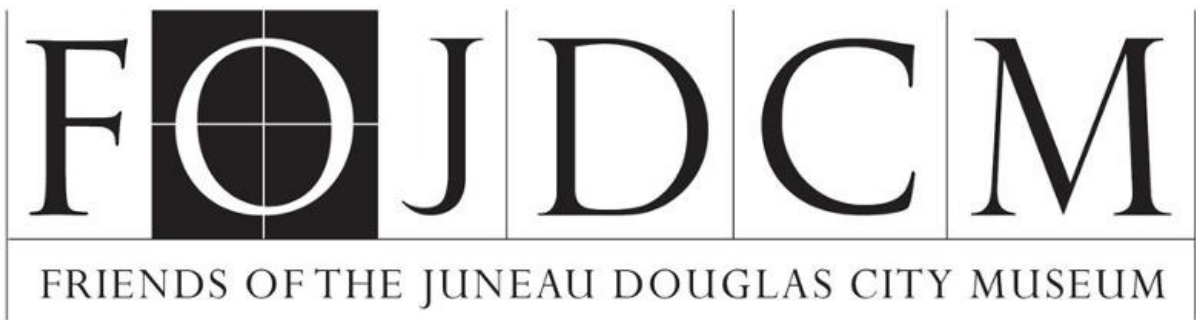


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HAPPY FACES CROWD SCHOOL FOR OPENING

Over Five Hundred Are On Hand to Be Enrolled

*September 9, 1914---*With smiling faces, over five hundred Juneau children were in waiting at the school steps when the “last bell” rang yesterday morning, opening the first semester of the 1914 school term. It was a happy-go-lucky crowd of youngsters, the largest ever gathered in Juneau at the opening date of school.



Prof. L. D. Henderson and staff of teachers were on hand to receive the scholars, the day being confined to assigning scholars to grades and doling out books. Incidentally, the “doling” process means a considerable saving to parents. For the first time here, books have been purchased by the school board and sold to children at actual cost, a saving of 20 cents on the dollar.

At 3 p.m. yesterday, Principal Henderson announced 60 students had enrolled for the high school, where Miss Lorrain Andrews, Gertrude Mallette, Lovina Nillson and Margaret Scott will assist Principal Henderson.

Juneau Schools Principal Lester D. Henderson went on to become Alaska's first Commissioner of Education, serving from 1917 to 1929. ASL-P01-4557

In the grades, the teaching staff is as follows:

1st grade – Blanche Dyer.

2nd grade – Mrs. Perkins, in place of Miss Contoure, who is delayed in arriving.

3rd grade – Crystal Snow.

4th grade – Miss Case.

5th grade – Leona Bruce.

6th grade – Florence Getchel.

7th grade – Mrs. Strable.

8th grade – Miss Magill.

Prof. Poore, a well-known hand writing expert, has been assigned for work in the first semester.

The School Board was all on hand to assist the principal and teachers in getting the youngsters straightened out. During the early morning hours, the usual sight of the fond parent urging to the seat of education the family hopeful was witnessed.---*Daily Alaska Dispatch, abridged*



From about 1900 until 1917, most of Juneau's public school students were housed in this building at the northeast corner of Seward and Fifth Streets, with overflow classrooms in City Hall and elsewhere. This building was enlarged several times and replaced in 1917 by a three-story wood-frame structure that occupied nearly the entire site of today's Capital School Park. ASL-P226-185