



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

B.P. Hopper Primary



Elementary Schools: Alamo | Bonnie P. Hopper Primary | David Crockett | George Washington Carver | Harlem | Highlands
James Bowie | Lorenzo De Zavala | Mirabeau B. Lamar | San Jacinto | Stephen F. Austin | Ashbel Smith | Victoria Walker | William B. Travis
Junior Schools: Baytown | Cedar Bayou | Gentry | Highlands | Horace Mann
High Schools & Others: Goose Creek Memorial | Impact Early College High School at Lee College | John M. Stuart Career Center
Peter E. Hyland Center | Robert E. Lee | Ross S. Sterling | School Community Guidance Center

405 E. Houston

The Early Years

Because of population growth, Highlands Elementary was divided into a Primary and an Elementary school in September of 1980. Hopper Primary, named after B.P. Hopper, has approximately 632 students with approximately 30 teachers. Principal Sheila Liles has been there since the opening of the school.

Bonnie Preston Hopper

Bonnie Preston, B.P. Hopper was born in 1906 and died in 1986. He received a Bachelors and Masters Degree from Sam Houston State University, probably called College at that time. He started teaching after his freshman year because that was how it was done at that time. He taught during the school year and attended Sam Houston during the summer until he had completed both degrees. He also married and had 1 child during this time. His 2nd child was born after he finished college.

He first taught in Bloomington, TX, then Crosby School District. He became the principal of Highlands Elem. In 1935, and by vote of both districts, Highlands Elem. became part of Goose Creek CISD in 1936. The school and all staff became part of GCCISD.

The school, being the only school here at that time, was the center of all activity in the town of Highlands. Everything was centered on the school. My dad, being the principal, was involved in almost all that took place in Highlands.

When Highlands Jr. High was built around 1957-58, he was appointed the principal of that school also. He saw it through the building process and one or two years after it was opened. Then it was decided that both schools needed a principal. My dad was given his choice of schools and decided to stay with the elementary. Elementary was his first love. He remained as principal until he retired in 1971.



In 1979, it was decided to build a primary school in Highlands. A group of Highlands citizens, under the leadership of Jennie Robbins, led a proposal to the school board to name the new primary school for B.P. Hopper because as they stated, he was education in Highlands.

One of his greatest joys was to walk to the sight almost each day and watch the building going up. He was very proud of the great honor that had been given to him by the people of Highlands and Goose Creek CISD. My mother loved it when someone would look up B.P. Hopper in the phone book and called their house because they thought it was the school.

B.P. Hopper died in 1986.

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