

From Towns & Communities of Denton County

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Schools

In 1901 the first school building was built which was a one-room frame structure. The first board of trustees was set up at once. Two long remembered trustees were June Benton and George Evans, father of Mrs. J.A. Stone. In a few years, the school was enlarged to three rooms. In 1910, the brick building that now houses the elementary school was built. The high school building was built in the middle thirties. It originally housed the gymnasium, which also served as an auditorium for the school.

In 1955 the citizens voted a bond issue for construction of a new gymnasium and to remodel the old elementary building. The old gymnasium was converted to a beautiful auditorium, and two modern classrooms were built. The school has the following departments: English, Science, Vocational Agriculture, Vocational Homemaking, Mathematics, Physical Education and History and Government. We have a complete library, school lunchroom and Student Council.

The Krum Parent-Teachers Association was organized October 6th, 1944. Attendance has grown from 20 to 150 or more. The association became a member of the State organization in January 1948. They also belong to the National Association. During the years the P.T.A. has done many useful things for the school. Some of the projects have been to help pay for school buses, purchase of audio-visual equipment, modern classroom furniture for the first four grades, improvement of vocational shop, new kitchen equipment and draperies for the homemaking room, curtains for the stage, addition of literary and reference books to the library, basketball suits for the girls and Venetian blinds for the new auditorium and many other smaller projects. Funds for these projects have been raised by sponsoring the Halloween Carnival, ice cream suppers, chili suppers, ball games, Christmas and Thanksgiving banquets and style shows.

Mrs. B. F. Copp is now serving as president of the P.T.A. Mrs. Henry Ross served as the first president, serving the years 1944-1945. Other presidents and the years served are: Mrs. W. J. Medlin 1945-1947, Mrs. August Schluter 1947-1949, Mrs. Jack Parkey 1949-1952, Mrs. A. J. McClure 1952-1954 and Mrs. August Schluter 1954-1956.

Sports in which the school participates are basketball, baseball, track and tennis. In the earlier days, baseball seemed to be the favorite sport and it is still played. However, in the past few years, basketball has held more interest in the community, and Krum has produced some very fine basketball teams.

Krum now has one of the most modern school plants in Denton County and is one that the citizens of the town and community can point to with pride.

Plainview School

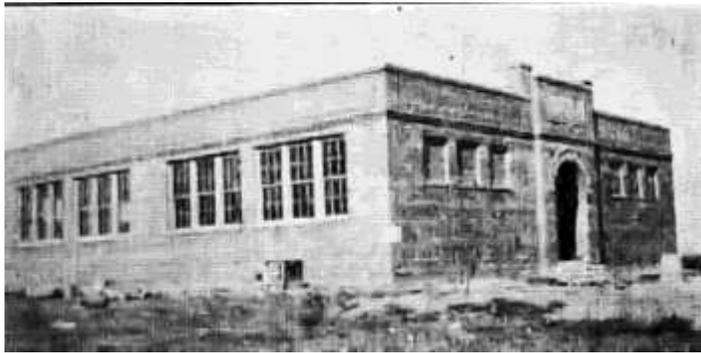
Although no longer in operation, the Plainview Community, west of Krum once had a very nice school. In 1921 the following item pertaining to the school was published: It is planned to begin the erection of a new brick school building in the Plainview District in early June. The building is to be built at a cost of approximately \$8,000.00. This building was built, and school taught there for many years. Later it consolidated with the Krum School, and the building was torn down.

Hawkeye School

The Hawkeye District was located approximately five miles north of Krum. According to some of the citizens of the community, the Hawkeye School was built in the year 1887. Charter members of the board of trustees were H. P. Koiner and J. M. Lindley. Mr. John Henry Koiner loaned the land for the school for as long as needed. Thomas Angleman from Illinois was the first teacher at the school. This school was eventually consolidated with the Krum School.



Right - One-room Jackson School, 1876
Left - Two-story Addition, 1901



Plainview School



Hawkeye School 1923