



# Leopard News

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## MARCH 2017

### Dates to Remember

- 3/1 - Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 3/2 - Spring Picture Day
- 3/3 - **CALENDAR CHANGE** - Everybody Reads Day
- 3/3 - **CALENDAR CHANGE** - Spirit Day - Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character
- 3/8 - Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 3/8 - School Board Mtg, DO Boardroom, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/9 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Family Game Night, 6-7:30 p.m.
- 3/10 - PFO Movie Night, 6:00 p.m. doors open, 6:30 pm. movie begins
- 3/12 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/13 - Site Council Mtg, Library, 2:30 p.m.
- 3/15 - Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 3/17 - **CALENDAR CHANGE** - School In Session
- 3/22 - Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 3/23 - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir Concert, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/23 - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester
- 3/24 - **CALENDAR CHANGE** - NO SCHOOL, Staff Inservice Day
- 3/27-3/31 - NO SCHOOL, Spring Break
- 4/5 - Report Cards go Home in Backpacks

### Important News

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

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>
Mrs. Hart	1	Sophie Zerzan
Mrs. Lowther	1	Gwyn Smith
Ms. Wright	1	Megan Camat
Ms. Watkins	1	Jayna Butler
Ms. Vierra	1	Brooklyn Landis
Ms. Sutton	1	Shelly Echavarria
Mrs. Bigbee	2	Isabella Villegas
Mrs. Bohrer	2	Arianna Franssen
Mr. Hill	2	Brynna Ehnes
Mrs. Pheil	2	Alejandro Moncada-Chavez
Ms. Stephen	2	Matthew Contreras
Mrs. Waverly	2	Josh Flett
Ms. Banka	3	Joey Alsup
Mrs. Black	3	Rachel Scarborough
Mrs. Exum	3	Lexi Olson

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>
Ms. Thompson	3	Grady Cram
Miss Gillies	3	Lillyann Paulosky
Miss Wilson	3	Ragan Brady
Mrs. Aldridge	4	Melody Lind
Mrs. Kelso	4	Samantha Mecklem
Mrs. Lane	4	Erica Love
Mrs. Mullen	4	Taeler Pfenning
Ms. Ott	4	Emmalee Erkenbeck
Mrs. Morse	4	Lilly Ann McLain
Mrs. Mitchell	5	Eva Gonzales
Miss Atkins	5	Makai Villanueva
Mrs. Fox	5	Madison & Mariah Shalberg
Mrs. Mudd	5	Victor Villegas
Mrs. Thomas	5	Lily Palacios
Mrs. Smrkovsky	DLC	Elijah Borthwick

The **March PBIS behavior trait is Perseverance**. 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.

### **School District changes calendar due to snow days**

The Gladstone School Board approved changes to the calendar to make sure that Gladstone students meet the state requirements for hours of instruction after losing several school days to snow and ice.

Under the new calendar, **March 17** is now a regular school day for students. **March 24** will be a no-school day for students.

In addition, **April 17**, originally planned as a staff-only day, will become a regular school day for students.

In addition, 5 Wednesdays formerly planned as early-release days will become full school days. Those dates are as follows: **April 5, April 19, May 3, May 17, and May 31**.

Each year we carefully plan our school calendar to exceed state requirements for instructional hours. In a year with so many snow days, this helped limit the changes needed.

**JWE Calendar Updates:** Please make note of the following additional changes to our JWE 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

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

### **Cash prizes promote college savings plans**

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>.

College may seem a long way off for your child, but don't wait to start saving. A recent study by Fidelity found that parents typically try to save enough money to cover 70 percent of college costs, but end up only saving 29 percent. The sooner you start saving, the closer you'll be to reaching your goals.

A special program being offered to Gladstone kindergarten parents, who will receive \$25 when they open a new Oregon College Savings Plan account or add to a pre-existing one for their kindergartner. Parents can visit <http://www.becollegeready.net/account-funding.shtml>. The deadline is February 28.

The Oregon College Savings Plan provides families a tax-advantaged way to save money for higher education expenses. The funds are invested and the growth on those investments is tax-free as long as funds are used for higher education, whether college or trade school.