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Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family were able to enjoy the winter break and took some much-needed rest. I know that I enjoyed spending more time with my family and friends.

It is hard to believe it is already January, but here we are. The beginning of a new year brings with it excitement, opportunity, and fresh starts. A time to grow, challenge yourself, and enjoy the adventure of learning new things.

I cannot say enough about the amazing staff members within our district. Walking through the schools and into the classrooms, I see incredible staff members engaging and meeting students on their level to help them grow and succeed. It is truly an incredible experience to witness a student light up when they learn something new or when

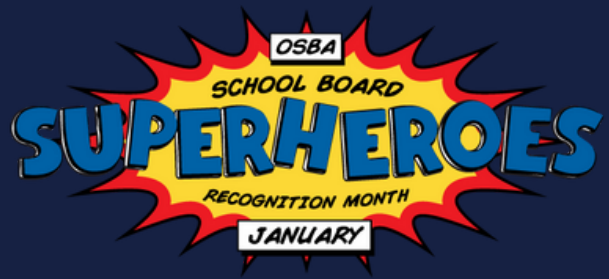
they feel safe enough to express their feelings.

I am looking forward to a successful and positive year while providing a productive and safe learning environment that supports our students' success.

Thank you for allowing us to engage, support, and grow with your student(s).



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SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH 2023

The St. Helens School District will join the other 196 school districts throughout Oregon to celebrate January as "School Board Recognition Month," Superintendent Stockwell announced on Tuesday, January 3, 2023

"Our school board members spend countless hours of unpaid time working to provide the best possible education for our students," said district Superintendent Stockwell. "They also serve as the corporate board of directors for one of the county's largest employers. Celebrating School Board Recognition Month is one way to say thanks for all they do."

School board members represent their fellow citizens' views and priorities in the complex enterprise of maintaining and running the community's public schools, Stockwell said. They also reinforce the principle of local control over public education, which is an important, highly valued aspect of education in Oregon.

"Too often, the efforts of school board members go unrecognized," Stockwell said. The school board's main goal is to support student achievement, Stockwell added.

To achieve that goal, the board focuses on the following needs:

- Creating a vision for what parents and citizens want their school district to become and how to make student achievement the top priority
- Setting standards for what students must learn and be able to do
- Assessing whether schools achieve their goals and whether students are learning
- Accounting for the outcomes of decisions and by tracking progress and reporting results
- Aligning the use of the district's human and financial resources
- Creating a safe and orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach
- Collaborating to solve common problems and to support common successes
- Focusing on continuous improvement by questioning, examining, revising, refining, and revisiting issues related to student achievement.

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"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation for our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part. They are dedicated individuals who are committed to improving student achievement and to fighting for the best for all of our students," Stockwell said.

Please join us in recognizing our St. Helens School Board Members:

Chair Melody Killens

Vice Chair Bill Amos

Kellie Smith

Ryan Scholl

Trinity Monahan

St. Helens School District Board Members



Melody Killens
Chair



Bill Amos
Vice Chair



Kellie Smith
Board Member



Ryan Scholl
Board Member



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Board Member

Thank you for your service!



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St. Helens School District joins

The Promise of Oregon

The Oregon School Boards Association, a non-profit member services organization based in Salem, founded “The Promise of Oregon” campaign in 2014 to focus attention on the accomplishments of Oregon’s K-14 students and the need to adequately fund public education. Through its photographs, videos, and stories, the campaign highlights the aspirations of students and demonstrates their incredible accomplishments and potential.

St. Helens School District will be one of four districts featured in this year’s Promise campaign. Starting on January 3, 2023, students will be featured each week on the campaign website, explaining in their own words why they represent the Promise of Oregon.

In addition, students and school board members from the Oregon Trail, St. Helens, Brookings-Harbor, and North Marion districts are featured in a new video showing what school board members do. It can be seen [HERE](#) and includes two St. Helens School District board members, Melody Killens and Bill Amos.

Superintendent Stockwell said the district’s support of “The Promise of Oregon” campaign is an important step in raising awareness about the value of public education in shaping the next generation of Oregon’s leaders, workers, and citizens.

Website: promiseoregon.org

Twitter and Instagram: @PromiseOregon

Facebook and YouTube: ThePromiseofOregon

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**TIRE-LESS
TEACHER AWARD**



MARY BEATLEY



LES SCHWAB TIRE-LESS TEACHER



Mary Beatley is a fantastic individual. She is truly gifted in creating meaningful relationships and can take one of the most challenging students and win them over. She is a massive part of our success here at McBride Elementary and goes above and beyond to meet the needs of those around her. With every interaction, Mary has a smile on her face and a positive attitude. I am so grateful to have the opportunity to learn and teach alongside Mary, who is an outstanding educator in our district!

CONGRATULATIONS

Mary!

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SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION DAY 2023

School Immunization Exclusion Day is Wednesday, February 15, 2023, and we wanted to remind district families to ensure their student(s) immunizations are up-to-date.

Immunizations are required by state law for children and students in attendance at public and private schools, preschools, childcare facilities, and Head Start programs in Oregon. Nearly every facility that provides care for a child outside of the home requires immunizations or a medical or nonmedical exemption to remain enrolled.

Children who are not current on their immunizations by Wednesday, February 15, 2023, will be excluded from school until their immunizations are updated.

Students and families in SHSD can access immunizations through several outlets:

- Primary Health Care Provider
- Sacagawea Health Center | 1.800.244.4870 | option 1 then option 2
- Lions Wellness Center | 1.800.244.4870 | option 1 then option 2
- Walgreens Pharmacy | 503-397-7862
- Walmart Pharmacy | 503-366-5157
- All Childhood Vaccination Clinic | 503-366-7699
 - Monday, January 9, 2023 | 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm | Schedule [HERE](#)

Completed records may be sent to your student's school secretary, emailed to Nursing Services, or faxed to 503-366-7690.



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Healthy and Safe Schools (HASS)

The Healthy and Safe Schools (HASS) program ensures that districts address the environmental hazards of radon, lead in water, lead in paint, asbestos, and integrated pest management. Each district publishes a yearly report that can be accessed by parents, staff, and community members.

The St. Helens School District has completed its annual Health and Safe Schools Certification, which can be found [HERE](#).

If you would like further information regarding the HASS program, please click [HERE](#) for the ODE/OHA guidance.

