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CHADDS FORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES THEIR ANNUAL MAY FAIR

UNIONVILLE, Pennsylvania –Friday May 16, 2008, Chadds Ford Elementary School will be celebrating its annual May Fair at 2pm.

The May Fair was once known as May Day and was first held on Saturday, May 21, 1949. It was called "A DAY OF FUN FOR EVERYONE". It included events such as square dancing, a pet show, a rodeo, a mother/daughter and father/son softball game, as well as the Maypole Dance. This event started as a dance for third and fourth grade girls. As the population grew, it became a dance just for third grade girls. The original May Days at Chadds Ford also included the crowning of the May Queen. In fact the Chadds Ford Elementary School nurse, Mrs. Tricia Harlan was once a May Queen.

For those who never witnessed a Rodeo at Chadds Ford Elementary School you really missed a true western show. In 1949 Mr. S. B. Davis came to Chadds Ford from Texas with cowboys and a trick mule named Sea Breeze. Real buffalos grazed next to the school. This activity drew quite an audience and the second year, the P.T.A. furnished board fences to help corral the animals.

As the years have passed, the May Fair progressed to what it is today, a mixture of old and new. It now features wonderful music performed by our young and talented students and a third grade parachute performance. Of course, there is still the traditional Maypole Dance, which is choreographed exactly as it was on the first May Fair back in 1949. Our annual May Fair is not only a day of fun for students, but also a time for the entire school to reflect on its rich history.

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