



## Hermiston School District 8R

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## Kennison Field public grand opening announced

HERMISTON – The District is pleased to announce the public grand opening for the recently renovated Kennison Field Athletic Complex at Hermiston High School. The ceremony has been scheduled to begin at 6:00pm on August 23, 2013 at the entrance to the stadium along Highland Ave. Activities scheduled for the evening celebration include:

- 6:00 pm – Welcome, Introductions and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 6:30 pm – Open House & Informal Facility Tours
- 7:00 pm – Introduction of Fall High School Programs
- 7:20 pm – Football and Soccer Scrimmages
- 8:00 pm – Marching Band Performance

The renovation project, funded entirely by grants, donations, and in-kind support, represents a landmark accomplishment for the community of Hermiston and greater eastern Oregon region. Over \$3.3M dollars in grants and nearly \$1.4M in local donations and in-kind support helped deliver on the promise of bringing a state-of-the-art athletic facility for local and regional student and community athletes.

“This has been the most rewarding construction project I have ever been a part of,” noted Wade Smith, Deputy Superintendent and Project Lead. “The enthusiasm from our community, students, and stakeholders has been nothing short of remarkable. This project, like so many others, continues to highlight the outstanding people in our community who continue to bring a “can do” attitude when it comes to supporting our youth and economic development.”

The renovated complex features the following improvements:

- One of the highest quality, safest, and most durable synthetic turfs available (designed to accommodate football, soccer, and lacrosse)
- Olympic caliber synthetic track with individual jumping and throwing stations
- Enhanced 2100 capacity bleacher system for optimal spectator comfort, featuring a comprehensive raised ADA/wheelchair accessible seating section,

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high expectations, mutual respect, and excellence in all endeavors.”**

over 250 contoured reserved stadium seats with backs and armrests, and an additional 250 seats with backrests

- Elevator accessible, five story tall, seven room press/game management box with additional video production booth constructed to meet requirements to host State-level events in Hermiston
- Comprehensive 3 bay concessions and Booster Spirit Booths to meet community and spectator needs
- 1600 square foot covered gazebo and barbeque plaza
- 2100 sq ft storage facility
- Improved parking, lighting, ingress/egress, and pedestrian safety for spectators and handicap patrons
- Enhanced site amenities, including additional bleachers and lighting for tennis, jumping, and throwing events, decorative fencing and gates, increased green space, stained concrete plaza with raised planters, and attractive ticket booth