

Southmore celebrates 50 years of quality education *good as gold...*

Southmore Intermediate School has a rich history and a special place in many people's hearts. It was never more evident than at the school's 50th anniversary celebration in November.

More than 300 former students, teachers and parents filled the school's cafeteria at the event. The school opened in 1952 and was only one of two intermediate schools in Pasadena at the time.

"In those days, you either went to Jackson or Southmore," said Webb McEvoy, an 18-year teacher at Southmore. "This school has such a proud past and it was reflected by the amount of people that attended this celebration."

At the event, Southmore memorabilia from the 1950s, 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s was displayed on tables throughout the cafeteria. In addition, a power point presentation chronicled the history of the school.

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Many of the students were involved in the celebration as well. Girls in the Teen Leadership classes created corsages for the guests. A variety of student organizations set up the tables

and displays. The Southmore choir also performed at the event.

The event marked the dedication of the school's courtyard in honor of former principal Jack McCoy. McCoy served as Southmore's principal from 1964 to 1986. He has served the longest out of the five principals in the intermediate school's history.

School officials also introduced an award bearing McCoy's namesake, which will go to a boy who shows exemplary qualities in academics, citizenship and extra-curricular activities.

The award to be given to Southmore's outstanding girl was renamed the Matthys Award, in honor of the late Walter Matthys, who served as principal of the school from 1952-1964.

The honors were formerly known as the Bulldog Award, which is given annually. ★



above: Walter Matthys, principal of Southmore from 1952-1964, always took time to visit with not just his students, but children of all ages.



middle: More than 300 former students, principals, faculty members and parents attended the 50th anniversary celebration.

right:
A plaque is unveiled that will be placed in the school's courtyard which was dedicated after former principal Jack McCoy.

