

WEEKLY WARRIOR

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Learning the Names Behind the Movement: MLK Assembly Inspires Deeper Study

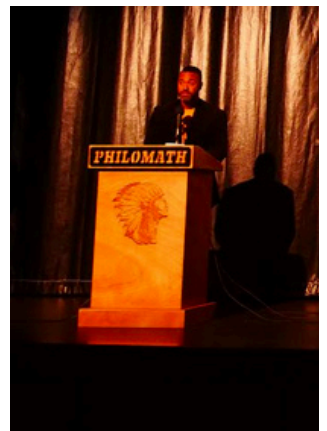
On Monday, students and staff gathered for a thought-provoking Martin Luther King Jr. Day assembly featuring John Phillips IV, acting president of the NAACP Linn-Benton Branch.

Phillips centered his message on an often-overlooked truth about leadership: no leader achieves greatness alone. Leaders always have people behind them that helped them do the work, Phillips told the assembly, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is no different.

To illustrate this point, Phillips highlighted several pivotal figures who worked alongside Dr. King in the civil rights movement. He introduced students to Bayard Rustin, Amelia Boynton, Septima Clark, Mahalia Jackson, and Coretta Scott King, as well as the collective efforts of the Black Panther Party. He also mentioned A. Philip Randolph as a bonus figure worth studying.

Rather than simply listing these names, Phillips issued a challenge to the school community: take time over the next month, as we celebrate Black History Month, to learn more about these individuals and their contributions to the movement.

The assembly served as a reminder that understanding history means understanding not just the famous faces we recognize, but also the dedicated organizers, strategists, artists, and activists whose work made change possible.



Graduate EVERY student and transition each of them into a job, training, or college.



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Dates to Remember

1/19 MLK Day- No School

1/26 No School

1/12 MLK Assembly

FAMILY VS. STUDENT CHALLENGE: *Would You Rather?*

Our question last week was: **Would you rather give up Netflix going into the new year, or give up Snapchat?**
Here are the results!

All participants seemed to agree that giving up Snapchat would be much easier than giving up Netflix.

Our 'Would You Rather' for this week is: **Would you rather be a backup singer in a band or play cowbell for a band?**

Use the QR code to participate!



December Teacher of the Month...

Savanna Sanders!



Students consistently praise Mrs. Sanders for her exceptional teaching abilities and nurturing classroom environment. She demonstrates remarkable patience when explaining mathematical concepts, ensuring students never feel discouraged when struggling with material. Her explanations are clear and accessible, making difficult math concepts easier to understand.

Beyond academic instruction, Mrs. Sanders cultivates a warm, supportive classroom atmosphere where students feel safe, comfortable, and welcomed. Many students choose to work in her room specifically because of this positive environment. She shows genuine care for student improvement and maintains a non-judgmental approach that encourages open communication.

Students appreciate her willingness to help with any subject, not just her own classes, and note that she continues supporting students even after they've moved on to other courses. Her uplifting spirit, good sense of humor, and ability to balance fun with challenge make her stand out as one of the best teachers students have encountered. The overwhelming sentiment is that Mrs. Sanders combines excellent teaching skills with genuine kindness and understanding, creating an exceptional educational experience for all her students.



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Building Healthy Attendance Habits: YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE SUCCESS STARTS NOW!



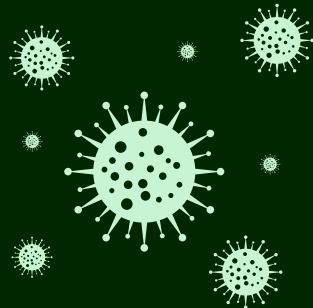
When we talk about the importance of attendance, we're not just concerned about missing lessons—we're helping your child build habits that will serve them throughout their entire life, especially in the workplace.

The habits your child develops now about when to push through minor discomfort and when to genuinely stay home will directly translate to their future work ethic. Employers consistently value reliable attendance as one of the most important traits in employees across all industries. Learning to show up consistently, even when it's not always easy, is a life skill that will benefit them in every job they'll ever hold.

When Should Your Child Stay Home?

Please keep your child home if they have:

- A fever (100°F or higher)
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Symptoms that prevent them from participating in regular activities



For minor complaints like a headache, slight cold symptoms, or general tiredness, children should attend school. These same situations won't excuse adults from work responsibilities, and learning to manage through minor discomfort builds resilience and responsibility.

By supporting consistent attendance now, you're giving your child an invaluable advantage for their future. The reliability they demonstrate as students will become the foundation of their success as employees and in all areas of adult life.



Active Parenting of Teens

FREE Virtual Class

Learn & laugh with other parents as you turn the challenges of raising a teenager into opportunities for growth.

Discover positive ways to relate to your teen, and gain a better understanding of their behavior at this tricky developmental stage.

Discussions will include methods of respectful discipline, honest communication, concrete ways to prevent risky behavior, and how to be an encouraging parent.

Wed. 5:30–7:20 p.m.
Jan. 7th – Feb. 25th
(8 sessions)

will need access to an internet device with a camera and microphone

Scan here to register
or for more info.:



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Women in Auto/Diesel INFO EVENT



- Speak with current students and local women in the industry
- Information on degree and certificate programs at LBCC
- Career exploration in Automotive and Heavy Equipment/Diesel
- Facility tours and Q&A with current faculty and local businesses
- Details on early registration and exclusive scholarships



FEB 11 • 6-8 p.m.
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TECHNOLOGY CENTER

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register:



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Just a quick reminder about our upcoming Scholarship Night hosted by LBLESD Grow Your Own!

Scholarship Night is a great opportunity to learn more about financial aid, scholarships, and ways to support post-secondary education. We'll have admissions teams from OSU, WOU, and LBCC, along with financial aid support available to answer questions or even begin FAFSA/ORSAAs applications! Bilingual support will also be provided.

Even if folks have heard this information before, it's always helpful to get a refresher and explore new opportunities.

[Register for Scholarship Night Here](#)

Event Details:

 Date: Wednesday, January 21st, 2026

 Time: 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

 Location: 905 4th Ave SE Albany, Oregon
97321

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Girls and Boys Swimming



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath hosted a tri-meet at Clemens Community Pool where the girls captured first place in the team standings while the boys finished second. The Warriors were powered by multiple individual and relay wins and will return to the pool at home on Jan. 21 for a multi-team meet.

Girls Basketball



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath dominated from the opening tip, jumping out to a 16-0 first-quarter lead and never letting Sutherlin find a rhythm in a 51-23 victory. Strong defense and balanced scoring powered the Warriors to a wire-to-wire win.

Boys Basketball



Photo Credit Philomath News

Philomath overcame a sluggish first half and a seven-point deficit late in the third quarter by igniting a 16-2 run, rallying past Gladstone for a 64-55 home win. Strong defensive pressure and key buckets down the stretch helped the Warriors even their record at 6-6 heading into league play.

Information

Below you will find links to corresponding sites that will provide you with current information for athletics and activities.

OSAA

- Game schedules; dismissal, departure, and return times; rosters; coaches contact information, etc.

PHS Athletics Page

- Calendar, sports registration, athletic forms, athletic handbook and policies, athletic fundraisers, etc.

Athletic.net

- XC and Track and Field meet information.

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- Local coverage about Warrior sports.

Please note that game times are subject to change, so please check schedules prior to scheduled events.

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