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Family Reading Night

McBride Elementary hosted a Family Reading Night, "Camp Read-a-Lot," where families enjoyed games, stories, and delicious s'mores. Children enjoyed reading with flashlights while sitting in a tent, fishing for rhyming words, and writing camping stories. Guest readers included McBride teachers and volunteers from the community.



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St. Helens Virtual Academy

Once a month, elementary St. Helens Virtual Academy students are invited to come together for an in-person educational activity. These activities provide social and interactive learning opportunities for students who otherwise are working independently.



For the month of October, students learned about Native American weaving practices. Students watched a quick video, read a story, and learned ways to weave baskets and fabric.

Each student took home a completed small basket and a mat. Future events will include cooking, robotics, and field trips to Lan Su Chinese Gardens and the Oregon Children's Theater.



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Grand Lodge Assembly



During their first “Grand Lodge Assembly” of the school year, Columbia City Elementary students and staff participated in a minute-to-win-it game.



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Kindergarten Alphabet Parade

Students at McBride Elementary cheered on Kindergarten students as they participated in an “Alphabet Parade” through the halls.

Parade participants ended the parade in the cafeteria where they were joined by family members cheering them on!



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SHSD Leadership Meeting

Our recent district leadership meeting was an inspiring testament to the power of collaboration and shared vision. Our leaders came together with a shared enthusiasm and purpose to align our educational practices and procedures to ensure our schools are exceptional places to learn and thrive.

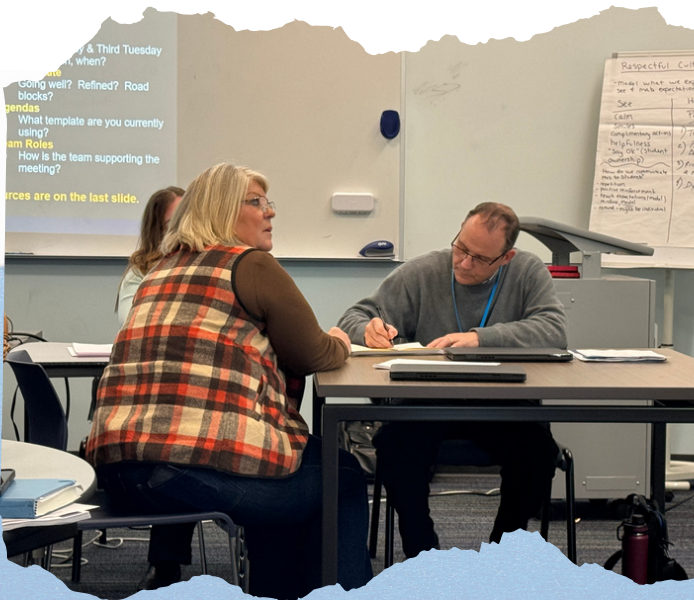
Working seamlessly as a united force, district leaders worked on innovative ideas and strategies to create an environment where our schools continue to be great places to learn and extraordinary places to be.

The commitment and dedication displayed by our leaders were truly remarkable, promising a bright future for our schools and reaffirming our district's vision and mission.



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District Vision:

St. Helens School District inspires all students to learn, connect, and commit to a thriving future.

District Mission:

Strengthening Our Community Through Exceptional Schools

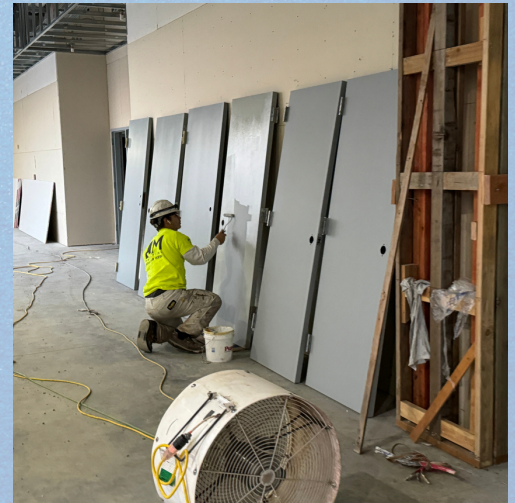
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National Principals Month

In honor of National Principals Month, we are highlighting our school district principals who play a pivotal role in shaping our students' futures. Today's feature is **Martin Hehman**, Principal at St. Helens Virtual Academy.



With a dedicated career spanning over two decades in the field of education, Martin has had the privilege of serving as a Special Education Teacher for 19 years, followed by an enriching transition into a role as an Instructional Coach. Over the span of his career, he has supported district teams through various initiatives, including Systems Performance Review and Improvement, Curriculum Adoption, Extended Assessment, and Assistive Technology implementation.

In addition to his professional journey, his personal life is equally fulfilling. Martin has been happily married for 23 years, sharing his life's journey with his wife, who has been an unwavering source of support and love. Together, they have a 20-year-old son and a 16-year-old daughter. A year after their son was born, they purchased Martin's childhood home in the Bethany area of Beaverton.

His household is further enriched by the presence of three cherished German Shepherds who bring boundless energy and affection into his family's lives. Martin states, "They are not just pets; they are valued members of our family."

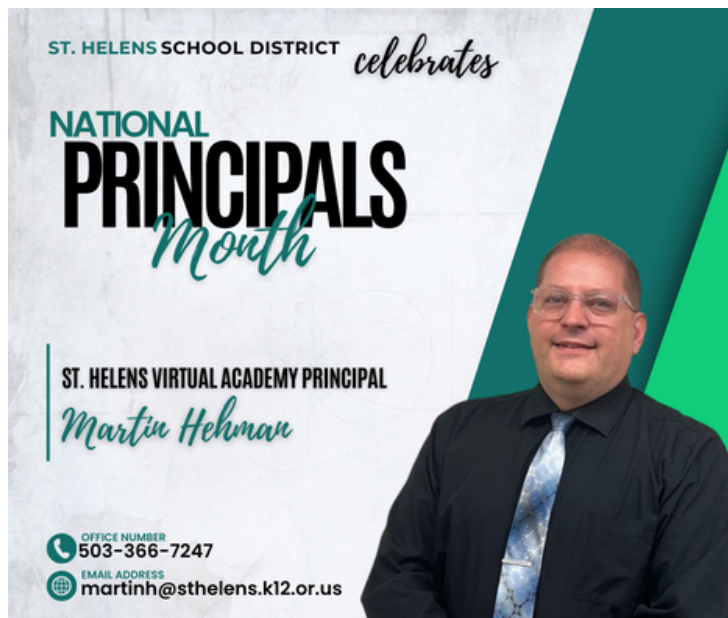
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Beyond the realm of education, Martin finds immense joy in exploring various passions. Cooking is a creative outlet that allows him to experiment with flavors, creating culinary experiences that resonate with family and friends. Camping offers a unique opportunity to connect with nature, and it's a cherished tradition that Martin and his family look forward to. Home improvements, whether big or small, have become a labor of love. Martin states, "There's a special satisfaction in transforming spaces, making them more functional and aesthetically pleasing. And then there's the exhilarating thrill of riding motorcycles. The open road, the wind in your hair, and the hum of the engine—it's a feeling that's hard to put into words but one that resonates deeply with me."

In summary, Martin's life is a tapestry woven with threads of education, family, community, and personal passions. He strives to leave a positive impact through each facet and create lasting memories.

Please join us in celebrating National Principal Month!



Caring Adult Symposium

**Monday, November 6
from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**St. Helens High School's
Old library / current cafeteria**

**Calling grandmas and grandpas,
uncles and aunts, neighbors,
and community members.
Our kids need you!**

**Learn about, help design, and build
The Caring Adult Network—for our kids.**

**Hear youth perspectives from youth experts:
"What it's like to be a kid in 2023?"**

**Share your perspective about possibilities and solutions
for healthy, kids, families, schools, and neighborhoods.**

Please register at
<https://forms.gle/Li4HFFVs1bxBfCxR6> or click the QR code



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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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