the corridor upstairs. We used to come in one afternoon a week. I took the second and third grades and used the whole corridor upstairs. I don't think they had a permanent art teacher at that time and, if they did, she seldom came.

The parents used to paint the classrooms ourselves....come in on Saturday mornings. The system wouldn't free up the money to do it because we were not on that year's list to receive funds for maintenance. One of the things Joan Habib and I did....down in the corridor downstairs ....they had the two open classrooms down there.... we painted a checkerboard design on the floor for the children to play on. Upstairs we painted a hopscotch or something, so the kids would have something to do when they couldn't go outside.

We used to hold the annual Toy and Book Sale in the auditorium for the benefit of the PTA. Mrs. Mondale always ran it. The children brought in all their old toys and books.

I miss the Cathedral, now that I have moved away. My children used the grounds of the Cathedral in the wintertime for sledding.