

# **Micro Histories of Midtown Elementary Schools: Brewer, Clubview, Davis, Rigdon Road, Hannan, Wynnton Arts Academy, St Elmos Center for the Gifted**

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## **Thomas H. Brewer Elementary School**

Established in 1991, Thomas H. Brewer Elementary School, also referred to as Brewer Elementary, is named after the Civil Rights leader Thomas H. Brewer. Brewer, a physician, spearheaded the drive for racial equality in Columbus by establishing the founding chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Columbus. Brewer Elementary is located between the Radcliff and East Wynnton neighborhoods in Midtown and is across from G.W. Carver High School.

## **Clubview Elementary School**

Clubview Elementary was established in 1953. Located between the neighborhoods of Hilton Heights and Clubview Heights, it became Georgia's first IB (International Baccalaureate) elementary charter school in 2006. Clubview shares the same city block with Richards Middle School, another IB school.

## **J.D. Davis Elementary School**

Beginning as one room school house in 1900, Shepherd Drive School was re-named J.D. Davis Elementary in 1959. J.D. Davis was a well-known Columbus educator who taught in Muscogee County in the first half of the twentieth century. J.D. Davis Elementary is located close to the Radcliff and Overlook-Wynn's Hill neighborhoods of Midtown. J.D. Davis Elementary shares the same city block with Marshall Middle School.

## **Rigdon Road Elementary School**

Named for the road along which it was located, Rigdon Road Elementary School was established in 1954. Rigdon Road Elementary became a year-round school in 2000. Rigdon Road moved into a completely new building 2004. It is located at the intersection of Briarwood and Lindsey Creek neighborhoods.

## **Hannan Elementary Magnet Academy**

The Lyda Haywood Hannan Elementary Magnet school was established in 1990. Also known as Hannan Elementary, it is located on the northern edge of Midtown in the East Highlands neighborhood. The school is named after Lyda Haywood Hannan who began her teaching career at 19, and was a principle in Muskogee County for 36 years.

## **Wynnton Arts Academy**

Founded in 1843, Wynnton is the oldest school in continuous use in Georgia, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The school's original building is now a museum that houses Wynnton's historical collections. In 2005, Wynnton Elementary School became a charter school, Wynnton Arts Academy.

## **St Elmo Center for the Gifted**

Located on the northern end of Lake Bottom Park, St Elmo School was established in 1930 as the school for Weracboa-St Elmo neighborhood built in the 1920s. In 1990 the school closed as a neighborhood school and reopened as a center for the county's gifted elementary children.