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New Gladstone principals focus on student success and family support

Kindergarteners and freshmen are not the only new faces in Gladstone schools this fall. So are the principals who will lead Gladstone High School and the Gladstone Center for Family & Community.

Natalie Osburn will take the helm as at Gladstone High School principal, Osburn holds a doctorate in education from Lewis & Clark. Her education experience includes teaching and coaching roles at Central Catholic, Marshall, and David Douglas High Schools. In the David Douglas School District, she also served as Principal and Vice Principal at Alice Ott Middle School, and Assistant Superintendent. Osburn replaces Stu Evans, who retired in June after serving 13 years as principal.

Don Brown is the new leader at the Gladstone Center for Family & Community, which houses kindergarten classes and social services, and he also serves as the district’s Director of Curriculum and Assessment. Brown holds a doctorate in education from the University of Oregon. His education experience includes teaching music and 5th grade, as well as a variety of administrative roles with the Beaverton, Eugene, Springfield, and Oregon City School Districts. He serves as a volunteer solar system ambassador for NASA.

“Natalie brings a commitment to the success of every student, and Don is dedicated to supporting families to ensure the success of each child. ” said Superintendent Bob Stewart. “I am delighted to have these leaders join our team.”

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Community invited to participate in September GETFIT Walk & Run for schools

Gladstone Schools is sponsoring a GETFIT walk and run to promote wellness and healthy lifestyles in the Gladstone community and the school district. GETFIT stands for Get Exercise Today, Feel Incredible Tomorrow.

This event, which includes 5K and 1K events, will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 28 at the Gladstone High School track, located at 18800 Portland Avenue. For more information, call Nancy West at 503-680-8861.

Event registration costs \$25 for adults and \$15 for seniors and youths in advance, and includes an event t-shirt for those who sign up by September 23. Registrations the day of the event cost \$5 more. To sign up, visit www.eclecticedgeracing.com/GETFIT_5K.html.

Contributions are appreciated and will support health and fitness programs in Gladstone schools. Businesses who wish to sponsor the event should contact Trey Mott at 503-780-9681 or email treamott9@gmail.com.