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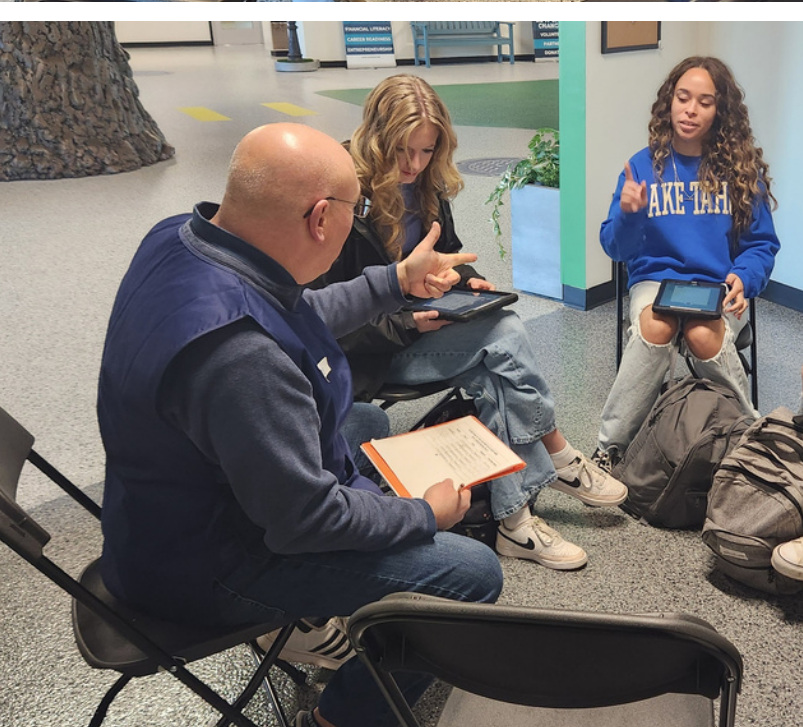
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Junior Achievement's Finance Park Field Trip.

20 students from St. Helens High School's Personal Finance class traveled to Hillsboro to participate in a financial decision-making simulation through Junior Achievement's Finance Park. Students were provided an occupation with an income, had to pay taxes and create a budget for fixed and discretionary expenses. Once their budget was created they applied for home and auto loans that fit their personal needs. Finally, students had to shop for goods and services and make difficult decisions about what to buy, and what not to buy, in order to stay on budget.





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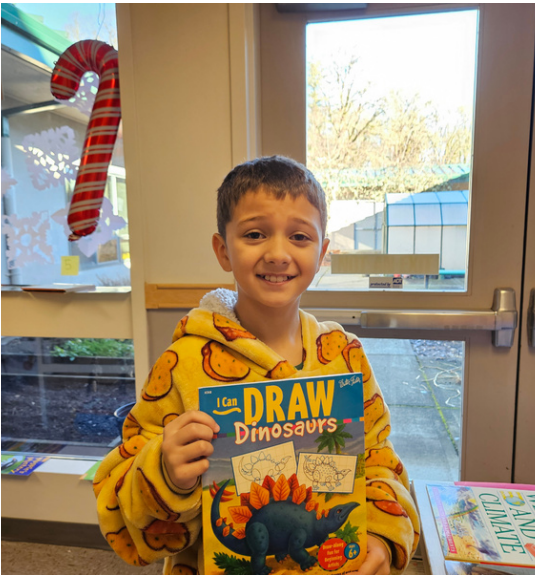


JOLABOKAFLOD CELEBRATION

McBride Elementary recently celebrated Jolabokaflod (pronounced YOLA-BOOKA-FLUD).

Jola-boka-flod means Christmas book flood. On Christmas Eve, people give each other the gift of a new book. Then, they spend the cozy evening together around the fireplace, reading books and drinking hot chocolate.

Students were able to choose a new book and enjoy a delicious chocolate treat.

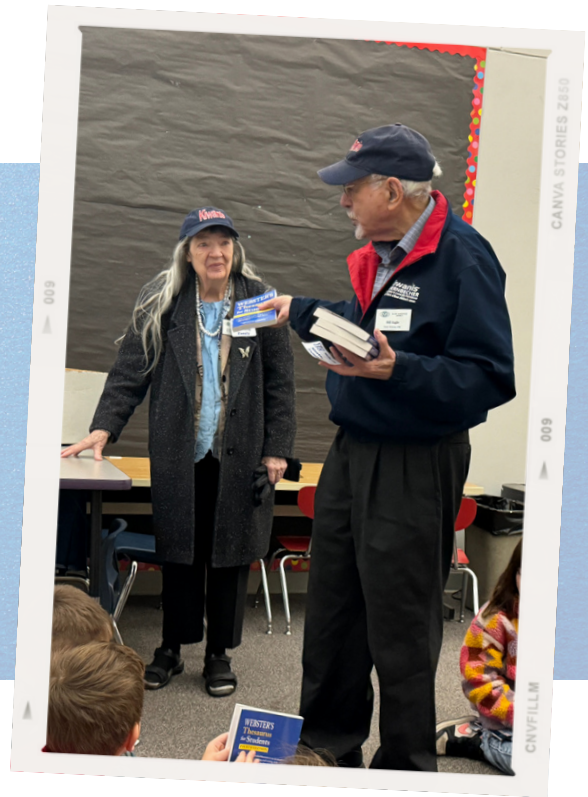
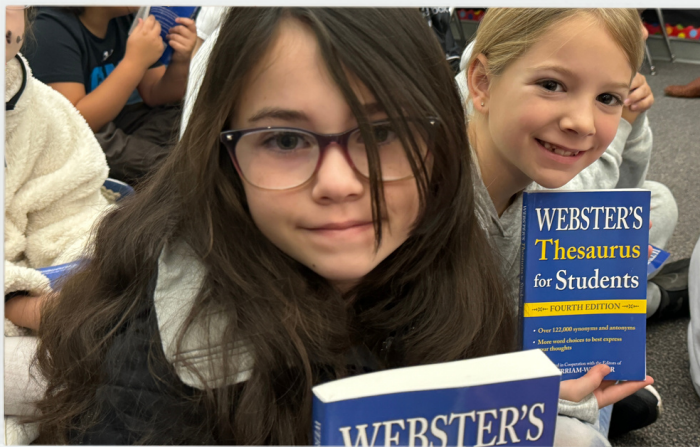


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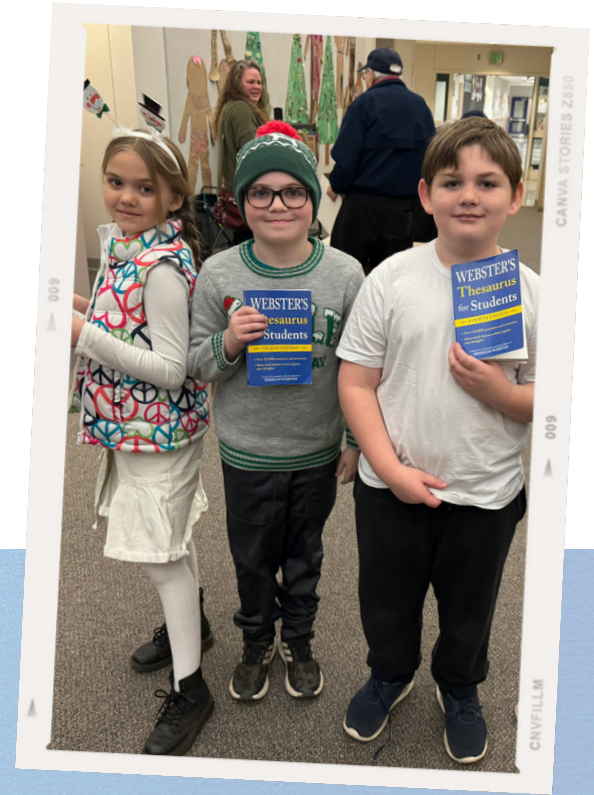
Kiwanis members hand out thesauruses to all third-grade students.

Long-time Kiwanis members, Bill and Claudia Eagle, make their way to all third-grade classrooms in St. Helens to hand out individual thesauruses to students.



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*Thank
you!*

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Nora Lahey

Rotary Student of the Month

Nora Lahey is an exceptional student who makes those around her feel welcome with her kind heart and infectious smile.

Serving as a role model for her peers, Nora embodies our Essential Life Skills course, which is encapsulated by our 6P's: Prompt, Prepared, Polite, Positive Mental Attitude, Participation, and Produce.

Her growth in self-advocacy, active participation in the classroom, and increased ease in presenting to others reflect her warm-hearted nature.

In addition to her education, Nora dedicates herself to working for her family on the weekends, once again displaying her strong work ethic and unwavering commitment to those closest to her.

Maintaining a 3.35 GPA at Plymouth High School, Nora anticipates completing her high school journey by February 2024. As she contemplates her post-high school path, Nora explores options among various in-state colleges and universities. Her remarkable qualities foreshadow a promising future, and I am confident that Nora will continue to achieve success, while positively influencing and supporting those around her.

Nora has an amazing future in front of her, and I have no doubt that she will continue to find success in life while helping, supporting, and impacting others in a positive light.

Congratulations, Nora!

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At the board meeting held on December 13, 2023, Melody Killens, School Board Chair, together with other School Board members and Superintendent Stockwell, presented St. Helens Middle School student Mattie Stoller Athey with the Student Community Impact Award. Mattie received this honor in recognition of her acts of kindness and genuine desire to help those around her succeed.

Mattie's unwavering commitment to fostering a positive and nurturing environment is truly commendable. Each day, Mattie goes above and beyond by walking her younger sibling to class, embodying a sense of responsibility and care. Moreover, Mattie's acts of kindness extend beyond family, as she has consistently demonstrated a compassionate heart by stopping to help other young students when they are upset.

Notably, Mattie has gone the extra mile by assisting fellow students who find it challenging to leave their parents, showing remarkable empathy and understanding. Her willingness to lend a helping hand and make genuine connections with younger students speaks volumes about her character. Mattie is not only helpful but also loving and possesses a natural ability to create a warm and inclusive atmosphere for those around her.

In addition to her acts of kindness, Mattie exemplifies a true heart for others, consistently showcasing a deep sense of empathy that is both admirable and inspiring. These qualities—compassion, empathy, and a genuine desire to help others—make Mattie Stoller Athey an exceptional candidate for this award, and we believe her contributions deserve to be celebrated and honored.

We want to express our appreciation and gratitude for Mattie's compassion, empathy, and genuine desire to help others. She has a pure heart and truly makes a difference in the lives she touches.

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At the board meeting held on December 13, 2023, Melody Killens, School Board Chair, together with other School Board members and Superintendent Stockwell, presented St. Helens School District employee Heidi Green with the Staff Community Impact Award. Heidi received this honor in recognition of her commitment to the well-being and success of all McBride Elementary students.

Heidi's heart for students is truly unparalleled, as evidenced by her unwavering commitment to fostering a positive and nurturing environment. Her calming nature and demeanor create a welcoming atmosphere. Heidi can be found outside every morning at McBride, personally greeting students with a warm smile and positive energy.

Heidi seamlessly navigates through different situations, demonstrating a remarkable ability to handle diverse responsibilities with grace and efficiency. In addition, her willingness to jump in wherever needed showcases her versatility and adaptability, traits that make her an invaluable asset to our team. Her positive attitude is contagious, bringing happiness and joy to both her colleagues and, most importantly, the students she serves.

We are grateful for the positive impact Heidi brings to McBride Elementary. She is an invaluable member of our team, and her dedication and commitment to McBride Elementary and its students are commendable.

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At the board meeting held on December 13, 2023, Melody Killens, School Board Chair, together with other School Board members and Superintendent Stockwell, presented representatives from Yankton Community Fellowship with the Community Impact Award. Rick Worlitz, Caroline Nixon, and Jamie Griffin accepted this award for their

church for its volunteer commitment and dedication to the students at Plymouth High School.

As the Senior Pastor, Rick Worlitz has been an integral part of the initiative, providing leadership and guidance. His commitment to the community has been instrumental in fostering a positive relationship between Yankton Community Fellowship and Plymouth High School.

Caroline Nixon, in her role in Missions, has played a crucial role in ensuring that the community impact initiatives align with the values of both Yankton Community Fellowship and Plymouth High School. Her passion for making a difference has inspired many to contribute to the cause.

Jamie Griffin, representing Family Ministry, has been actively involved in supporting the families of Plymouth High School students. Her dedication to family-focused initiatives has made a lasting impact on the community.

The individuals mentioned above, along with other dedicated volunteers from Yankton Community Fellowship, have tirelessly worked within Plymouth High School for several years. Their efforts have extended

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beyond the traditional boundaries of volunteering; they have actively participated in classroom activities, supported students during graduation ceremonies, and contributed to the success of special events.

Their commitment to the school community has not only enriched the educational experience of the students but has also created a sense of belonging and support that extends far beyond the classroom.

In addition to its longstanding partnership with Plymouth High School, Yankton Community Fellowship has recently expanded its community outreach efforts. The church has joined hands with the St. Helens School District's Family Resource Center to organize a shoe drive, aiming to provide assistance to families in need during the holiday season.

This recent initiative exemplifies Yankton Community Fellowship's commitment to addressing broader community needs and making a positive impact on the lives of individuals beyond the walls of Plymouth High School.

Yankton Community Fellowship remains dedicated to continuing its mission of service, community engagement, and making a lasting difference in the lives of those it serves.

We want to express our profound gratitude to Yankton Community Fellowship and its members for their dedication and commitment to the students at Plymouth High School and the St. Helens Community.



HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION



ST. HELENS VIRTUAL ACADEMY

Parent Informational Night

Parent Informational Night

Are you curious about the unique and enriching virtual learning experience that St. Helens Virtual Academy offers? We invite all students and parents/guardians to an informative evening where you can explore the ins and outs of our cutting-edge virtual education platform.

Email us for additional information

shva@sthelens.k12.or.us

Save the Date

Wednesday, January

17th

6:00-7:00 pm

Plymouth High School

470 N 16th St



ACADEMIA VIRTUAL DE ST. HELENS

Noche informativa para Padres

Noche de Informacion

¿Tiene curiosidad acerca de la experiencia de aprendizaje virtual única y enriquecedora que ofrece St. Helens Virtual Academy? Invitamos a todos los estudiantes y padres/tutores a una velada informativa donde podrán explorar los entresijos de nuestra plataforma de educación virtual de vanguardia.

Mande Email para mas
informacion

shva@sthelens.k12.or.us

Recuerda la fecha

Miercoles, Enero 17

6:00-7:00 pm

Plymouth High School

470 N 16th St



CARING ADULT NETWORK (CAN) CONVERSATION

Calling grandma and grandpa, uncles and aunties, neighbor's, friends and community members, community leaders and influencers
Our kids need YOU!



Location:
To be determined

Please register at
<https://forms.gle/Zg9EVAq7djRB9xW8A>
or scan the QR code



Thursday January 18th
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
or
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

What to Expect :



Taco bar &
drinks



Learn about, and
help build the
caring adult
network



Hear youth point
of view from
youth experts



Share ideas for
a safe and
healthy
community

In collaboration with SH School District, Connect ED, and Columbia Health Services



"The most powerful protective factor in the life of a young person is the presence of a caring adult."

SCHOOLS & OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

DECEMBER 18, 2023 - JANUARY 1, 2024



Winter Break

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DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES TRANSITIONING TO BUSZONE MOBILE APP

Students riding the school bus will be sent home with flyers from Durham School Services notifying parents that they will be transitioning from the BusTracker mobile app to BusZone mobile app. This easy-to-use mobile app allows you to check on your student(s) school bus at any time.

Lighten your daily load.

Raising children is a tough job. This easy-to-use mobile app allows you to check on the school bus whenever you want.

Set up BusZone:

1. Download the BusZone app from the App Store or Google Play.
2. Enter the above School Access Code.
3. In the search field, enter the bus or route number you want to follow.
Complete this step for all the buses your students ride throughout the week.
4. Enter your child's unique student ID.
5. Create alert zones around drop-off and pick-up points.

When your child's bus enters an alert zone, you will receive notification by email or text.

Trust that your information is secure.

Security is priority one, especially where student information is concerned. All parent/guardian information is locked down and password protected within the app to prevent unauthorized people from opening the app and viewing the child's bus information.

Have questions? Need more information?

Email buszone2040@nellc.com

Key features

- View a real-time, map-based bus locator
- Guarantee parent/guardian and student information privacy
- Create custom zones for each stop and facility
- Send email alerts and SMS messages
- Available on smartphones and tablets



**Learn how to
use BusZone**
Scan the QR
code to see the
user guide.

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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.