

School enrollment rises in county

Hispanic/Latino student numbers increase statewide

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There were 570,857 students enrolled K-12 in Oregon as of last fall, and 4,988 in Clatsop County, according to counts by Oregon school districts, education service districts and state education agencies released in the Fall Membership report released Wednesday. That increased from 561,696 five years ago.

This is an increase of 3,759 students, or 0.66 percent, over fall 2013-14 enrollment.

The data used in the Fall Membership report by the Oregon Department of Ed-

ucation come from the first period Cumulative Average Daily Membership (ADM) collection between late Sept. 25 and Jan. 29.

In Clatsop County:

- Astoria School District had 1,854 students, with 22.8 percent in kindergarten through the third grade at John Jacob Astor Elementary; 22.1 percent in fourth and fifth grades at Lewis and Clark Elementary School; 22.2 percent at Astoria Middle School, 31.3 percent at Astoria High School; and 1.6 percent in the district but outside a school. Astoria's enrollment declined from 1,913 five years ago.

- Seaside School District had 1,542 students, 21.5 percent at Gearhart Elementary School; 27.1 percent at Seaside Heights Elementary School, which recently absorbed students from Cannon Beach; 23.2 percent at Broadway Middle School; 28 percent at Seaside High School; and 0.2 percent outside a specific school. Seaside's enrollment increased from 1,515 five years ago.

- Warrenton-Hammond School District had 971 students; 73.2 percent in kindergarten through eighth grade at Warrenton Grade School; 26.8 percent at Warrenton

High School; and 9.1 percent outside a specific school. Warrenton's enrollment increased from 886 five years ago.

- Knappa School District had 482 students, 71.2 percent in kindergarten through the eighth grade at Hilda Lathi Elementary School; and 28.8 percent at Knappa High School. Knappa's enrollment grew from 470 five years ago.

- Jewell School District had 139 students, 98.6 percent of them at Jewell School and two in the district but outside the school. Jewell's enrollment decreased from 170 five years ago.

Oregon students of color represent 36 percent of the student population in Oregon. The fastest growing subgroup

continues to be Hispanic students, who represent 22 percent of the overall student population, up from 19.6 percent five years ago. Of Clatsop County's 4,988 students this year, 16.6 percent were Hispanic/Latino, up from five years ago, when 11.3 percent of the county's 4,954 students were Hispanic.

"Oregon's demographics are changing," said Deputy Superintendent Rob Saxton. "As a state, we must achieve significantly better outcomes for students of color if we want to see our achievement results increase statewide. Our state is working to address these needs with the Governor's strategic initiatives designed to help close

achievement gaps, better support students and more actively involve historically underserved communities and families."

Of Oregon's 197 school districts, 58 percent saw an increase in enrollment since last year; 41 percent saw a decrease; and 1 percent saw no change in enrollment. The most populous school district in the state was Portland Public Schools with 47,647 students, and the least populous counted was Double O School District in Hines, with two students.

To access 2014-15 enrollment data, including statewide numbers for race and ethnicity, visit <http://bit.ly/1DCxPJg>

Historic glass lantern slideshow slated

To celebrate the start of Oregon's birthday weekend, the Oregon Historical Society, in conjunction with the Clatsop County Historical Society and the Liberty Theater, presents a pictorial history of Oregon, from James Cook's early

coastal forays in 1778 to the construction of the St. Johns Bridge in Portland in 1931.

This glass lantern slideshow presentation will take place at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Liberty Theater, located at 1203 Commercial St. in Astoria. Admission is free.

Comprised of approximately 100 glass lantern slides, this show was originally put together as a public educational program by the Colonial Dames of America in approximately 1935.

With the assistance of Doug Kenck-Crispin (Kick Ass Oregon History) on the microphone, will images will be projected using a Victor Stereopticon projector (circa 1915) and use the original notes to narrate the slides.

This program was most recently put on at the Portland Institute of Contemporary Art

in July, but prior to that it was likely shelved for the past 60 years.



Seaside, Ore. — 1921.



Astoria Column, date unknown.



Portland: Front Street facing Stark, 1854.

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Collin Raye

Collin Raye concert canceled

A planned concert benefit for the Astoria Column featuring country singer Collin Raye Sunday at Eric Paulson's home has been canceled. The singer has fallen ill.

For information, contact Grant North at Lektro at 503-861-2288.

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