

OCTOBER 4, 2024

GOOD NEWS

EDITION NEWSLETTER



SHHS MANUFACTURING PROGRAM & PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE WELDING

The St. Helens High School Manufacturing Program was honored to host the PCC Welding Trailer from September 16 to September 27, 2024. During this time, all 140 Metals 1, 2, 3, and 4 students had the opportunity to weld in the trailer with a Certified Welder and PCC instructor. The trailer was equipped for Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW), also known as stick welding, which is challenging to learn but serves as a foundation for other arc welding types, such as Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW), Flux Core Arc Welding (FCAW), and Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (GTAW).

Our students begin learning SMAW in Metals 1, GMAW in Metals 2, and GTAW in Metals 3. We're also adding FCAW to our curriculum. This year, our advanced Metals 2 students, who had experience with SMAW, were eager to learn more about GMAW and FCAW. Welder Dave Williams came to our shop to work with these students, demonstrating both techniques. This collaboration highlights why the PCC Welding Trailer and team are so valuable—they meet our specific needs.

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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



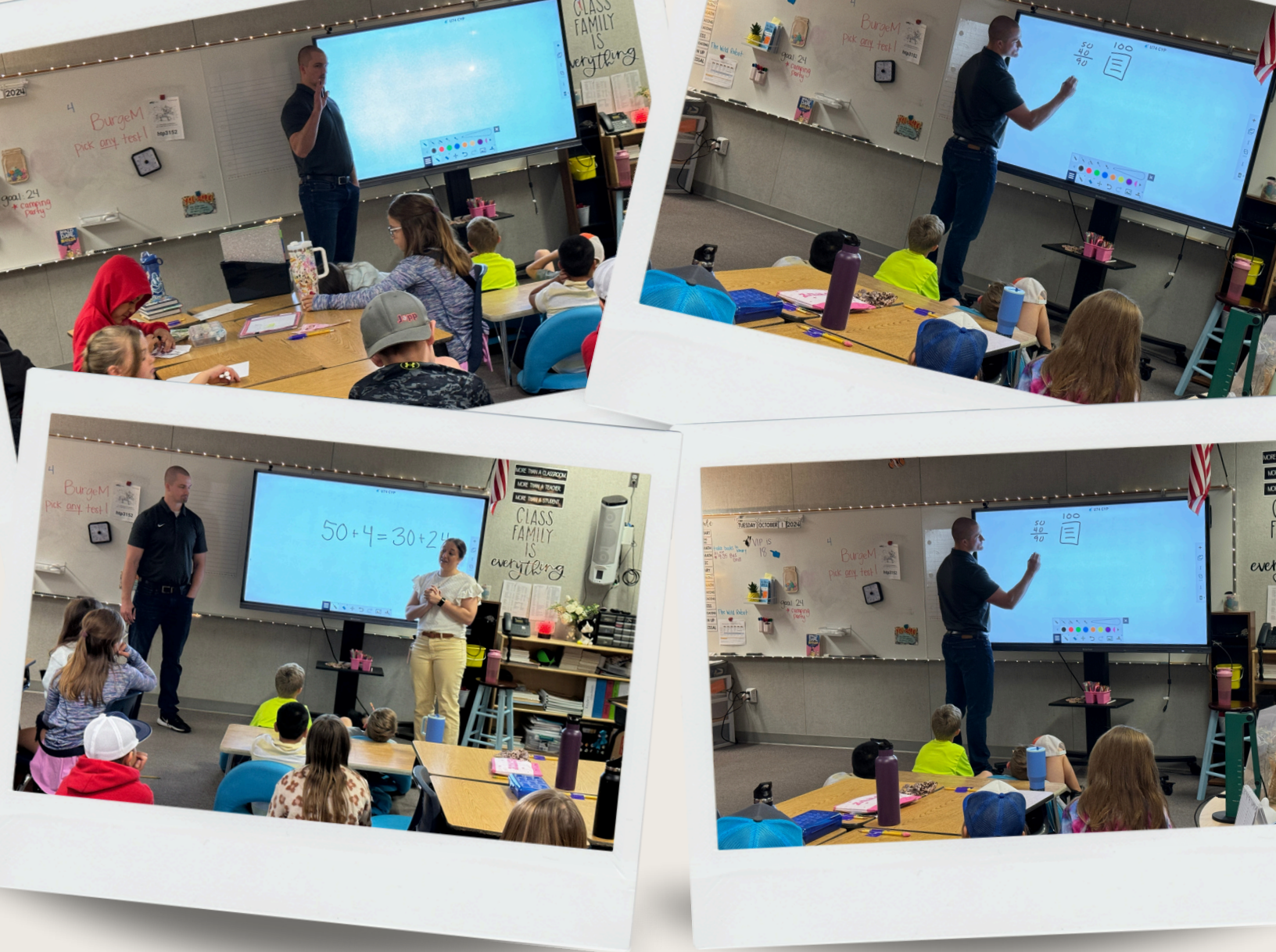
The feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive. Advanced students are excited to deepen their knowledge and take on bigger projects, while first-time Metals 1 students are thrilled to be working alongside professional welders. The expertise PCC's welders bring goes beyond what I can offer alone, and it's a privilege to work with industry partners who directly enrich our students' learning experience.

Connecting students with industry professionals is crucial, not only for their growth but also for meeting the Perkins Funding requirements set by the federal government.

"Students truly value the guidance and positive feedback from working welders, which helps them build confidence and a sense of accomplishment. The excitement on their faces when they return from the trailer is a testament to the impact of this experience. I want to extend my deepest thanks to PCC Welding and everyone involved in making this possible, and I look forward to welcoming them back in the future."

Bonnie Adams - SHHS Instructor

VIDEO LINK



GIVING BACK

WATCH NOW

A former St. Helens School District student, Bryce Bumgardner, has returned to his roots, giving back to the same community that shaped him. Having moved to St. Helens in 2000, Bryce has been a part of the area ever since. He graduated from St. Helens High School in 2016 and went on to receive a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a minor in Marketing and Sales from Montana State University-Northern, followed by an MBA from George Fox University. He then went on to complete additional accounting credits through Southern New Hampshire University and is now studying and planning to take the CPA exam.

Now residing in St. Helens, Bryce continues to contribute to the district by speaking to students in Ms. Burge's class each year. His presentations focus on the importance of fundamental skills like reading, writing, and math, emphasizing how they play a crucial role in any career. Beyond these talks, Bryce volunteers his time throughout the year, offering support whenever needed, demonstrating his commitment to the school and community that helped shape his own educational journey.

SHHS

RENOVATIONS & REMODELING



Students in the St. Helens High School Renovations & Remodeling class are gaining hands-on experience in home renovation under the guidance of their skilled instructor, Joe Mauck.





BUS SAFETY

Students at McBride Elementary participated in essential bus evacuation drills, ensuring they know how to safely exit a bus in case of an emergency. This important exercise not only promotes safety awareness among our young learners but also empowers them with the knowledge and skills to respond effectively in critical situations.

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

SECONDARY LEVEL

KATY WAGNER

St. Helens High School Principal



CRIS GWILLIAM

St. Helens Middle School Principal



MATT LACY

Plymouth High School Principal



MARTIN HEHMAN

St. Helens Virtual Academy Principal



NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

MARTINE BARNETT

Columbia City Elementary Principal



CHERI MARTIN

Lewis & Clark Elementary Principal

ALLYSON DUBUQUE

McBride Elementary Principal



NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH

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!