

It's Not Really "Old School" Anymore

In 1785, members of the Religious Society of Friends (also known as Quakers) erected a little brick schoolhouse at a point where Kings Highway passes over Route 73 in present day Maple Shade, N.J. That same year, they built a one-room stone schoolhouse on land west of the present Moorestown Friends Meeting House on what is now the site of Moorestown Friends School.

Incredibly, these two Quaker schools were opened 25 years before a district school was established in 1810 and 88 years before the opening of the first free Moorestown public school in 1873.

Today, Moorestown Friends School boasts a 44-acre campus that also includes seven all-purpose playing fields, two baseball diamonds and, for the start of this 2002-2003 school year, a brand new sports and multipurpose field house.

The McGillin-designed addition/renovation was constructed under the guidance of construction manager E. Allen Reeves Inc. of Abington, Pa., and is framed on the south by five beautiful new tennis courts. Inside and out, the workmanship is a testimony to the fine craftsmanship of Reeves and its construction team.

Of course, this is standard operating



Mike Hansell "having fun" at Moorestown Friends School.



Above & at right: The new Moorestown Friends School Field House
Architect: McGillin Architecture, Bala Cynwyd, Pa.
Mechanical Engineer: Edward Fox, Bala Cynwyd, Pa.
CM: E. Allen Reeves, Abington, Pa.



procedure for Reeves. Since its founding in 1918, this construction management and general construction firm has had a reputation for quality and cooperation. Their staff of 85 has been responsible for millions of square feet of both non-profit and for-profit commercial and institutional construction work across the Delaware Valley.

Hutchinson Mechanical Services handled the half-million dollar mechanical project which boasts over 130 tons of new air conditioning. That is "good news" for the students and staff of MFS since air conditioning seems to be a rare commodity in many schools established over 200 years ago. A combination of split systems

and package HVAC units, complemented by a new three million BTU hot water boiler, make up the new HVAC systems, all interlocked by a Honeywell ATC control network.

Additionally, Hutchinson was contracted to provide a full complement of plumbing services, from new state-of-the-art locker rooms to the painstaking renovations inside the existing art studio and fitness center. It's safe to say there's nothing sexy about breaking up ancient concrete floors and foundations, and there is nothing fun about hauling dirt and concrete in and out to put it all back together again—but it sure looks nice when it's done.

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