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GOOD NEWS

EDITION NEWSLETTER



Columbia City Elementary *Chess Club*

Students in the Columbia City Elementary Chess Club recently participated in their first practice tournament.

Six students from 3rd to 5th grade represented Columbia City Elementary, playing over 30 games against students from 10 other elementary schools.

The tournament provided a valuable opportunity to build skills while fostering camaraderie and fun!

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District Mission:

Strengthening Our Community
Through Exceptional Schools

District Vision:

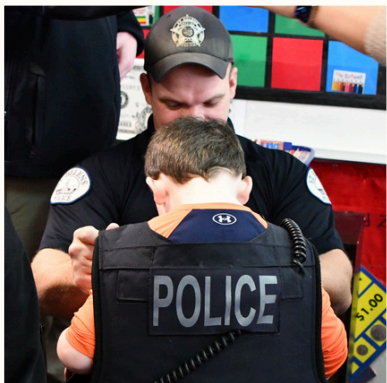
St. Helens School District
inspires all students to learn,
connect, and commit to a
thriving future.

LEARN
CONNECT
COMMIT

L.E.A.D.



Law Enforcement Appreciation Day



McBride Elementary students welcomed local law enforcement officers into their school to celebrate Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) in a heartwarming display of gratitude. The students created thoughtful cards and colorful posters, which they proudly handed to the officers during their visit. The interactions were filled with smiles, as students expressed their appreciation for the officers' service and dedication to the community.

ELKS TEEN OF THE MONTH

KEELY SCOVILLE



St. Helens High School is proud to honor Keely Scoville as the January Elks Teen of the Month. Keely is a hardworking student who makes a difference both in school and in the community. When she found out about the award, Keely

said, "I felt honored and excited to have been awarded. I am so grateful and thrilled at the opportunity to be Student of the Month." Her excitement shows how much she cares about her studies and the people around her.

Keely is involved in many school activities. She is the Public Relations Officer for Key Club, Vice President of the National Honor Society, and Co-President of the Self Care Club. Keely is also an athlete. She cheers during the fall and winter seasons and is a captain for the track and field team in the spring. Her track coach, Mr. Shular, shared, "She is very coachable, always brings a positive vibe, and has a great work ethic. She holds herself to high standards and manages her time well to balance school and activities."

Keely is the ASB President and represents students on the school board. She also joined Hatfield Futures, where she worked with other students to find ways to improve school culture. Keely is a member of the school's wind ensemble and has been on the honor roll throughout high school.

Outside of school, Keely gives back to the community by volunteering at the Lions Wellness Center, where she helps create mental health kits for students.

Keely plans to go to college to study Biology and Philosophy and hopes to become a doctor. She loves helping others and connecting with people. "I love to talk, and I love listening to people's stories," she said.

Language Arts is Keely's favorite subject because she enjoys writing and learning about others' stories. Her teacher, Mrs. Blount, said, "She's fun, determined, and brightens the room. She takes on challenges with a can-do attitude that inspires others."

One of Keely's favorite memories from high school is attending the Oregon Association of Student Councils (OASC) leadership conferences. "We always have the best time learning leadership skills, doing Zumba, and attending the dance in Seaside," she said.

Keely is an outstanding student and leader, and we are proud to celebrate her as the January Elks Teen of the Month.

Congratulations, Keely!

Rotary student of the Month



The Columbia County Rotary Club and St. Helens Virtual Academy are proud to recognize Lizzie Burros as the January Rotary Student of the Month.

Lizzie is an outstanding student who has made a big impact on her school and community with her hard work, kindness, and many talents.

She has achieved an incredible 4.0 GPA, showing her dedication to learning and her

commitment to doing her best. Lizzie is also a great communicator and self-advocate, which has earned her the respect of her teachers and classmates.

In addition to her success at school, Lizzie gives back to the community through her work at Sande School of Horsemanship. She helps care for animals by giving medication, handling emergencies, and making sure they are well taken care of. Her efforts show her compassion, problem-solving skills, and strong work ethic.

Lizzie is also skilled in both technology and art. She has learned computer coding, including Robotics and JavaScript, and has developed her artistic abilities in advanced drawing classes. These talents make her a well-rounded and creative individual.

Looking ahead, Lizzie is excited to study computer science at college and she has taken an active role in planning for her future by attending college information sessions and setting clear goals for herself.

Congratulations, Lizzie!

Lizzie Burros





The Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) established the **Get on Board campaign** in 2017, and it has been running strongly every two years since. As our schools and students recover from the pandemic's effects, they continue to need great school board members.

The **Get on Board campaign** aims to encourage sitting board members to offer their expertise for another term and urge motivated community members to accept the challenge of board work.

Where do you come in? To prepare prospective board members, OSBA Board Development staff are offering two webinars in early 2025. Please take this opportunity to "Get on Board" and help make the decisions that will shape our children's future.

As you consider running, think about what being a board member means to you, your family and your community.

Oregon's school districts, education service districts (ESDs) and community college districts are governed by elected boards. Board actions affect the families of hundreds — even thousands — of students and employees.

Your duty will be representing all students, staff and community members as you work with other board members to craft policy.

It's challenging volunteer service.

But you'll have the satisfaction of watching students receive their diplomas, knowing that you helped shape tomorrow's citizens and leaders.

How to become a SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE

- Board members are elected to four-year terms, or two-year terms to fill a vacancy.
- You must be a registered voter and you must have lived in the district for one year immediately preceding the election.
- School district, ESD and community college employees elected to serve on their board must give up district employment to sit on the board.
- Your county elections official, superintendent, college president or school board member can tell you how board members are elected in your district.

School Board ELECTIONS

FILING DEADLINE MARCH 20

TWO WAYS TO FILE (Choose one)
SUBMIT to your local county clerk.

1

SUBMIT a petition containing the signatures of 25 registered voters or 10 percent of the registered voters in the district, whichever is less

2

SUBMIT a declaration of candidacy with a \$10 filing fee

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT
OSBA.ORG/GET-ON-BOARD

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!

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

- January 15 - Early Release
- January 20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL
- January 22 - Early Release
- January 29 - Early Release
- January 30 - End of Quarter
- January 31 - Teacher Work Day - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Stay **CONNECTED!**

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St. Helens School District Website

Facebook Page

Instagram Page

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YouTube Channel

LinkedIn Page

