

MAY 31, 2024

# GOOD NEWS

## EDITION NEWSLETTER



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Thank you to everyone who attended the SHHS Phase I Open House.



We were thrilled to see such a great turnout and could feel the excitement in the air. It was wonderful to watch our guests tour the facility, exploring the various stations we had set up.

Our staff were on hand at each station, ready to answer any questions and provide insights into the construction progress.



Thank you! Your enthusiasm and support made the event a resounding success, and we look forward to seeing you at future events as we continue to grow and serve our students, staff, and community.

### District Mission:

Strengthening Our Community  
Through Exceptional Schools

### District Vision:

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

LEARN  
CONNECT  
COMMIT



# ***COLUMBIA RIVER FIRE & RESCUE***



## ***LEWIS & CLARK ELEMENTARY***





# Student Community Impact Award recipient . . .

## Kayla deGroot



At the board meeting held on Wednesday, 22, 2024, School Board Chair Melody Killens presented Kayla deGroot with the Student Community Impact Award. Kayla received this honor in recognition of her commitment to excellence, setting high standards for others, and her valuable contributions to the learning community.

Kayla deGroot is known for her outstanding contributions and exemplary behavior as a St. Helens Virtual Academy student. Kayla embodies the qualities of clear communication, attention to detail, proactivity, and self-driven education. Her dedication to excellence sets a high standard for others to follow, and her contributions to the learning community are truly commendable.

One of Kayla's most notable attributes is her keen observant nature. She has a remarkable ability to notice and understand even the subtlest details in her surroundings, allowing her to grasp concepts quickly and effectively. This observational skill is not only evident in her academic pursuits but also in her interactions with teachers. One of her teachers noted, "I have been able to use her feedback to improve the educational experience for all of my students. Kayla asks questions when she notices changes or when things don't make sense."

Kayla is a clear and responsive communicator. She articulates her thoughts and ideas with precision and clarity, ensuring that her messages are understood by all. Her ability to communicate effectively fosters collaboration and enhances the learning environment for everyone involved.

Kayla has taken control of her own education, demonstrating a proactive attitude towards learning. She actively seeks out opportunities for growth and development, taking ownership of her academic journey. Her initiative and self-motivation serve as an inspiration to her peers and contribute to her overall success as a student.

Please join us in congratulating Kayla deGroot as the Student Community Impact Award recipient for May.





# Staff Community Impact Award recipient . . .

## Amelie Rousseau



At the board meeting held on Wednesday, 22, 2024, School Board member Kellie Smith presented Chef Amelie Rousseau with the Staff Community Impact Award. Chef Rousseau received this honor in recognition of her commitment and dedication to her students, incorporating interactive and hands-on learning and providing them with a tangible product they can take pride in.

Chef Amelie Rousseau's dedication and innovative approach have transformed St. Helens High School's Culinary Arts program into a beacon of creativity and excellence. By incorporating interactive and hands-on learning, Chef Rousseau engages students who love to move and create, providing them with a tangible product they can take pride in.

Chef Rousseau excels at connecting with struggling students. She runs a tight ship, maintaining high expectations and a rigorous curriculum. Her students respect her immensely and work hard to meet her standards. Her classes are a model of rigor and relevance, challenging students to achieve their best.

Beyond the classroom, Chef Rousseau's impact is felt throughout the school community. Each month, her Lion Catering students plan and create snacks for staff professional development sessions, and they recently provided gelato for the staff end-of-year event. This approach not only saves the school from buying processed snacks but also instills a deep sense of pride and ownership in the students as they see their work appreciated by the staff.

Chef Rousseau has a special gift for helping students gain confidence, a trait that extends far beyond culinary skills. The growth seen in her Culinary Arts students from the beginning of the year to the end is remarkable. Many students at St. Helens High School have been uplifted by her confident, caring, and fun demeanor, which will benefit them in all aspects of their lives and future endeavors.

Please join us in congratulating Chef Amelie Rousseau as the Staff Community Impact Award recipient for May.





At the board meeting held on Wednesday, 22, 2024, School Board member Bill Amos presented Lisa Scholl with the Community Impact Award. Lisa received this honor in recognition of her commitment and tireless efforts to support the St. Helens High School Band Patrons, consistently enriching the program and demonstrating the true spirit of community service.

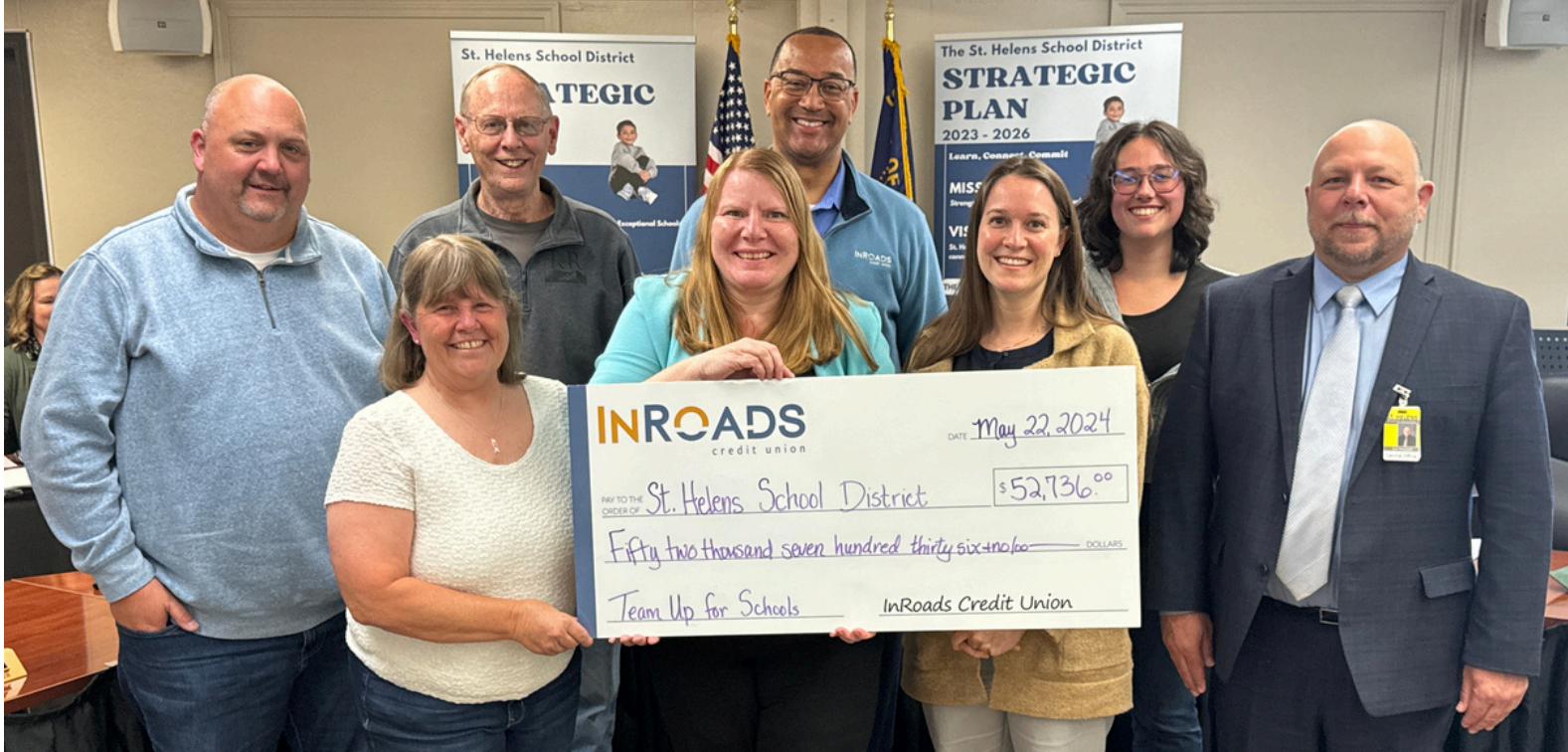
Lisa Scholl has been an invaluable member of the St. Helens Band Patrons organization for many years, currently serving as the Public Relations Chair. Her dedication to the band program's success is evident in the countless hours she volunteers at events and fundraisers. Lisa's tireless efforts and unwavering commitment have significantly enriched both the program and the community, as she consistently demonstrates the true spirit of community service.

In her role as Public Relations Chair, Lisa effectively communicates about the program, ensuring that the events and student achievements receive the attention they deserve. Beyond her PR duties, Lisa single-handedly manages the Script fundraiser program, which is vital to the organization's financial health. Her organizational skills and dedication ensure its success year after year.

Lisa also dedicates her time to helping coordinate the Marching Band camp and is committed to providing a seamless and enjoyable experience for all participants. Lisa's involvement doesn't stop at logistical support; she brings a warm smile and a supportive personality to every event. She makes students feel accepted, encouraged, and supported, which is crucial for their growth and confidence.

Lisa's impact on students is profound. Her presence and support help create a nurturing environment where students can thrive. The hard work and dedication of our band and guard students are complemented by the kind, supportive presence of parents like Lisa. She embodies the values of acceptance and encouragement, making a significant difference in the lives of our students.

Please join us in congratulating Lisa Scholl as the Community Impact Award recipient for May.



# TEAM UP FOR SCHOOLS

## Thank you, InRoads Credit Union, and Thank you, St. Helens Community!

A check for \$52,736.00 was presented by Marketing Supervisor Annette Pixley and CEO Nathan Cox of InRoads Credit Union to Superintendent Stockwell and the St. Helens School District School Board at the May 22, 2024, board meeting.

Developed by InRoads Credit Union, the Team Up for Schools program started in the fall of the 2017/2018 school year. When members pledge their support for the St. Helens High School Lions, the credit union sends them a special debit card with the St. Helens High School logo. The credit union, in turn, donates 0.05 cents back to the high school every time the debit card is utilized. Since the start of the Team Up for Schools program, the community of St. Helens has raised \$276,782.65 for St. Helens High School!

The St. Helens School District would like to thank InRoads Credit Union, students, staff, and community members who joined this program for their continued support of St. Helens High School.





# LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



Early  
Release  
Times

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024**

**St. Helens High School**

**1:15 p.m.**

**Plymouth High School**

**1:15 p.m.**

**Columbia City Elementary**

**12:45 p.m.**

**Lewis & Clark Elementary**

**12:45 p.m.**

**McBride Elementary**

**12:45 p.m.**

**St. Helens Middle School**

**2:00 p.m.**





**[CLICK HERE](#)  
to register!**

# Kinder Camp: August 6-9 2024

St. Helens School District

KINDER CAMP IS A 4 DAY PROGRAM RUNNING FROM 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, AUGUST 6-9, FOR CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN IN THE FALL, GIVING THEM A JUMP-START ON FEELING READY FOR SCHOOL. YOUR CHILD WILL GET FAMILIAR WITH THE ROUTINES AND ACTIVITIES OF KINDERGARTEN WHICH WILL BOOST THEIR CONFIDENCE AND COMFORT WITH THIS IMPORTANT TRANSITION INTO SCHOOL.





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FREE**

# SHSD SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

**JUNE 24, 2024 - AUGUST 9, 2024**

## ACTIVITIES

- Games
- Arts & Crafts
- Book Exchange
- Food & Friends

## LOCATION:

Lewis & Clark Elementary  
111 South 9th Street  
St. Helens, OR 97051

## ADULT COST:

Breakfast \$2.00  
Lunch \$3.00

## TIMES:

Breakfast - 7:30 am - 9:30 am  
Lunch - 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Served Monday - Friday

## CONTACT:

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**No Meal  
Service:**

**July 4  
&  
July 5**