



Leopard News

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Dates to Remember

- 10/5 Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 10/6 Burgerville Dinner Night, 5-9 p.m.
- 10/10 Site Council Mtg., 2:30 p.m., Library
- 10/12 Spirit Day (College & Career Day)
- 10/12 Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 10/12 GSD Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., District Board Rm
- 10/13 JWE Jog-A-Thon
- 10/14 NO SCHOOL, Non-Contract Day
- 10/19 Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 10/21 NO SCHOOL, Staff Inservice
- 10/24-10/28 Bookfair, Library
- 10/25 Evening Parent Conferences
- 10/26 Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 10/27 Evening Parent Conferences
- 10/28 NO SCHOOL, Parent Conferences
- 11/2 Early Release, 1:20 p.m.
- 11/3 Picture Re-Take Day
- 11/6 Daylight Savings Time Ends

Important News

Burgerville Dinner Night: - Do you love JWE? Do you love Burgerville? On Thursday, October 6th from 5 to 9 PM JWE will be partnering with Burgerville on McLoughlin to raise money for our PBIS program, which recognizes positive student behaviors. Up to 20% of this Burgerville's profit will be donated back to our school. All you need to do is come, let the staff serve you, and enjoy some good food. We look forward to seeing you and your family October 6th!

Attention Parents - College & Career Day - Do you or someone you know have a cool, fun job?! Interested in sharing it with John Wetten Students?! October 12th is career day, and we are looking for volunteers between the hours of 8am-12pm! If interested, contact volunteer coordinator Theresa Schmidt@ 503-656-6564 ext.265 or schmidtt@gladstone.k12.or.us

Fall into a Good Book!!! - Come join us October 24th - 28th, in the library, for our Fall Book Fair. We will be featuring new books such as Dog Man by Dav Pilkey, author of Captain Underpants, Ghost by Raina Telgemeier, I Survived the Eruption of Mt. Saint Helens and many more exciting titles.

Book Fair Hours:

Before school (students with money) 7:30 - 8:00 Monday - Thursday

After school (students with money) 2:25 - 3:00 Monday - Thursday

Wednesday (early release day) 1:45 - 2:45

Tuesday & Thursday Evening (Conferences) 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday (Conferences) 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Students will be allowed to browse and purchase books during their library time. Books can also be purchased online at: <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/johnwettenelemschool>

Jog-A-Thon - John Wetten Elementary will be holding our annual Jog-A-Thon on Thursday, October 13th, 2016, and this year's theme is Jungle Run!!!!

The Jog-A-Thon is our BIGGEST (and often only) fundraiser of the year and all money raised will directly support many school-wide, classroom and Leopard Pride (PFO) sponsored programs throughout the year (assemblies, field trips, classroom technology, curriculum and more).

All classes run on the same day and **only flat rate pledges will be allowed**. Our Jungle runners will run, jog, dance or walk with their class for 15-20 minutes (depending on grade). Students are encouraged to come to school dressed up in their favorite Jungle themed attire!!!

- Every student who brings in at least \$10 will win a free small milkshake from Burgerville!
- Every student who brings in at least \$25 will be entered into a drawing for one of the following places: JJ Jump, Ultrazone, Comic Store, Flo's Awesome Joe, Oak Grove Cinemas, JWE Book Fair or Menehune Murph's Shaved Ice!
- The TOP EARNER IN EVERY CLASS will win a limo ride and lunch at Burgerville! YES, each classroom will have a WINNER!
- The top earner in each GRADE LEVEL will get to bring a friend for the limo ride and lunch!
- The top earning class in each grade will win an ice cream PARTY! (non-dairy option will be available)
- The top earning class in the school will win an activity with Mr. Applebee!

Site Council Parent Representative - Congratulations to Jammie Landis for being voted in as the Parent Representative on the school Site Council. Thank you to all the nominees for offering your time to support our school.

Job search classes offered in Gladstone - Adults and teens who hope to find a new job this fall can get help with their job search through a series of free workshops presented by Work Source Clackamas. Three courses will be provided at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Avenue.

All classes will be offered on Saturday, October 1:

- 9 to 11 a.m. -- Job Search Success: six ways to access the hidden job market
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. -- Resume Ready: 10 ways to revitalize your resume
- 1 to 3 p.m. -- Acing the Interview: 10 interview game changers

To register, create and iMatchSkills account at www.imatchskills.org . For more information, call 971.673.6400, ext. 22473.

Leopard Pride Parents Group - The Leopard Pride: A community of Family and Faculty Joining Together for Student Enrichment. To become an active member simply send an e-mail to JWEPFO@gmail.com and request to be added to the e-mail loop. If you signed up during registration but have not been receiving e-mails, please send a message to let them know.

Statewide Testing - The 2016-2017 Annual Notice for Statewide Tests is available now on the school and district websites. The annual exempt form will be posted when it becomes available by the Oregon Department of Education.

A NOTE FROM THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR - It was great to see so many parents at open house! If you stopped by and got your picture taken for a picture badge, please make sure you also submit a background check.

- If you would like to be notified of upcoming volunteer opportunities via email, please email me at: schmidtt@gladstone.k12.or.us
- If you have not submitted a background check and plan to volunteer in class rooms, special school events, or field trips please go online to fill one out. Volunteers must submit background checks every year.

Thank you so much! I'm looking forward to a great school year. ☺

<https://www.helpcounterweb.com/welcome/apply.php?district=gladstone>

Reading Connections - Storytime is a great way to help your child become a better reader. Here are 4 ideas to try and incorporate into your everyday routine:

*pick a time every day and aim for 10-15 minutes for younger children and longer for older children. Bedtime reading is a good way to peacefully end your day. Bring along a book and read to your child during a sibling's practice time. Read after dinner and before doing chores.

*let your child participate by turning the pages while you read or finishing sentences that rhyme. When you are reading along with your older child, pause periodically and have your child fill in the missing word. Share the book by trading off reading the left side of the page and then have your child read the right side of the page.

* take turns choosing the books to read. Make sure that you look for variety (picture books, non-fiction, poetry, biographies, ...)

* play with language. Use different voices for the characters. Insert your child's name for one of the main characters.

Don't worry about being an EXPERT reader - your child will love spending time with YOU.

Is your student a "Self Manager"??? - Have you heard about the new way JWE is honoring students who are consistently being safe, responsible, and respectful? There is a program call "Self Managers" and students earn a badge if they are able to consistently do the following:

- 1) are safe, responsible, and respectful everywhere, including hallways, cafeteria, playground/recess, classroom, specials, bus
- 2) have 0 major referrals, less than 2 minor referrals, and no bus referrals
- 3) have 7 teacher/staff signatures on their passport

This new program will continue all year, with opportunities to get teacher and staff signatures each trimester for students who haven't quite earned all the needed signatures by October 3rd, the first cut-off.

Office Reminders - Here are a few things we could use your help with in the office:

- **Visitors:** When visiting the school ALWAYS sign in at the office and write your name on a visitor badge. Enter and Exit through the main entrance and remember if you want to walk your child to class you must do so prior to 7:58. Thank you to the many parents who are already doing this.
- **After School Messages:** After school changes should be in writing and dropped off at the office in the morning. If you have a true emergency and need to call the office to make a last minute change, it must be done by 1:30 (12:30 on Wednesdays). Any calls after that are not guaranteed to get to the teacher in time.
- **Notes:** When writing a note for transportation changes or other communication to the office, please be sure to include your child's first AND last names and their teacher's name. If they are going home with a friend please include the friends first AND last name too.
- **Attendance:** Thank you to all those parents that call the school office before 9:00 a.m. when their child is going to be late or absent. This is important to account for your child and prevent them from having an unexcused absence. This will also help reduce the number of calls we will need to make if your child is unaccounted for.
- **Pick-Up Time:** When picking children up at the end of the day, please be reminded that we do not want kids running to you or walking between parked cars to get in your vehicle. All students are to wait at the student pick-up area until you have pulled up to a safe place for them to get in OR walked up to retrieve them.

Sign up for a college savings account and you could win \$529 - Get a jump start on saving for college by setting up an Oregon College Savings Plan account. As part of the *Be College Ready* program, John Wetten is one of the few schools around the state lucky enough to be able to offer families who sign up a chance to win \$529 in seed money for their child's college savings account. Signing up is easy! You'll need personal information, like a Social Security number or federal tax identification number, for yourself and your children. Go to www.oregoncollegesavings.com and fill out the form. After that, head over to www.becollegeready.net to register it with the elementary program. Fifteen minutes later, you'll be done.

College may seem years away, but setting aside a small portion of your income now means you won't have to borrow that money later on, saving you even more money. If you want to learn more about college savings plans, drop in for a special information night in the John Wetten cafeteria on Thursday, October 27, with presentations from 5:30-6:30 and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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.

**GO
LEOPARDS!**

