

Remembering the Roslyn–Flower Hill Elementary School

American classical composer Daniel Dorff spent a significant part of his childhood growing up on Crabtree Lane in Flower Hill. He and his family moved here from New Rochelle when he was a young child.

Dorff attended the Roslyn Union Free School District's former Roslyn–Flower Hill Elementary School, which was located at the northern end of Center Drive in our village.

Dorff remembers the school very well. He remembers how the school's cafeteria was in the same room as the gymnasium and the stage. He remembers how the tables for the cafeteria folded out from the walls of the gymnasium as if they were Murphy beds, and how the children in gym classes typically played in the center of the room.

He also remembers the construction of the homes on Woodland Road behind the school. According to Dorff, before those homes were built, the northern side of the school bordered a wooded area which was fenced off by the school's perimeter fencing. One had to be very careful when playing ball during recess near that fence, because if the ball went over, you risked cutting yourself up when climbing over the fence. Then, in the mid-1960s, the woods were replaced by the Wildwood at Flower Hill housing development.

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