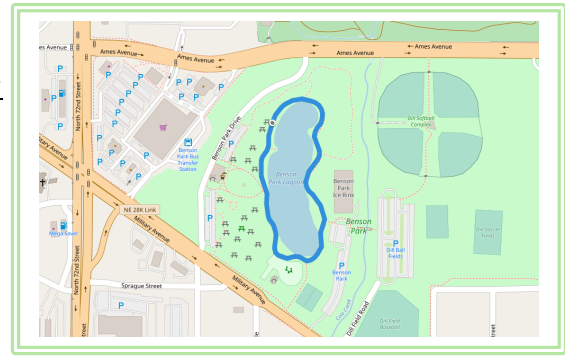


Picnic Day Before School Year Ended! By President Amy Willman, Class of 1987

Benson Park—a place where we went to have fun before the school year ended. The outing usually took place on a Wednesday within the last two weeks before school ended. From Prep I through 12th grade, along with NSD employees, we all went to Benson Park for a picnic from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



In the morning, elementary classes participated in races such as the egg-on-a-spoon race—running without dropping the egg—the shoe kick, to see who could kick a shoe the farthest, tug-of-war, “find your shoes,” where all the shoes were mixed in piles while students searched for their own, and many other games. Ribbons were awarded to individuals who placed from 1st to 8th.

At lunch, the NSD cafeteria employees served us a picnic meal of fried chicken, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, and cups of ice cream with wooden spoons. We all sat on picnic benches at the old Benson Pavilion, which still stands today.



After lunch, high school students played a softball game against NSD teachers, while others either watched the game or played on the playground. Most of us really enjoyed riding the Flying Swing, while the high school boys pulled the swing chains around and then let two riders fly through the air. Many of us got sunburned from spending all day outside. It was a good way to end the school year.



Here are the pictures of Benson Park. Though the playgrounds are not originally from Benson Park, it gives an idea of what we did on the playground.

