

Friday, August 8

7:30—8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30—9:00 Devotional and Testimony

9:00—9:45 Integrity That Protects and Defends Allen Troyer

10:00—10:45 **WORKSHOP SESSION IX**

40. Comparative Teaching*
Jonah Avina
Derek Overholt
Verlin Miller

41. The Demonstration of Science Jonathan Miller

10:55—11:55 Question and Answer Period

12:00 Lunch

Display, Idea & Resource Exchange:

Teachers, please don't keep all your good ideas and finds to yourself! Bring bulletin board sets, art projects, wall displays, motivational charts, helpful books, and other "educational enhancers" that have worked well for you. Come prepared to show, share, and exchange ideas and/or materials.



FOR GENERAL INFORMATION, contact

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We ask all attendees to follow the Biblical principles of modesty and simplicity by wearing loose clothing that covers well. Ladies, please wear a prayer veiling, socks, and footwear. Men, please wear long-sleeve, button up shirts and avoid blue jeans.

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Seventeenth Annual Western Fellowship Teachers' Institute

Providing an organized way to edify, encourage, and equip Christian school teachers and school board members to give spiritual nourishment, provide academic excellence, and exercise proper administration in educating our children.

August 5-8, 2025

**Lighthouse Mennonite School
910 E 1st St.
Halsey, Oregon 97348**

Tuesday, August 5

7:30—8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30—9:00 Devotional and Orientation

9:00—9:45 Gods Favorite Number Allen Troyer

10:00—10:45 WORKSHOP SESSION I

Jonah, Derek,
Verlin
Leroy Weins
Jerald Rissler
Gilbert Skrivseth
Michael Mast
Violet Miller

1. The Privilege of Teaching*
2. Developing Servants That Serve
3. Encouraging Mission
4. Inspiring Excellence
5. Instilling Lasting Values
6. (Ladies) The Power of Trust

11:00—11:45 Seven Laws of Teaching Jonathan Erb

12:00 Lunch

1:20—2:00 Singing and Prayer

2:15—3:00 WORKSHOP SESSION II

Derek Overholt
Rowena S
Jonathan Miller
Steve Overholt
Ryland Zimmerman

7. Preparation*
8. 1st Grade Track*
9. Purpose of Science
10. History
11. Music

3:15—4:00 WORKSHOP SESSION III

Jonah Avina
Leroy Weins
Ben Troyer
Ernest Zeiset
Ray Bontrager

12. Presources*
13. Incentives, Help or Hinderance
14. Stress Management
15. Life in a Fishbowl
16. Crafting Curiosity

4:10—4:40 In 6 Minutes...

Teaching Respect for:

Property Austin Miller
Fellow Students Brian Birky
Authority Steve Overholt
The Handicapped Michael Mast
Oneself Ernest Zeiset

5:30 Supper

Organized Activity

Wednesday, August 6

7:30—8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30—9:00 Opening and Meditation

9:00—9:45 Brother Dad Allen Troyer

10:00—10:45 WORKSHOP SESSION IV

Jonah Avina
Darren Birky
Ben Troyer
Michael Mast
Leroy Wiens
Sherilyn Martin

17. Presentation*
18. Bible Memorization
19. Devotionals (Upper Grades)
20. Teaching Bible Class
21. Preventing Teacher Burnout (board)
22. Ladies—

11:00—11:45 Seven Laws of Teaching Jonathan Erb

12:00 Lunch

1:20—2:00 Singing and Prayer

2:15—3:00 WORKSHOP SESSION V

Verlin Miller
Rowena S
Jonathan Miller
Steve Overholt
Ryland Zimmerman

23. Procedures*
24. 1st Grade Track*
25. Facts of Science
26. History
27. Music
28. Long Term Teacher – Fact or Fiction (board)

3:15—3:30 RAD James Martin
3:30—3:45 Dyslexia Jonah Avina
3:45—4:00 Autism TJ Bear

4:10—4:40 Natural Wonders
Gilbert Skrivseth
Edwin Bontrager Jr.
Derek Overholt
Jordan Miller
Ben Troyer

Idea and Resource Exchange
5:30 Supper

7:15—8:00 The Bible in our Classroom/Education Verlin Miller

Thursday, August 7

7:30—8:30 Continental Breakfast

8:30—9:00 Opening and Meditation

9:00—9:45 Teaching My Wife's Relatives Allen Troyer

10:00—10:45 WORKSHOP SESSION VII

Derek Overholt
Ernest Zeiset
Austin Miller
Brian Birky
Steve Overholt

29. Pitfalls*
30. Cliques and Clubs
31. Co-Teacher Dynamics
32. Practical Discipline For Middle Grades
33. Sportsmanship
34. Ladies—

11:00—11:45 Seven Laws of Teaching Jonathan Erb

12:00 Lunch

1:20—2:00 Singing and Prayer

2:15—3:00 WORKSHOP SESSION VIII

Ray Bontrager
Rowena S
Jonathan Miller
Steve Overholt
Ryland Zimmerman

35. Art
36. 1st Grade Track*
37. Questions of Science
38. History
39. Music

Book Introductions

3:10—3:20 Story Time –
Personal Reading –

Poetry

3:20—3:40

4:00—5:00 Individual Group Sharing and Prayer Time
5:00—5:30 Idea and Resource Exchange
5:30 Supper

7:15 Panel Discussion – Allen Troyer

* Indicates Novice Teacher's Training Track