

The Isle La Motte Elementary School



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Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 7:30 to 2:15
End of August through the end of June

The new Isle La Motte School was completed in 1997. This public building was built on land donated to the town by Larry Mumley. Many designs were looked at trying to accommodate the town's growth. The building committee comprised of the school board, teachers and community members settled on a design that was similar to the Belvidere School after visiting there. In October of 1997, with the assistance of teachers, school boards members, and townspeople, the contents of the old school was packed up and moved down the road a quarter of a mile to the new school. The flag pole was the last item moved.

In January of 1998, a few months after the opening of the new school, an Ice Storm hit Isle La Motte. The school became one of two emergency shelters offering community members and volunteers a hot meal and pleasant conversation for the week while electric crews from as far away as Hawaii restored power to the island.

The current playground was moved to the Isle La Motte School, rebuilt painted and landscaped by volunteer community members. It was dedicated to Leo Houglin, the school's janitor who was instrumental in helping make the playground what it is today. A plaque and trees were planted at the school in honor of him.

The school is clearly a site in Isle La Motte that was made possible by the support of the townspeople and shows what a small community can accomplish by coming together.