



Ortona Elementary was built in 1952 on the site of a former golf course. In the beginning of the 1952-1953 school year, Ortona had only four sixth grade classrooms on its entire campus. By 1958, Ortona served elementary grades one through eight. Around the time, the Daytona Department of Parks and Recreation placed an old army barrack on the west end of the Ortona campus. The barrack, dubbed "**The Green House**", has served the beachside community around Ortona Elementary as a children's recreation center and a day care center. The structure now houses the afterschool program for many students that attend Ortona Elementary.

By the 1961-1962 school year, Ortona was serving students from kindergarten through grade six. In 1992, the parents built a miniature golf course (pictured above) on the south side of the school's campus. During the spring of each school year, students use the golf course as part of their physical education program.

Currently Ortona Elementary, home of the Dolphins, serves approximately 300 students in kindergarten through fifth grade and is primarily a neighborhood school. Three buses transport children from the Daytona mainland to school. Accomplishments include:

"A" School Award  
Five Star School Award  
Golden School Award  
Two National Board Certified Teachers

## Celebrated 50 Year Anniversary

Information taken from "The Odyssey of an American School System: Volusia County Schools - 1854 to 2000" and the Ortona Elementary School website.