



***A Pictorial History of
Duclos School, Bonnyville, Alberta
1916 to present***



Rev. John E. Duclos, B.A., D.D. 1854-1943.
Founder and Pastor of the Duclos Mission, Bonnyville,
Alberta, 1916-1930.

**The Reverend John E. Duclos, Founder of the Duclos Mission and
Duclos School in 1916.**



The Girls' Home.

The Duclos School Girls' Residence built in the 1920's.



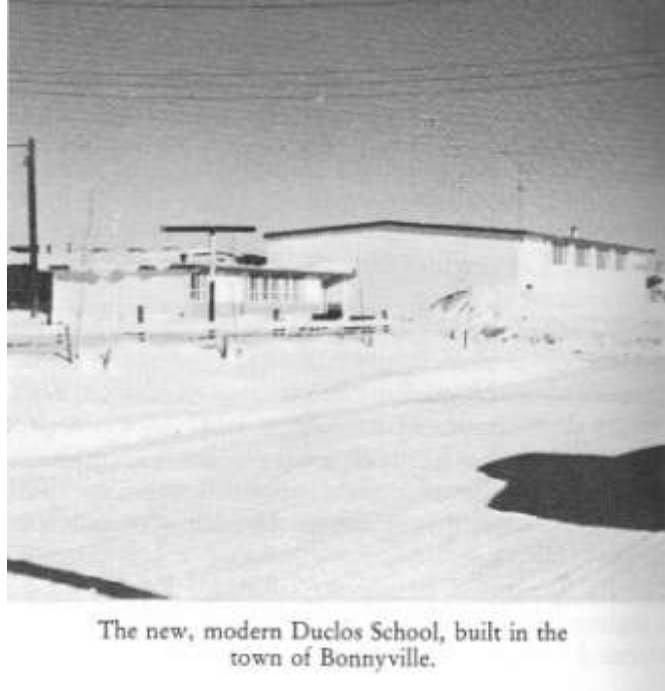
The Duclos Boys' Home or Residence, situated across the road from the first Duclos School. At the right is the little house used for some years as a residence by the Duclos School teacher H.E. Bourgoin and later occupied by the Duclos Hospital engineer John Swift.

The Duclos School Boys' Residence built in the 1920's.



The pupils at Duclos School with their teacher H.E. Bourgoin in 1935.

Duclos School students with their teacher Mr. H.E. Bourgoin in 1935.

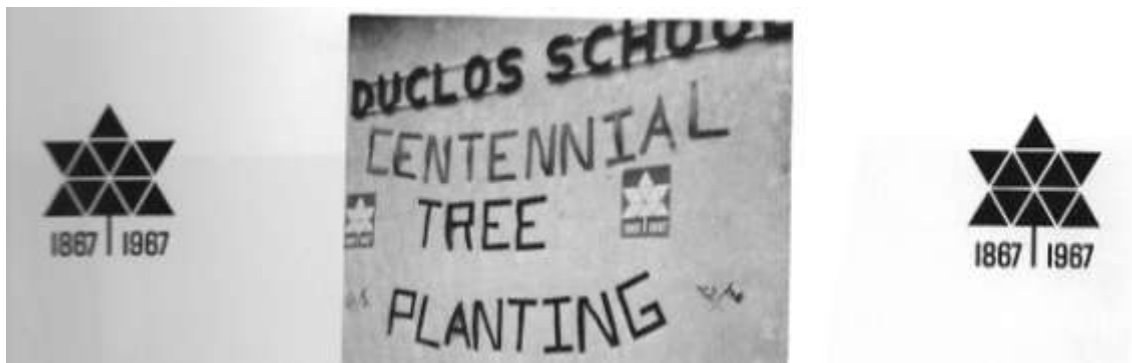


The new, modern Duclos School, built in the town of Bonnyville.

The new Duclos School in Bonnyville as it looked in about 1959.



The main doors at Duclos School in the 1960's.



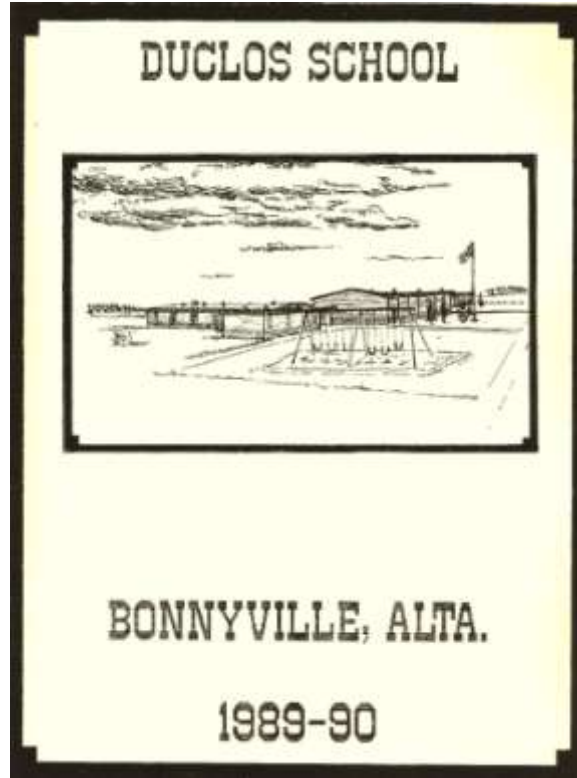
Duclos celebrated the Canadian Centennial of Confederation in 1967.



**Duclos students spell out the school name to celebrate Education Week.
This aerial view photo of the school was taken in the 1980's.**



**Students and staff head out the back doors of the school to take part in a
field day event during the 1980's.**



Art work depicting the west view of Duclos School in the 1989-1990 year book.



The new Duclos School opened in 1993 and added an addition in 2002.

The Old Duclos School is partly Demolished, Renovated and Modernized 2010-2011.

During the 2010-2011 school year, the old 1950's-1960's portions of Duclos School underwent a decommissioning, to be followed by demolition of the 1950's original west wing and the old gymnasium. During the summer of 2011 the old building was demolished and hauled away. *Some pictures are shown here.* The 1960's wing of the school was renovated with a complete makeover of the electrical, plumbing, heating, lighting and the interior was refurbished. The wing was modernized and fully integrated into the rest of the building. The technology was brought up to date. The exterior of the building was redone; beautifully merging the old and the new, and with landscaping that created a green space, treed area and additional parking for parents and a drive through lane for dropping off students.

The following pictures are from the demolition and renovation of Duclos School in 2011.



July 2011 – The crane begins the demolition of the 1950's west wing of old Duclos School.



July 2011 – The old gym is still standing as the old elementary wing is being leveled.



July 2011 - The crane is moving in to begin to knock down the old Duclos gym.



Summer of 2011 – Inside the renovation of the old building – stripping away the old walls.



Summer of 2011 – rubble removed from inside the old building is piled in the old court yard. To the left, the exterior of the renovated section is readied for the new look.



Summer 2011 – the old junior high hallway is stripped and readied for new flooring, walls, paint, and lockers.



Summer 2011 – the new look for old Duclos. The front of the old building as it looked for the start of school in September 2011.



Welcome to Duclos School – the old and new sections of Duclos are merged into one beautiful school for the start of the 2011-2012 school year.

