Brief history of the 4th Primary School

The 4th Primary School began working sixty years ago(1. 9. 1953). During the first year classes were held in four seperate buildings (Pavlinski Marof, Rudarska School, the Tekstile School and in a private building in 10 Nazor Stree). In the following four years work continued int he Tekstile School, and the twenty-four years with the 2nd Primary School in 10 Cesarić street, and finally i 1982 in the new school building int he current address (36 Antuna Matije Reljkovića Street) which was finnanced by the City Council of Varaždin.

After many years of pursurverance, and with thanks to the City of Varaždin, work on the school gymnasium ,along with appropriate area ,began on the 13.7.1998 (altogether 1200 square metres). It was opened on the 4.12.1999 and is used to this day by all students of t he school as well as other youth in the City of Varaždin.

In 2001 the library was prepared in the war shelter area. In 2008 the school began work in the morning hours (one shift work), thanks to an extension of numerous classrooms being built.

The school has an average of 500 students (three parralel classes) with 12 lower and 12 higher primary grades.

In 61 years of existence, the 4th Primary School –the 63 professionals, has raised 7000 students with care to ensure that they grow into wholesome, just and happy people.

**The projects that have involved the 4th Primary School**

In the last few years there has been a great number of projects and facultative activites which the school is proud of.

Some oft he projects which have been implemented during the years have become recognisable by students and parents alike, for instance:

* SCHOOL MUSICAL- the blending of the subjects of Croatian Language and Music
* A TOTALLY DIFFERENT BAROQUE- in the subject of History
* DOMINANT LEARNING STILES- in the subject of Biology
* THE CROATIAN EDUCATIONAL KIT- int he subject of English Language
* ˝IN OUR FAMILY EVERYBODY READS˝, ˝NAŠA CVJETNA LEKTIRA˝, ˝PRIČAM TI PRIČU˝, „PROJEKT BOOKMARKER˝- projects which the school library has led.
* Projects and activites dealing with health and student care include-˝I DO BRAIN GYM EVERY DAY˝, ˝LET`S GO OUTSIDE-HIKING EDUCATION˝,˝A JOYOUS SCHOOL˝, ˝A TOTALLY DIFFERENT BAROQUE˝ and many others which have been intergrated in to the School`s Curriculum.

**PRIDE OF THE 4TH PRIMARY SCHOOLa**

We are especially proud of the fact that on the 10th February, 2011 the Australian Ambassador, Her Excellency Mrs Beverly Mercer, visited our school. We are also very pleased and proud that through our Erasmus+ Program (KA1 staff mobility) we were able to realise our project: Improvement of professional excellence and internacionalisation of the 4th Primary School Varaždin.

The staff of the 4th Primary School have continuously, through-out the 60 years of existence, strived for excellence in our students, and our reward comes from their accomplishments; the staff`s empathetic and wholistic beliefs in raising children, are of utter importance and we are very aware that our children are our countries future.

The 4th Primary School is a place of laughter and friends, a place to acquire education as well as learning about compassion towards our peers/colleagues.

Some of our successful teachers have acquired the positions of mentor four years ago:

Sofija Fruk

Gordana Foder

Dijana Gašparac

Martina Knežć

Snježana Kolak

as well as two teachers acquiring the position of Guidance Facilitator (Savjetnik)

Aleksandra Lukavečki and Nevesin Vusić

**Mission and vission of the 4th Primary School**

With the quality of our staff and workers at our school, we will continue to:

* Further, foster and better a successful relationship with the local political bodies, the City of Varaždin and professional entities of the City Council.
* Uphold the integrity and safety of all students, staff and workers of the school
* Have the communication between the parent-teacher at an excellent level through our many meetings, individual meetings and interactive classes.
* Our school encourages and strives for excellence (we have for many years been active in the Centre for excellence in Varaždin), professional education of our staff depending on their interests, our children are able to be educated by personel who are creative and humanitarian in character. Our school is equiped, gradually, by new technologies which will enhance learning.
* The care given to the school building and its grounds.
* We have an excellent rapport with other schools in the city of Varaždin
* Organisation of educational excursions give our students a chance to experience the beauty of our country.

In conclusion-what is our 4th Primary School doing to improve our quality?

1. We, as staff, are constantly adhearing to professional development (life-long learning)

2. We are working on creative and innovative projects to enhance our classes.

3. We are constantly caring for our students behaviour and efforts in learning; offering and showing parents willingness to care for our students whilst keeping in mind our professional dignity-as people who take the teaching profession as calling and vocation.