

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

# GOOD NEWS

## EDITION NEWSLETTER



## LION CATERING

At a Community Service Appreciation Event hosted by Columbia Health Services, St. Helens High School Lion Catering prepared an impressive 30-foot charcuterie board for guests to enjoy. This stunning display showcased the students' capabilities, artistry, and attention to detail as they skillfully arranged sliced truffle cheese, folded salami, fresh fruit and flowers.

If you are interested in hiring Lion Catering for an event, please email [amelier@sthelens.k12.or.us](mailto:amelier@sthelens.k12.or.us).

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### 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







# FIRE SAFETY

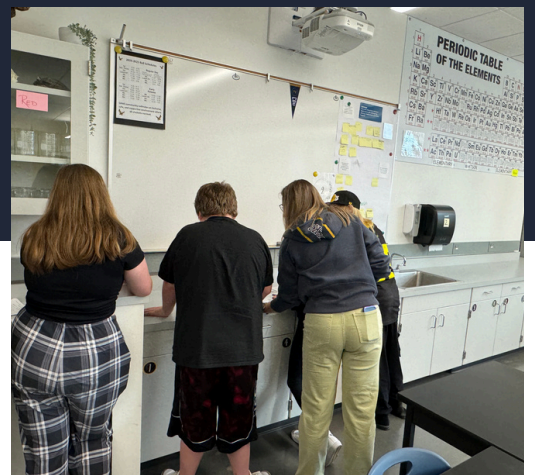
In Tyler Ross's Auto I class, students participated in an exciting hands-on demonstration, putting their classroom knowledge of fire safety to the test. As part of the Auto I curriculum, students learn crucial fire safety protocols, including how to prevent fires, handle emergencies, and correctly use fire extinguishers.

This recent demonstration allowed students to practice these skills in a controlled environment, giving them a real-world opportunity to understand the importance of fire safety firsthand. Fire safety is an essential life skill, not only in the automotive world but in everyday life. Knowing how to act quickly and safely in an emergency can prevent potential disasters and save lives.

By integrating practical experiences like this into the classroom, we aim to equip students with the confidence and competence to handle unexpected situations, ensuring they're prepared for whatever challenges they may face in the future.

**[VIDEO LINK](#)**





# GALLERY WALK

St. Helens Middle School students in Mrs. Davis's class engaged in a gallery walk, viewing posters on invasive species. Each group created a poster, and then they rotated through to view each poster, providing positive, detailed, constructive feedback, all while learning about each individual species. This is a preliminary research activity for their ecology unit using our new curriculum.

[VIDEO LINK](#)



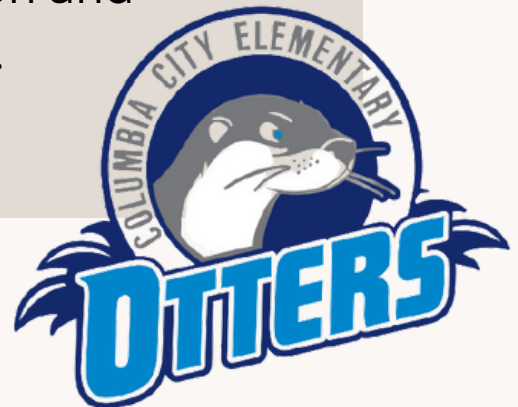
# COLUMBIA CITY ELEMENTARY



# FIRST LODGE



The First Lodge of the school year at Columbia City Elementary brought students together to focus on building teamwork skills. It was a great opportunity for collaboration and connection.





*St. Helens School District*

**STUDENT COMMUNITY  
IMPACT AWARD**

**PAYTON MAULDIN**



At the board meeting held on September 25, 2024, Ryan Scholl, School Board Chair, along with the entire School Board and Superintendent Stockwell, presented Payton Mauldin with the Student Community Impact Award. Payton received this honor for her outstanding leadership, dedication to athletics, and significant contributions to enhancing school spirit at St. Helens High School.

Payton is a standout leader and role model at St. Helens High School. As a multi-sport athlete, Payton excels in Varsity Volleyball, Varsity Wrestling, and Girls' Flag Football, demonstrating remarkable dedication and versatility. Her athletic achievements earned her recognition as the Booster Athlete of the Month last year, a testament to her hard work and commitment.

Payton's impact at St. Helens High School extends beyond athletics. She plays a pivotal role in the success of the Yearbook program, showcasing her leadership and creative vision. Her contributions to managing the social media platforms for the school's athletic programs have significantly boosted engagement, reaching thousands of viewers.

Payton's skills and initiative are not limited to school activities. She assists the SH Booster Club with social media content, regularly taking photos at various athletic events and creating an athletic slideshow for the Booster Auction last March. Currently, Payton is developing digital programs for sporting events, complete with team information and rosters, which can be accessed via QR codes at the games. She is also working on slideshows for various school activities this year.

Payton's positivity, attention to detail, and infectious enthusiasm make her a role model for her peers. She always encourages others to get involved, especially in wrestling and flag football, embodying the values of teamwork and school spirit that we strive for at SHHS. Payton's impact on our school community is invaluable, and her contributions make her a shining example of student leadership.

***Congratulations, Payton!***



# *St. Helens School District*

## **STAFF COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD**

# **NICOLE EDWARDS**

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At the board meeting held on September 25, 2024, Ryan Scholl, School Board Chair, along with the entire School Board and Superintendent Stockwell, presented Nicole Edwards with the Staff Community Impact Award. Nicole received this honor for her exceptional leadership in driving GEAR UP initiatives, tirelessly supporting student success, and fostering a culture of postsecondary options within the St. Helens School District.

As the driving force behind GEAR UP, Nicole has worked tirelessly to ensure that students are prepared for success in postsecondary education, whether that means pursuing a bachelor's degree, associate's degree, certificate, apprenticeship, or other training beyond high school. Her leadership and passion for student success are unmatched.

Last spring, Nicole organized and led a team of administrators, counselors, and support staff to the GEAR UP Conference, creating valuable learning opportunities for our district. Her efforts also include coordinating college and career activities for both students and their families, such as family information nights on topics like FAFSA and the Oregon Promise, as well as a highly successful visit to the Job Corps site at Tongue Point.

Nicole was even honored by Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley with a flag at a recent town hall meeting. Her exceptional work and unwavering commitment have played a crucial role in empowering students within the St. Helens School District and promoting a college-going culture.

Her work with students is at the heart of her efforts. Nicole's impact is felt across our district, from providing school supplies and hosting fun events to offering professional development. We are deeply appreciative of Nicole's outstanding contributions and the positive impact she has on our students and schools. Her dedication and hard work are truly commendable.

***Congratulations, Nicole!***



# DISTRICT LISTENING SESSIONS



## **OCTOBER 17, 2024**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
McBride Elementary  
2774 Columbia Blvd.  
St. Helens, OR 97051

## **JANUARY 16, 2025**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Plymouth High School  
470 North 16th Street  
St. Helens, OR 97051

## **MARCH 20, 2025**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
St. Helens High School  
2375 Gable Road  
St. Helens, OR 97051

## **MAY 15, 2025**

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
St. Helens Middle School  
354 North 15th Street  
St. Helens, OR 97051

In our ongoing commitment to actively engage with the community and gather meaningful input, the St. Helens School District will be hosting four district-wide listening sessions. These sessions offer a valuable opportunity for you to connect directly with school district staff in an open forum.

There will be no set agenda for these meetings. Instead, they are designed to be a space where you can discuss any district-related matters, share your thoughts, and voice concerns. Your feedback is invaluable to us, and we believe that open, honest conversations will help us serve our students, families, and community more effectively.

We look forward to collaborating with you to strengthen our school district, and we hope you will join us for the second of these four listening sessions.





COLUMBIA CITY, MCBRIDE & LEWIS & CLARK

# GRANDFRIENDS Day



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH 2024

7:45 AM - 9:15 AM



**Come and see our school!**

7:45-9:00 Classroom Time

9:00 - 9:15 Principal Chat





# St. Helens School District

# Volunteer Application



*Make a Difference in Your  
School Community*

**APPLY  
NOW!**



*Volunteers can really make a big difference in the educational experience for our students. Whether you're interested in a one-time, one-hour project, or an ongoing opportunity, we can find something for you!*