Fairview School

The original Fairview School. Built in 1900 this one room school served its community until 1948. The students in this picture are holding a pennant that proclaims Fairview to be a "Standardized School 1913-14."

Fairview School
An Early Addition to the District
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Fairview School originated about 1900 as a one room school house with 31 students ranging in age from 5 to 16. The original building was used until 1948 when it was replaced by two rooms. This structure was added to over the years: another classroom in 1952, a gymnasium in 1953, and two more classrooms in 1967.

The school was at one time merged with McDowell Creek (1958) and Over-the-Top schools. The three schools were roughly four miles apart and operated under one jurisdiction. Over-the-Top School was eliminated from this partnership in 1965, in a reorganization of Sweet Home High School district.

In 1967 Fairview School District merged with Lebanon 16C. At that time grades 7

and 8 were transported to Lebanon Middle School, and kindergarten children attended classes at Cascades Elementary. From that time on, Fairview was a grade 1-6 school. In 1967 there were 86 students enrolled in the school.

In 1982 Fairview, along with Santiam School, was closed. After being leased for several years, it was sold to the Church of God in 2000.

Reflecting on her years as a teacher at Fairview, Shirley Kilborn (who was one of the original teachers) commented "There is a strong sense of community in a small school like that. It is almost like family."

Fairview School as it looks today. Since its closure it has been used as a church.