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Joint Partnership Brings in Grant to St. Helens!

In a remarkable display of collaboration and dedication to the community's youth, the St. Helens School District and the City of St. Helens Recreation Program are thrilled to announce the allocation of \$1,178,590 in funding for the 21st Century Community Learning Center Afterschool Program. These funds, from the U.S. Department of Education, will support the program for the next five years, ensuring its continued growth and impact.

Since its inception in 2018, this remarkable partnership between the St. Helens School District and the City of St. Helens Recreation Program has witnessed phenomenal growth. This success is attributed to the unwavering trust and support of parents and the community, who recognize the program's vital role in nurturing our youth.

At the heart of the St. Helens 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) Afterschool Program lies a commitment to fostering a sense of connectedness and providing safe spaces for our children. The program is purposefully designed to develop the whole child, catering to their academic, physical, and socio-emotional needs.

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The St. Helens 21st CCLC Enrichment Program serves as an accessible, welcoming hub for students in grades K-5. Here, they can congregate for nutritious snacks, engage in physical activities, receive valuable life skills training, and find assistance with homework. Additionally, students can explore a wide range of enriching activities in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics), entrepreneurship, drug-free education, internet safety, and more.

One of the program's unique features is its reliance on the expertise of local community arts organizations, musicians, and librarians. Through collaborative efforts, students will embark on experiential learning journeys in math and science. Moreover, they will have the opportunity to participate in arts and music activities meticulously designed to enhance engagement, boost standardized performance, and nurture social-emotional health and self-esteem.



The St. Helens 21st Century Community Learning Center Afterschool Program is set to kick off in January 2024, starting at Lewis & Clark Elementary School. Building upon its successes, the program will expand to additional elementary sites, reaching even more students in our district.

This monumental achievement would not have been possible without the vision and dedication of key individuals. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Shanna Duggan from the City of St. Helens Recreation Program and former Director Matt Doyle from the St. Helens School District, who spearheaded the grant-writing process. Their tireless efforts, supported by the Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWRES), have brought this invaluable resource to our community.

Stay tuned for more details and updates as we embark on this exciting journey to empower and inspire the youth of St. Helens.

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BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The St. Helens High School Bond Oversight Committee toured the construction at St. Helens High School after their monthly meeting.



Each committee member is passionate about the St. Helens School District and the students it serves. Committee members meet monthly to review and monitor the progress of the projects detailed in the St. Helens High School Construction Bond Measure. Members also review construction progress, monitor program spending and schedules, and address any questions or concerns that arise.

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VIDEO LINK

St. Helens School District is proud to announce its successful collaboration with Hoffman Construction Company in providing valuable educational and hands-on experiences to a promising young St. Helens High School student, Bridget Kishpaugh, during the summer of 2023.

Under the dedicated mentorship of Mark Parsons, Hoffman Construction Superintendent, Bridget had the unique opportunity to gain insight into every facet of the construction industry. This internship program allowed Bridget to immerse herself in the world of construction, learning valuable skills and industry knowledge that will undoubtedly benefit her future endeavors.

Throughout her internship, Bridget proved to be a valuable addition to the Hoffman Construction team. Her enthusiasm, dedication, and willingness to learn were evident in every task she undertook. Moreover, Bridget's presence brought a sense of camaraderie and enjoyment to the crew, making her internship not only an educational experience but also a memorable one for all involved.

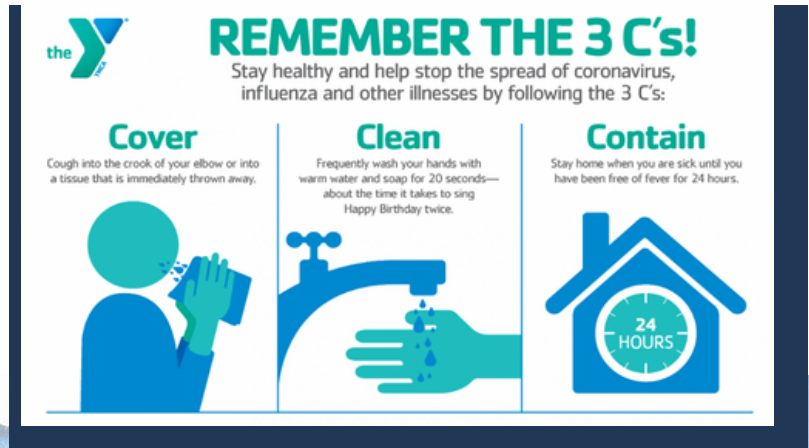
At a time when Career and Technical Education is in high demand, partnerships like the one between St. Helens School District and Hoffman Construction Company are invaluable. We are proud to have been part of Bridget's journey and to have contributed to her growth and development in the construction trade. Bridget's success is a testament to the effectiveness of programs that bridge the gap between education and industry.

To showcase the remarkable work Bridget was involved in during her internship, Hoffman Construction Company has created a video that captures some of the highlights of her experiences on our construction site. We invite you to watch the video and witness Bridget's journey firsthand.

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the spread.



- 1. Cover:** When coughing or sneezing, please remember to cover your mouth and nose. Encourage your child to cough into the crook of their elbow or use a tissue that should be immediately disposed of. This simple act can help prevent the spread of germs to others and reduce the risk of infection.
- 2. Clean:** Regular and thorough handwashing is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs. Encourage your child to wash their hands frequently with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. This not only protects them but also helps keep our entire community healthier.
- 3. Contain:** If your child is feeling unwell, it's essential to keep them home. Please follow the guideline of keeping them home until they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours. This helps your child recover faster and prevents the potential transmission of illnesses to others at school.



We appreciate your cooperation in following these simple yet impactful practices.

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Exciting Employment Opportunities Await!

Join the St. Helens School District and explore our current job openings. If you're eager to be part of an exceptional team, discover what we have in store for you!

For a complete list of requirements or to apply, please check out our job postings at <https://sthelens.tedk12.com//hire/Index.aspx>.

Questions may be directed to Director of Human Resources, Pete Moshinsky, at petem@sthelens.k12.or.us

Substitues



The St. Helens District #502 utilizes services from ESS for the hiring and placement of substitutes in our district. If you want more information, please call 1-866-208-7454 or visit <https://www.ess.com>. This site contains information on the requirements to be a substitute as well as what positions are currently open.

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