



KENNEDY SCHOOL

McMenamins





INTRODUCTION & HISTORY



Building off the ancient tradition of the pub, bistro and coffee house, McMenamins has been introducing new gathering spots to neighborhoods of the Northwest since the early 1980s. This tradition continues with McMenamins Kennedy School, a century-old landmark standing at the center of an historic Portland neighborhood. This former grade school has been transformed into a community center and hotel, featuring 57 guestrooms and several celebration spaces. A restaurant with garden courtyard, movie theater, brewery, gymnasium, soaking pool, free WiFi, community room and several small bars complete the property.

The Kennedy School's origins date to 1913, when John Daniel Kennedy sold a four-acre parcel of his "gentleman's farm" to the Portland School District for a new elementary school. Kennedy removed his barn, hen house and orchard to make room for the small, portable school buildings initially set up on the site. Construction of the present Italian Renaissance-style building was completed in 1915.

Over the decades, the school and surrounding neighborhood developed together. Initially, the school stood just nine blocks from the city limits and was enveloped by towering Douglas firs, dairy farms and orchards. In those days, city dwellers visited the area for weekend country retreats, and teachers came to work by street car. In time, as new shops and services were established, residents found relatively few reasons to go downtown. Today, even with the advent of recent transportation and commercial developments in Portland, the community retains a close-knit feel, making a most welcoming environment for guests of McMenamins Kennedy School.

For both the business traveler and tourist,
the rejuvenated Kennedy School is an ideal destination.





FACTS & FIGURES

LOCATION

Ten minutes northeast of downtown Portland, ten minutes from the Portland International Airport and fifteen minutes west of McMenamins Edgefield.

TRANSPORTATION

From Portland: Take Interstate 84 East to the NE 33rd Avenue exit. Turn north (left) off the exit and drive 2 miles on NE 33rd to Kennedy School.

From I-84 West: Take NE 43rd Avenue exit and follow signs to Broadway Avenue, go west for one mile on Broadway, then turn right (north) on NE 33rd Avenue and drive 2 miles to Kennedy School.

From Portland International Airport: Take Airport Way East to NE 82nd Avenue. Follow 82nd Avenue south to NE Columbia Boulevard. Turn right (west) on Columbia, take a left (south) onto NE 60th Avenue, then right (west) onto Killingsworth Street. Turn right at 33rd Avenue and drive one half mile to McMenamins Kennedy School.

HISTORY

- 1887–88** John Daniel Kennedy purchases land and develops farm and orchards.
- 1913** Kennedy sells 4.2 acre parcel to the Portland School District. In September, the Kennedy Elementary School holds its first classes in portable one-room buildings.
- 1915** The first unit of the permanent school building is completed (8 classrooms).
- 1946** Thomas de Freitas becomes Kennedy’s first male teacher of an academic course.
- 1975** Kennedy Elementary School closes.
- 1975–80** The vacated school is used as a temporary facility for other schools undergoing renovation.
- 1997** McMenamins Kennedy School opens.

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

Fifty-seven guest rooms with private baths, phones and free WiFi.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

Five meeting and event facilities with seating capacity ranging from ten to 200 persons.

NON-SMOKING POLICY

McMenamins Kennedy School indoor facilities, including the Courtyard Restaurant, guestrooms, meeting rooms, theater, theater bar and public areas are non-smoking.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Parks	Golf Courses	Shopping	Universities / Colleges
Fernhill Park	Broadmoor	New Seasons Market	Concordia University
Wilshire Park	Colwood	Alberta Shopping District	University of Portland
Alberta Park	Heron Lakes	Alberta Arts District	Portland Community College-Cascade
		Lloyd Center Shopping Mall	





SCHOOLHOUSE ATTRACTIONS



THE COURTYARD RESTAURANT

A casual spot to enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner. Savor the flavor of one of our delicious entrees, whether a hearty burger from the grill, a fresh seasonal salad or one of our many specialty dishes including pasta, steak or fish and chips. The restaurant also features a full-service bar and outdoor courtyard with a unique brick fireplace.

CYPRESS ROOM

Adorned with antique light fixtures from the old Portland Hotel, the Cypress Room features reggae tunes and concert footage, an extensive selection of international rums and a full menu, including island-inspired specials. In warmer months, the Cypress Room expands outdoors under a patio of impressively woven branches and brambles. And check out the cool pipe sculpture! No minors after 10PM, please.

MOVIE THEATER & THEATER BAR

Take in a recent release in the school's auditorium while enjoying a slice of handcrafted pizza or a calzone and your favorite beverage. The Theater seats up to 200 people in cozy couches and chairs, with tables for your food. Minors are allowed with an adult at early shows. The Theater Bar opens daily at 11 a.m. and also offers pizza orders to go.

BREWERY

The six-barrel brewery creates a variety of our handcrafted ales, including old favorites such as Hammerhead and Terminator, and a new neighborhood favorite, Concordia Ale. The brewery is located in the school's former "little girls' room"—note the cute pink tiles!

GYMNASIUM

The gym has been converted into the perfect spot for parties, live music, weddings and more. Eclectic lighting, an accessible outdoor courtyard and a wide-open dancefloor make it a great place to gather people together for an event. The Kennedy School hosts free, all-ages concerts most Thursday nights in the gym.

DETENTION BAR & HONORS BAR

Our smallest watering spots, the Detention Bar and the Honors Bar are intimate rooms pouring beer, wine, scotch, bourbon and other fine spirits. The Detention Bar which features jazz music and a TV. The Honors Bar plays opera.

BOILER ROOM BAR

Behind an unassuming, seemingly ordinary hallway door at the Kennedy School hides a huge, multi-level bar (formerly the school's boiler room). Guests can gather for a round of pool, music from a jukebox, games of shuffleboard and a menu that includes pizza, salads and more. And, of course, the place is covered in McMenamins artwork galore.

SOAKING POOL

Our gently heated outdoor saltwater pool is available year-round to ease the tensions of your busy schedule. Open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.





BOOKING INFORMATION

Meeting and event spaces are reserved through our sales staff.
Food and beverage is provided by our on-site catering department.

Minimum food and beverage purchases apply to each room,
varying based on the size of the room, time of day, and day of the week.
Each function requires an advance deposit with the balance due upon conclusion of the event.
Direct billing option is also available for corporate events with advance arrangements.

The Theater is subject to time restrictions as it is also open to the public.

For more information please contact our Sales Coordinators at (503) 288-3286

MEETING ROOM SPECIFICATIONS

	Size	Square Feet	Maximum number of guests per set-up style:			
			Buffet	Classroom	Theater	Conference
Mina Parsons Room	(31 x 23)	713	40	24	48	18
Martha Jordan Room	(31 x 23)	713	40	24	48	18
Agnes Kennedy White Library	(22 x 26)	600	Fixed seating: comfy chairs & couches, up to 15			

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Gymnasium	(40 x 60)	2400	set up varies according to type of event, up to 112.
Movie Theater	(50 x 68)	3400	fixed seating: theater style with tables, couches and chairs for up to 200 people. Day use only, Monday–Friday only.
Cypress Room	(31 x 23)	713	fixed seating: booths and small bistro tables, full bar for up to 25 people. Day use only, Monday–Friday only.
Boiler Room			multi-level bar, with booths, bistros and small tables, pooltables, shuffleboard, and jukebox for up to 100. Day use only, Monday–Friday only.





SITE PLAN

