

Alma A. Pierce Elementary School History

ALMA A. PIERCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL was named after Ms. ALMA ALLLERTON PIERCE who dedicated over 50 years to the Laredo Independent School District.

The construction of the school began in 1963. The school opened its doors in February of 1964, and the dedication of the school was the occasion for a reunion of thousands of Ms. Pierce's former students.

Ms. Pierce was a direct descendent of the 14th President of the United States, Franklin Pierce. As a young woman, she was attached to military intelligence in Washington, D. C. She was a graduate of the University of Texas and earned both a Bachelor of Arts and a Masters Degree. She taught at Martin High School and retired in 1957 leaving a great legacy at the school and in the community.

Alma A. Pierce Elementary is located in the Retama I Subdivision and it's situated in a six block area. It has one of the largest elementary school enrollments.

Two years after its opening, the enrollment at the school exceeded the original 10 classroom facility. In 1966, barracks were bought from the Laredo Air Force Base and transformed into an eight classroom annex. The construction of four kindergarten classrooms followed, and in 1972, an additional wing was built for eight more classrooms.

In 1993, the Early Childhood Center opened its new doors to three hundred and six Pre-Kinder, Kinder, and First grade students. A new façade to the school and a parking lot were added.

On April 25, 2003, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to officially start the construction of a new school.

The school has been headed by six principals: Mr. Brigido Flores, Hattie Mae Garnett, Carlos Cruz, Rodolfo Lopez, Josefina Torres, and its current principal, Noralva Johnson.