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Dates to Remember

- 2/1 Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 2/2 1st Grade to Newmark Theater, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- 2/6 NO SCHOOL, Staff Inservice Day
- 2/8 Spirit Day (Sports)
- 2/8 2nd Grade to Newmark Theater, 8:45-11:45 a.m.
- 2/8 4th Grade to Schnitzer Hall, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- 2/8 Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 2/8 School Board Mtg, 6:30 p.m., DO Board Rm
- 2/13 Site Council Meeting, Library, 2:30 p.m.
- 2/15 Immunization Exclusion Day
- 2/15 Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 2/20 NO SCHOOL, President's Day
- 2/22 Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 2/23 2nd Grade Art Night, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- 3/2 Spring Picture Day
- 3/3 Everybody Reads Day (NEW DATE)
- 3/3 Spirit Day - Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character (NEW DATE)

Important News

Character Trait Winners: The character Trait for January was **Respectful**. The following students were recognized by their teacher for exhibiting this trait:

Teacher	Grade	Name
Mrs. Hart	1	Julie Buckner
Mrs. Lowther	1	Zoe Mullen
Ms. Wright	1	Cole Recabaren
Ms. Watkins	1	Anna Schmidt
Ms. Vierra	1	Brayden Hill
Ms. Sutton	1	Alexandrea Goins
Mrs. Bigbee	2	Kelvin Suchocki
Mrs. Bohrer	2	Haven Flett
Mr. Hill	2	Allison Mecklem
Mrs. Pheil	2	Dianne Lopez
Ms. Stephen	2	Dylan Jones
Mrs. Waverly	2	Phoebe Wallace
Ms. Banka	3	Bella Sanders
Mrs. Black	3	Italia Purcell-Shaw
Mrs. Exum	3	Addie Schmidt

Teacher	Grade	Name
Ms. Thompson	3	Skylar Mullen
Miss Gillies	3	Lily Reed
Miss Wilson	3	Rylan Fisher
Mrs. Aldridge	4	Maya Gonzalez
Mrs. Kelso	4	Brianna Golston
Mrs. Lane	4	Wyatt Devey
Mrs. Mullen	4	Dulce Wiles
Ms. Ott	4	Cooper Maddox
Mrs. Morse	4	Garrett Steyskal
Mrs. Mitchell	5	Aubrey Colen
Miss Atkins	5	Quintin Newman
Mrs. Fox	5	Madison Hill
Mrs. Mudd	5	Kiehali Belgard
Mrs. Thomas	5	Sydney Anderson
Mrs. Smrkovsky	DLC	Caden Dolson

The February PBIS behavior trait is **Responsible**. Staff will be noticing students who especially show the ability to work well together with others in the classroom, in the hallways, on the playground, and other places around JWE.

Calendar Updates: Please make note of the following changes to our school calendar.

- Everybody Reads Day has moved from March 1 to March 3
- March Spirit Day - Favorite Book Character has moved from March 1 to March 3
- Inservice Day on March 17 is now a regular school day. Students WILL attend school this day
- Regular School day on March 24 will now be an Inservice Day. Students will NOT attend school this day.

Second Grade Art Night: The second grade team is excited to announce that they are having an Art Night for the second graders and their families. It will be held on Thursday, February 23rd from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Supplies will be provided, as well as a video tutorial. Following the drawing portion of the activity, participants will be able to color their art work and then select a colored background for display at home.

The first session will be held at 5:00 pm and then repeated again at 6:00 pm. This is going to be a wonderful family event for everyone to gather, draw, and enjoy each other's company and art work. A light refreshment will be provided at the close of each session.

Look for a flyer to be coming home to you soon. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of the second grade teachers.

Message from Gladstone Police: Recently we have had a few close calls of students almost being struck by vehicles during drop off and pick up times in front of JWE. All of these close calls have occurred when the student is not using the crosswalk located at either end of Exeter in front of the school. The Police department wants to remind everyone that if there is an available crosswalk you are required to use it. Failure to use the cross walk could result in a citation for J-walking. Our goal is not to issue citations, but to make sure that everyone is safe and we don't have a child get hit by a car. So please encourage your student to use the crosswalk every time so we don't have an avoidable accident.

SRO Eric Graves

Update from JWE Site Council/Title I: The Site Council/Title I committee consists of parents, teachers, staff and administration. The committee creates and implements our School Improvement Plan. From that plan, we create goals that will guide us in our work. This year we are focused on the following three school-wide goals: **Family Engagement, Equity/Culturally Inclusive Environment, and Assessment and Analysis.** More information about these goals will be included in next month's newsletter.

Adopt a Classroom: Want to add enrichment, hands-on projects, and student support to JWE? Sponsor a classroom and help us meet children's needs! As school budgets are reduced and funds are tightened we invite local businesses and/or families to "Adopt a Classroom". Your donations will provide art projects, books, classroom parties, supplies and much, much more. Sponsors contributing \$250 or more will be recognized with a plaque at the classroom entrance. To sign up, contact the Principal, Wendy Wilson at wilsonw@gladstone.k12.or.us or call the school at 503-656-6564.

30-Day State Testing Parent Notice: The 30-Day State Testing Parent Notice has been posted to the school and district websites. Hard copies are also available in the office.

JWE students perform with All-State Choir: JWE 5th graders Chloe Black, Maggie Meyer and Payden Schumacher sang with the All State Elementary Choir at a special event in Eugene on January 13 and 14. The girls did a great job representing our school, and we are so proud of them. They learned a lot and were excited to join other top singers from across Oregon.

Photo: Gladstone music teacher Kelly Jacobs [center] congratulates 5th graders Maggie Meyer and Payden Schumacher, who performed this month with the All-State Choir in Eugene.



Gladstone Schools Invite Applicants for Fall 2017: The Gladstone School District will admit students from outside district borders for the 2017-18 school year, with spots for students from kindergarten through grade 10.

"Gladstone schools are at the heart of our small, close-knit community," said Superintendent Bob Stewart. "We offer an innovative, whole child education, supporting individual needs while providing a robust academic program."

Gladstone's full-day kindergarten will open spots at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families [GCCF], a technology-rich program including weekly music, science, art, and physical education.

John Wetten Elementary will open spots in grades 1 to 5. The school features a nurturing Culture of Care and provides weekly technology education, music, P.E. and library time. After school programs include art, science, and choir, with clubs ranging from cheerleading to speech and debate.

Kraxberger Middle School will open spots in grades 6 to 8. The school uses the AVID college-readiness system. Electives include digital media, building, art, band, choir, Spanish, and Chinese. After school programs include robotics, soccer, fitness boxing, volleyball, wrestling, cross country, and basketball. Every sixth grader attends a 5-day Outdoor School.

Gladstone High will open spots in grades 9 and 10. The small, college preparatory school boasts 36 college level courses, on-site career-technical electives, a spectrum of arts courses, and Mandarin Chinese. Over 64 percent of students participate in sports, the arts, and activities ranging from robotics to Key Club. Academic support programs include after-school tutoring and Saturday School.

Each school will offer opportunities for tours or student shadow experiences starting in February. To arrange a tour, contact the school office. Applications, due April 1, are available at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/>. For more information, call Natalie Weninger at 503.496.3935.

Win Cash for College! College may seem a long ways off, but don't wait to start saving. The sooner you do, the more you'll be able to save. A recent study by Fidelity found that on average parents try to save enough money to cover 70% of college costs, but end up only saving 29%. The sooner you start saving, the closer you'll be to reaching your goals.

The Oregon College Savings Plan is giving away one \$529 account to a family at John Wetten Elementary School through the Be College Ready program. All elementary school parents are eligible to win, yet many parents have not entered! To enter the sweepstakes go to <http://www.becollegeready.net/cash-for-college.shtml>.

In addition, there is a special program being offered to kindergarten parents at GCCF to receive \$25 who open a new Oregon College Savings Plan account or add to a pre-existing one for their kindergartner. Again, all you have to do as a kindergarten parent is go online to receive the \$25 at <http://www.becollegeready.net/account-funding.shtml>.

The Oregon College Savings Plan, part of the state treasury, provides families a tax-advantaged way to save money for higher education expenses. The funds are invested and the growth on those investments are tax-free as long as they're used for higher education. There's also a tax deduction for what you contribute.

Please take advantage of these opportunities offered by the Be College Ready program and learn more about the Oregon College Savings Plan at oregoncollegesavings.com.

JWE News by Email: Please take a moment to sign up for our JWE News by email if you haven't already. You can do this simply by emailing Linda Alberico at albericol@gladstone.k12.or.us and ask to be added to the list or you can write a note and give it to us in the office.