

SHSD UPDATES



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School Partnership

Columbia City Elementary students and staff welcome a few students from Plymouth High School two days a week in an agreed-upon partnership with incredible student benefits.

During this time, students from Plymouth High School mix with Columbia City Elementary students to have lunch, play at recess, go to the library, or lead a group of students in the office.

This partnership has been incredible for both our elementary students as well as our high school students. Columbia City staff asked the high school students to create activities they are passionate about sharing with the elementary students.

One high school student started a chess club for fourth & fifth-grade students to participate in. During lunch recess, 4 to 5 students are invited to come to the office and learn how to play chess with the high school student. Another high school student who is passionate about art is starting an art club for elementary students to participate in during lunch recess. Another example is that some high school students have organized games such as kickball, basketball, or four square at recess.

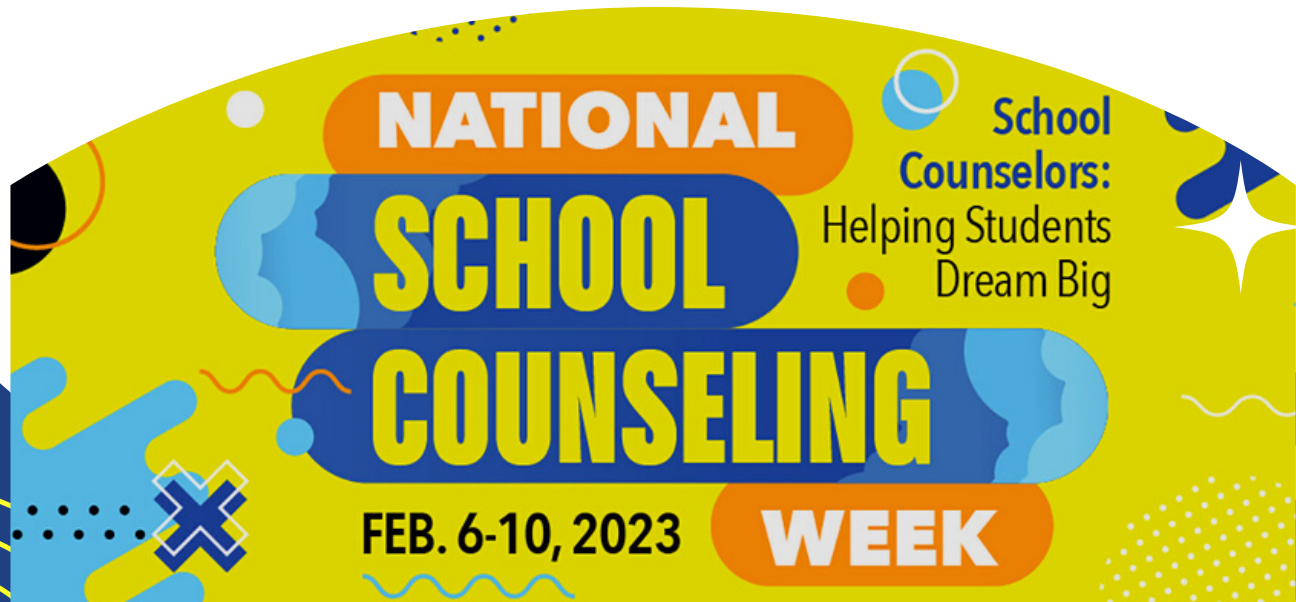
Columbia City students light up when the high school students are around and flock to hang out with them. It is such a treat to have the high school kids on campus.

When our high school students return to school, they can be seen with a smile on their faces and are letting others know of the positive experiences that they are having.

We have seen growth, compassion, commitment, and empathy from our students involved in this partnership.



Celebration WEEK



Celebration MONTH



Black History Month



Love the Bus Month



Career & Technical Education Month

Elks Teen of the Month



St. Helens High School is pleased to announce that Theo Janke has been selected as the Elks Student of the Month. Theo is an outstanding student, leader, and person who works extremely hard at everything all of the time.

As a student, Theo took a very rigorous course of study and was still able to come to school every day with a smile and a mind that was interested in what was being taught. One of Theo's teachers, Mr. Meeuwsen, had this to say. "It did not seem to matter the chapter, Theo was interested and asked questions and was like a sponge where there was never too much information or discussion; Theo just soaked it all in and wanted more."

As a leader, Theo is involved in the National Honor Society and as a secretary for the Gender and Sexuality Alliance. In the National Honor Society, Theo took the leadership role in the winter clothes drive that was put on. It was a very successful event, and most of the reason for the success was dedication and encouragement of Theo.

Theo is also a lifeguard at Eisenschmidt pool. Theo's coworkers and boss saw what type of leader Theo was and quickly promoted Theo, who is now a head lifeguard. Theo is a terrific artist, according to Mr. Sumsion, the Art instructor at the high school. He also said, "Theo is just outstanding and not afraid to make changes and work extra long on a project to get it just right." Theo plans on attending the Pacific Northwest College of Art and focusing on illustration and then going on to make graphic novels.

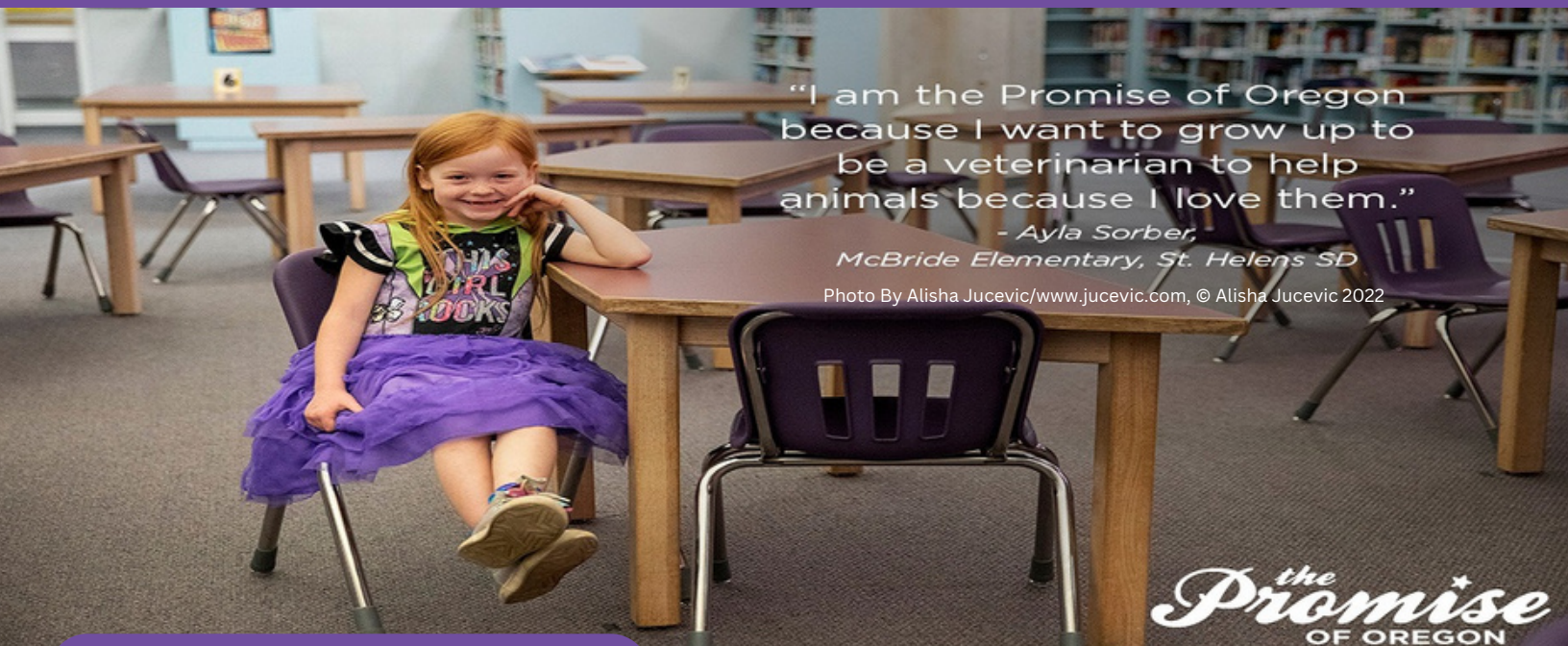
As for Theo's best quality, according to Theo, it would have to be vision, whether in art or a goal. The goal in 8th grade was to get all A's in high school, and Theo has done that. The other goal was to make strides as an artist to have a career as an artist, and that dream is still alive and well.

Theo is just an outstanding person, and one SHHS is very proud to call Elks Student of the Month.

Congratulations, Theo!



PROMISE OF OREGON



"I am the Promise of Oregon because I want to grow up to be a veterinarian to help animals because I love them."

- Ayla Sorber,

McBride Elementary, St. Helens SD

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Promise
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Promise Kids

- Russell Treat
- Cassidy McGregor
- Finley Brummer
- Nate Peau
- Esteban Gabriel Molina
- Paula Perez-Tapia
- Ayla Sorber
- C.J. Washington
- Landyn Alberston
- Derick Smith
- Emilio Munoz
- Logan Bell
- Joshua Olson
- Sarah Cobabe
- Hailey Holcomb
- Natalia Navaro-Orozco
- Jemma-Lou McCartney
- Phoenix Lince
- Karlie Sprague
- Logan Hair
- Gena Smith
- Griffin Sexton
- Kaiya Lujano
- Loreali Moore
- Isaac Polvogt

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. As a district, this is a huge honor to have our students participate and be featured in this campaign. Districts across the state apply to have their school district recognized, as it is a very competitive campaign with only four districts being chosen to participate. We are so proud to be one of the four districts selected!

Our St. Helens student featured as the "Promise Kid" today is Ayla Sorber from McBride Elementary

Congratulations, Ayla!

The logo features a green banner at the top with the text "OREGON'S" in white. Below the banner, the words "TEACHER" and "YEAR" are in large, bold, dark grey letters, with "of the" in a smaller, italicized font between them. At the bottom, the years "2023-2024" are displayed in green, flanked by two horizontal green lines.

OREGON'S TEACHER *of the* YEAR 2023-2024

The Oregon Department of Education, in partnership with the Oregon Lottery, is pleased to announce the continuation of Oregon Regional Teacher of the Year to honor exemplary educators in every region of the state!

Nominations are open statewide through February 28, 2023.

Teachers will submit their applications by March 31, 2023.

Oregon Education Service Districts will select a winner from their region.

Regional Teachers of the Year will be honored across the state in September 2023!

In October 2023, one of the Regional Teachers of the Year will be named the 2023-24 Oregon Teacher of the Year and will be eligible to apply for the honor of the National Teacher of the Year!

Regional Teachers of the Year will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and will be celebrated across the state.

The 2023-24 Oregon Teacher of the Year will receive a \$10,000 cash prize (with a matching \$5,000 going to their school) and serve as a spokesperson and representative for all Oregon teachers.

Anyone can nominate a teacher!

*Nominate
Now!*

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Ready Freddy 2023 EVENTS

**Open to all incoming 2023-24
Kindergarten students!**

MARCH 11

Kindergarten Transition Event 1
9:30-11 am, McBride Elementary



APRIL 8

Kindergarten Transition Event 2
9:30-11 am, Columbia City Elementary

APRIL 22

Kindergarten Transition Event 3
9:30-11 am, Lewis & Clark Elementary

MAY 4

Kindergarten Welcome
5:30-7 pm, McBride, Lewis & Clark, Columbia City
(go to the location your student will attend school)

MAY 31

Family BBQ/Movie Night
5:30-7 pm, McBride Elementary

Please RSVP to:
<https://forms.gle/yT2w6DisTyZQsviJ9>

Or Scan The QR Code

