

## Research: Borghild Ringdall and Ringdall Middle School

The Bellevue School District verified Ms. Ringdall's employment and provided an overview of Bellevue District School history that included Ms. Ringdall's many contributions. The District currently uses the park-adjacent Ringdall Middle School as a transition site when other schools within the district are undergoing construction or renovation. Highland Middle School was the most recent and last school scheduled to make temporary use of the site. The School District has not determined the future use of the school site and has not contemplated a name change.



*Ringdall Middle School - 2020*

Eastside Heritage Society reports that detailed information is limited; however, research identified no untoward issues, and verified a chronology of Ms. Ringdall's life and lengthy career highlights with the Bellevue School District. Most notable were her involvement in starting several Bellevue School District hot lunch programs, serving as a school board member for 16 years and being named Bellevue's first "Woman of Achievement" in 1948.

An outline of significant dates in Borghild Ringdall's life follows:

- 1903 – Born in Stavanger, Norway
- 1919 – Came to US at age 16
- 1926 – Moved to Bellevue, age 23
- 1932 – 1942 Bellevue School Board Member (Highland School District No. 57)
- 1936 – Started first hot lunch program at Highland School
- 1942 – 1948 Bellevue School Board Member
- 1945 – Hired as Bellevue High School cook
- 1948 – Named Bellevue's first "Woman of Achievement"
- 1968 – Retired, Director of Food Services, Bellevue School District



*Borghild Ringdall  
Courtesy Eastside Heritage*