

## History

1965: The Lexington Montessori Society is created with two classrooms, one at The Lexington School and the other at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church on Fourth Street. The first class at St. Peter Claver had 35 three and four-year-old students and two teachers in one classroom led by Sr. Marcia. Jehn.

1966: Sr. Cletus Hehman joined Sr. Marcia and the upstairs classroom was opened with two sessions a day serving 100 total.

1983: Once it was determined that the school needed to move to grow the parents incorporated. With the first purchase of land at Texaco Road from the Sisters of Divine Providence, the St. Peter Claver Montessori School becomes Providence Montessori School.

The new school consisted of two primary classrooms and the first elementary classroom serving 100 students with eight teachers.

1986: A lower elementary wing is added, including an art room and teachers' room.

1988: Providence House is built as a residence for founders Sister Marcia and Sister Cletus, along with the first upper elementary classroom.

1992: Haley Hall, the library, the life lab and additional elementary classrooms are added.

1997: An additional lower elementary classroom is built to accommodate demand at the elementary level. A butterfly garden is constructed with the help of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife

2003: Providence now has 230 children in eight classrooms, from pre-school through sixth grade with a teaching staff of 36. The complex now sits on a five-acre site of gardens, playgrounds and a sports field.

2006: Providence Montessori celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, along with the retirement of Sister Mary Cletus Hehman and the dedication of a new building, the Founders Arts and Activities Building (FAAB).

2007: The Boggs family gives Providence Montessori its first endowment of \$100,000 to provide financial aid to students. This endowment is in honor of Adriaan Kessler, the grandfather of former students Saskia and Portia Boggs. The school was the recipient of \$30,000 Lucille Little Grant for the Arts.

2008: Providence opens its first toddler program at Providence House. Property at 1215 Texaco Road is purchased by the school for campus expansion.