

SHSD GOOD NEWS EDITION

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CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION WEEK



Classified School Employee Appreciation Week is celebrated March 4 – March 8, 2024, throughout Oregon. As a district, we would like to take this opportunity to recognize our dedicated classified employees who help make our district run smoothly. We honor their contributions and commitment to quality education and service to our students, staff, and community.

The St. Helens School District employs many dedicated, considerate, and compassionate classified staff who work tirelessly to ensure that our students needs are met on a daily basis.

According to OSEA, the theme this year is ***“CLASSIFIED ARE THE HIDDEN TREASURE WITHIN OUR SCHOOLS.”***

The St. Helens School District values and appreciates our classified staff’s commitment and dedication to supporting our students toward their highest achievement. While we appreciate our classified staff year-round, we take the following week to celebrate them together!

Thank You

St. Helens High School student



KELLEY CAGLE

At the board meeting held on February 28, 2024, St. Helens High School freshman Kelley Cagle shared the speech that she wrote and submitted for the National AVID contest. In the speech, Kelley shared about her experiences while taking

AVID in middle and high school and credits AVID with helping her become a better student.

If Kelley's speech is chosen, she will present it at the AVID conference this summer in Sacramento.

Good luck, Kelley!

good luck

LEWIS & CLARK ELEMENTARY



2024



Thank you to all of our Lewis & Clark families who were able to attend our 'Wild About Reading' family night!

We had such a great time engaging with our families!





SHHS LEADERSHIP

St. Helens High School leadership students visited local elementary schools to assist teachers with a variety of activities.





Leadership students helped elementary students with math and reading groups, assisted in art projects, and much more!!





Student Community Impact Award **BAY SCHOLL**

Bay received this honor in recognition of their unwavering commitment to the Early Learning Programs and their willingness to engage with young learners in a fun and interactive manner.

Bay Scholl is an exceptional and dedicated student who consistently goes above and beyond to contribute to our Early Learning Programs. As a participant in the ECE Practicum program, Bay dedicates a portion of their day to assist in our Otter Pups Preschool classroom, showcasing a genuine passion for early childhood education.

Bay serves as a student worker with remarkable flexibility, seamlessly stepping in to substitute for others in the infant/toddler Cubs Corner Classrooms. Beyond regular duties, Bay volunteers to embody Freddy the Frog, our beloved mascot, during Ready Freddy Kindergarten events held on Saturdays. This not only demonstrates commitment but also reflects a willingness to engage with young learners in a fun and interactive manner.

Bay eagerly takes on new challenges, as shown by their active participation in interviews for the addition of a new teacher to our team. This not only showcases their dedication to personal and professional growth but also emphasizes their reliability and enthusiasm to contribute to the success of our team.

In every opportunity to learn and try something new, Bay consistently demonstrates unwavering support and reliability. Their invaluable contributions make them an integral member of our Early Learning Team.

Congratulations, Bay!



Staff Community Impact Award

CHRIS HAWKINS

Chris received this honor in recognition of his life-saving intervention and for his dedication to the well-being and safety of students.

Chris Hawkins's contributions to Lewis & Clark Elementary are endless. He actively looks for ways to provide support and contribute to the overall growth and development of every student in our school community.

Recently, Chris noticed a student in distress and quickly stepped in using the Heimlich maneuver to rescue the student from the critical situation. Chris's heroic life-saving intervention in this emergency reinforces his dedication to the well-being and safety of our students.

Beyond his remarkable life-saving act, Chris is known for his genuine commitment to creating a positive and supportive school community. He goes above and beyond by ensuring he knows each student by name, fostering a sense of connection and familiarity within the school environment.

Chris is not merely confined to his official duties; he can be seen during key times of the day, such as breakfast, lunch, and bus duty. Chris actively works to build meaningful connections with students.

One of Chris's standout qualities is his willingness to step in and offer assistance without being prompted. Whether it's lending a helping hand during an activity or addressing a situation that requires immediate attention, Chris is always ready to support and ensure the well-being of students and staff alike.

Chris's dedication to the safety, well-being, and positive development of our students sets an exemplary standard for all members of our school community.

Congratulations, Chris!



Community Impact Award

STAN GIRARD

Stan received this honor in recognition of his endless commitment to the St. Helens Boosters Club, St. Helens athletes, and the entire St. Helens community.

Stan Girard has played a pivotal and influential role within the St. Helens Booster Club since 2014. Known for his unwavering commitment to both service and the athletes of the St. Helens School District, Stan is a passionate supporter of our programs. His enthusiasm is evident through his knowledge of the latest stats and his affinity for offering encouraging words to the athletes.

Stan's connection with the baseball program traces back to his son's involvement, and he currently manages the streaming platform for their games, ensuring that supporters can access live broadcasts online. Stan generously contributes his time to support events throughout the year. Whether it's announcing games, managing the clock at basketball matches, or assisting with wrestling events, his presence is felt across various facets of our athletic community.

Stan's impact extends beyond administrative roles; he is the backbone of the day-to-day operations of numerous sporting events at SHHS. From running score clocks to announcing at various games, Stan's contributions are truly indispensable. His efforts in coordinating volunteers for essential roles further highlight his dedication to the success of our athletic endeavors.

His wealth of knowledge and expertise regarding the Boosters Club is indispensable, and his contributions to St. Helens athletes and the entire St. Helens community are invaluable.

Congratulations, Stan!

Stan Girard was unable to make the meeting, so his wife, Nancy Girard, accepted the award on his behalf.

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ELKS Teen of the Month **JAYCE GRAHAM**

St. Helens High School is pleased to announce Jayce Graham as the Elks Student of the Month for February!

Jayce is a highly esteemed student and athlete, well-known for his outstanding achievements. Upon learning of his selection, Jayce stated, "I was very happy to be chosen to represent my community."

Active in various aspects of school life, Jayce serves as a percussionist in both the Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble at SHHS. Additionally, he showcased leadership as a varsity captain for the football team this year and previously served as a referee for youth soccer. Teacher and Coach Nic Shular states, "Jayce Graham is the best TA I have ever had, is a fantastic drummer, and is a tremendous leader within the SHHS community." Jayce is also engaged in the National Honor Society and has contributed to Lion Crew for the past two years.

Beyond the school environment, Jayce actively participates in community service, dedicating his time to volunteer work. He supports soup kitchens, participated in the "Ready Freddy" program to facilitate the transition from preschool to kindergarten, and worked for two years in the high school's daycare. Reflecting on his experience, Jayce shared, "I enjoyed engaging and playing with the younger kids." Currently, he works at a local store to save and contribute to his college fund.

After graduation, Jayce has plans to attend the University of North Dakota to enroll in their commercial aviation program. With aspirations to become an airline pilot, he believes his determination is his greatest asset. Jayce is set to graduate with an Honors Diploma and an impressive 4.0 GPA. Teacher Jay Groom praises Jayce, stating, "Jayce is just about the perfect kind of student. He works hard, asks great questions, has the right amount of fun in class, and helps others, too. He always makes the class fun to teach."

Congratulations Jayce!

National School Counseling Week



National School Social Work Week is March 3 – March 9, 2024, and this year's theme is "Pearls of Wisdom."

School social workers are a vital link in the school community. They counsel not only children but staff as well. They bring students, teachers, and parents together to work toward understanding and success. They calm the disruptive child so the teacher can get back to educating, and they help kids prevent and resolve conflicts, making the building a better place. They are a voice for those kids and families who can't find the courage or words to express their needs. Acting as advocates, school social workers give a voice to those who may struggle to express their needs, connecting families with necessary resources. Ultimately, their support contributes to a school where both students and teachers are "ready to learn" each day.

Thank you to our school social workers for all they do to support our students!

Remember to set your clocks AHEAD one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

**Spring
Forward
1 HOUR**





Ready Freddy 2024 EVENTS

Open to all incoming 2024-25
Kindergarten students!



MARCH 9

Kindergarten Ready Event 2

9:30-11 am, McBride Elementary

APRIL 6

Kindergarten Ready Event 3

9:30-11 am, Columbia City Elementary

MAY 1

Kindergarten Welcome

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

MAY 17

Family BBQ/Movie Night

5:30-7 pm, McBride Elementary

Please RSVP to:

<https://forms.gle/fNLDuN123wgBJwXP7>

Or Scan The QR Code

