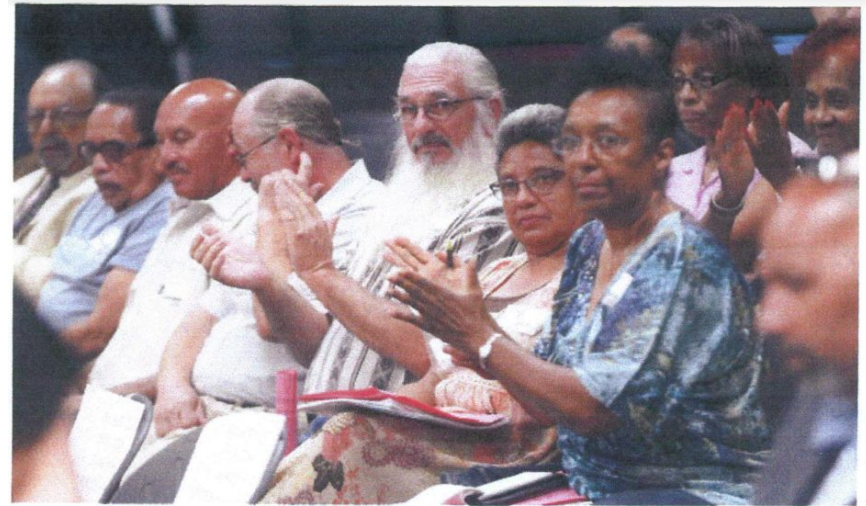


Original Friendship School Project



Why are we Friendship?

- In the 1840's three distinct groups held a "Pow Wow" in what is now known as Friendship
 - Quakers
 - Tuscarora
 - African Americans
- The groups decided as practical matter:
 - We all live here.
 - We might as well get along.
 - Which is where the name, "Friendship" began



Supporters of naming a new high school Apex Friendship applaud after the Wake County school board's vote on Tuesday in Cary, NC. The name reflects the area of Friendship, which has long ties to the African-American community.

Historical Marker

- Respecting Our History, Building Our Future- WCPSS Initiative
- Rosenwald schools were built in conjunction with Julius Rosenwald, Booker T. Washington & the Tuskegee Institute
- Friendship School was the first school built for African American students in that area of Western Wake County.
- An historical marker commemorating the Friendship School was erected on August 22, 2021.
- It is the first historical marker in the Town of Apex.



Now and into the Future...

- Current Projects

- Friendship Magazine
 - Historical articles, school/community spotlights, timeline, etc.
- Original Friendship T-shirts
 - Created & sold more than 300 shirts to community, faculty, and staff.
- Historical Marker Benches
 - Eagle Scout project contributing to the reflection garden near the historical marker.
- Gather digital artifacts and interviews to help preserve the community history
- Friends of Friendship website
 - Repository of information related to all things Friendship.

- Future Projects

- Local course developed around Friendship and the history of the South.
- Community forum: original community members, local historians, local government officials
- Friendship: The Documentary



Display Case

- Concrete representation of the work in our school building
- Work in progress
 - Collection of artifacts
 - Diplomas
 - Documents
 - Pictures
 - Model of the original school
 - Student artwork
 - Interactive
- Call for artifacts within the community



AFMS Mural

- The “Friendship” mural was commissioned by AFMS to commemorate the legacy of inclusion and tolerance of the Friendship area.
- The mural was created by Raleigh artist Sean Kernick.





**And the list continues to
grow...**