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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford will dedicate the Dr. W.J. Creel Elementary School in Melbourne, Fla. at 12:30 p.m. today. The dedication ceremonies will be preceded by a tour of the school and Mrs. Ford's participation in a program presented by the school's students.

The Dr. W.J. Creel Elementary School was completed in August of 1972. Built on the modern open-space plan, the school is traditional in its teaching concepts, stressing primary skills in reading, writing and arithmetic. The school is distinguished by the community support and parental, student and faculty involvement in many of the school's decisions. (The school's primary colors, for example, were chosen in a school-wide election by the students. They are red, white and blue.)

Principal and Mrs. Ford's host is Mrs. Kathryn Eward. The school has an enrollment of 543 children and about 25 full-time faculty members.

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note: the program the children will present Mrs. Ford consists of a skit titled "Happy Birthday, America;" "Let George Do It;" and "I Am Someone."

