Grammar School Memories

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In 1957 our fourth grade teacher would put the record player on the landing outside the classroom door so we, girls and boys, could dance during recess. We danced to "All Shook Up", "Wake Up Little Susie", "Jailhouse Rock", "Party Doll" and "A Whole Lot of Shakin' Goin' on". The boys, as well as the girls, were talented dancers and loved to show off their moves.

On Thursdays we had a half day. We, girls and boys, went to the movies. We saw "Old Yeller", "Johnny Tremaine", "I was a Teenage Werewolf", "3:10 to Yuma", "Lady and the Tramp", and "The Curse of Frankenstein". There were no parents attending. They must have figured there was safety in numbers. At the age of ten, in the back row of the theater, I had my first Junior Mints and my first kiss from a boy. Oh, my!!!!