

Dover's Red Brick School

Six years after the first settler arrived in Dover, a small log cabin schoolhouse was built. All the children in Dover that wanted an education had to walk to this school, which was located on the shore of Lake Erie, just west of present-day Huntington Park. The one-room school provided education only to the eighth grade, and in 1845 a private academy was established. In 1913 the Academy building burned to the ground. Four years earlier in 1909, and next to the site of the Academy, a new four-room central red brick building was constructed. Over the years, at various times, the Red Brick School has seen all grades educated within its walls. It served as a school until 1968 and then housed Westlake Board of Education offices, and has been vacant since 2003.



The 101-year-old Red Brick School is slated for demolition later this year, and on October 19, 2010 schoolhouse alumni and friends gathered to share memories and say goodbye to the building on Dover Center Road. Former students came forward to share their memories of the school and join the celebration. Cuyahoga West's newest members, **Lysa Stanton**, president of the Westlake Historical Society, and **Dave Pfister**, membership chair of the WHS, spearheaded the effort to reunite the Red Brick students at the building one last time before its demolition.

Sources: *A History and Civics of Dover Village*; *Westlake/Bay Village Observer*, 3 Nov. 10; and <http://www.westlakeohiohistory.org/red.html>

Class of **1921** Dover Village High School

(Red Brick School)

Class Motto: *If We Rest, We Rust*

Principal: Blanche Robinson

Superintendent: L. E. Hayes

Graduating Class: (10)

Bailey, Lawrence M.

Cook, James M.

Cooley, Reuben J.

De Math, Charlotte

Lathrop, Helen

Munn, Harold

Neate, Mabel

Rockwell, Albert G.

Tanner, Harold J.

Trudel, Gertrude M.

Class of **1922** Dover Village High School

(Red Brick School)

Class Motto: *We Can, We Will*

Principal: L. G. Berneson

Superintendent: L. E. Hayes

Graduating Class: (17)

Albers, Clarence H.

Balazs, Joseph T.

Butzberger, William J.

Cooley, Esther L.

Hall, Stanley C.

Hille, Clarence H.

Hunger, Norman J.

Jenkins, Wilbur R.

Munn, Alice G.

Munn, Idella J.

Oring, Clare R.

Oring, Mabel

Ruckwell, Lawrence W.

Schuberth, Florence

Simonds, Harvey L.

Woehrmann, Martin L.

Zothner, George F.

Class of **1924** Dover Village High School

(New school dedicated in 1923)

Class Motto:

Our Aim: Success; Our Hope: To Win

Principal: L. G. Berneson

Superintendent: L. E. Hayes

Class Speakers: Merle Leesburg and Mildred Ulmer

Graduating Class: (19)

Albers, Elmer F.

Bailey, Archer F.

Bailey, Frenchie L.

Coe, Ione A.

Coe, Naomi H.

Elliott, Marion

Elliott, Mildred

Green, Kenneth E.

Karsten, Emma

Kennelly, Helen J.

Leesburg, Merle Ann

Munn, Merton D.

Neate, Ralph A.

Sperry, Ethel E.

Stockhaus, Norman E.

Thomsen, Anne M.

Ulmer, Mildred K.

Ulmer, William W.

Yunghans, Paul R.

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