

# Hermiston Junior Academy announces events

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The Hermiston Junior Academy is gearing up for a couple of upcoming activities — including an open house and an all-day homecoming event.

Now serving preschool through eighth grade students, the school celebrated 75 years of continuous operation in 2017. Fully accredited and offering small teacher-to-student ratios, the school — which is affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church — presents a Bible-based and Christ-centered curriculum.

Hosted by the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, the after hours networking open house is Thursday. The free event runs from 5-6 p.m. at Hermiston Junior Academy, 1300 N.W. Academy Lane — located off Northwest 11th Street. In addition to refreshments and door prizes, the academy's orchestra and hand bell choir will perform.

The school extends a special invitation to prospective students and their families. Any new student who attends the event and later enrolls will receive a reduced fee for the 2019-20



Students perform with three octaves of handbells during a Monday class at Hermiston Junior Academy. Students will play during an open house Thursday at the school.

Staff photo by Tammy Malgesini

school year.

Principal Jordan Lindsay said small class sizes — the largest class has 14 students — enhances the learning process. In addition, he said it helps in building a sense of community.

"We've been able to create a family atmosphere.

The kids get along well and we have a very low bullying rate," Lindsay said. "We have created sort of a safe haven for kids."

Paula Oltman, school board chairperson and a volunteer strings teacher, agreed, saying the smaller atmosphere provides more

one-on-one instruction. Also, she said the school is able to coordinate additional activities that are both educational and memorable.

Lindsay said outdoor education adventures have included such destinations as the Oregon/Washington coast to learn about marine

life and central Oregon to study geology. Local field trips include visiting museums, places of business and Walla Walla University, which also is affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Also, community service is incorporated into the learning experience. Each student participates at least monthly in giving back, Oltman said. That can include community cleanup efforts, helping someone with gardening, volunteering at Agape House, visiting assisted living facilities and performing concerts.

"We talk about our music being a ministry to serve others," Oltman said. "It's more than something we learn to do, we consider it something we can do to be a blessing to others."

Chimes, hand bells and a strings program with an orchestra are all available. Oltman estimates that 75 percent of the students are involved with the music program.

The academy's Home-

coming event is Saturday, May 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. It includes panel discussions, a Bible study, church service and two meals. In addition, it features school tours, a musical performance and the school's business meeting. Oltman invites all past students, teachers and board members to attend.

The school first operated in 1929 in the upper portion of the old RoeMark's building on Main Street. After closing during the worst years of the Great Depression, it later re-opened in 1942 in the church's basement on Fourth Street and Ridgeway Avenue.

With continued growth, the school constructed a new facility on Ninth Street and West Division Avenue — opening prior to Thanksgiving in 1960, adding another classroom in 1962.

The are 46 current students. Its peak enrollment was in 1979-80 with 92 students. For more information, call 541-567-8523 or visit [www.hjra.org](http://www.hjra.org).

# Pendleton Quilt Show seeks entries

Pre-registration due by April 20

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Quilting enthusiasts from across the region are invited to enter items into the 2019 Pendleton Quilt Show.

The event is Friday, April 26 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate. In its 18th year, the show is hosted by the Crazy Horse Quilters. Admission is \$5, which is good for both days.

A non-juried show, everyone is welcome to enter up to five items — new quilts, antique or family heirloom quilts, wall hangings, fabric art pieces and more. Several special awards will be presented, including viewer's choice.

A registration form must be submitted by Saturday, April 20. Drop off locations (times and dates to be announced) include Thimbles, Fabric & More in Pendleton, the La Grande Quilt Shop, Highland Quilts in Athena and Stash in Walla Walla.

In addition to quilt viewing, the event includes vendors, demonstrations and door prizes. Also, featured



Organizers for the Pendleton Quilt Show are seeking entries from throughout the region for the 18th annual show. Those entering must pre-register by April 20.

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quilter Pam Raby will display a number of her quilts and visit with those attending the show. The Corvallis woman is a quilt designer and teacher. She often leads quilting retreats at scenic locations across the Pacific Northwest.

Also, Raby will teach a class featuring her "Sequoia" pattern Thursday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at

Thimbles, Fabric & More, 1849 Westgate. In addition to the \$40 fee, participants need to check the class supply list for items to bring.

There are volunteer opportunities for people to assist with the show. For registration and additional information, contact [krazyhorsequiltshow@gmail.com](mailto:krazyhorsequiltshow@gmail.com), 541-278-7910 or visit [www.krazyhorsequilters.org](http://www.krazyhorsequilters.org).



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