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# Glad Report

*Gladstone Schools – Growing great people.*

## Students return to classrooms Full-time, in-person learning planned for fall

This April, Gladstone students of all grade levels returned to classrooms.

Some 63% of students opted for the new hybrid program, which combines small group classroom learning and distance learning.

The remaining 37% of students chose to remain in distance learning, continuing online classes.

In-person learning expands academic and social-emotional opportunities while allowing students to connect with classmates and teachers.

"From math lessons to playground games, children settled in quickly," said Principal Michael Clutter. "We are

proud students are being so careful to protect themselves and others."

In middle school and high school, students engage in spirited debates, use microscopes, practice Spanish conversation, and solve math problems.

Schools have careful safety protocols to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Staff increased fresh air circulation, requiring 6 foot spacing between people and masks, and they provide frequent disinfection.

Superintendent Bob Stewart is confident that full-time in-person learning will be available when the new school year begins this fall.



## Summer school to boost learning

To help students build on what they learned this year, Gladstone schools are offering free summer school programs at all levels.

Kindergarten will offer extra school time June 22 to July 2.

Two Gladstone summer programs will run July 12 to August 6.

The John Wetten Summer Experience will run six hours daily, four days a week for four weeks. The program offers science, crafts, math, and outdoor games.

Kraxberger's Summer Experience is four hours daily four days a week for four weeks. The program offers daily math and language arts, plus readers' theater and technology.

Gladstone High will offer credit recovery to help students graduate.



## New leader for Special Services



The District selected Michael Shelton as the new Director of Special Services. He will replace Kelly Welch, who retires in June.

Shelton served as Special Education

Director for the Anderson 4 District in South Carolina for five years, and also served six years in that role in Michigan's Dearborn School District.

"Michael brings substantial experience to Gladstone, and we appreciate his work as an advocate for students with disabilities," said Superintendent Bob Stewart. "He is skilled in autism supports, co-teaching, inclusion, and multi-tiered systems of support."



## GHS Key Club tackles service projects

The Key Club at Gladstone High did not let a pandemic stop them from serving the community. This spring they took on a wide variety of projects.

The group's April blood drive collected 43 units, with the potential to help 129 people. They also joined forces to lay bark chips along pathways throughout the Gladstone Nature Park. Recently, they cleaned up over 900 pounds of debris from the February ice storm and weeded the garden boxes by the school greenhouse.

After helping with the bioswale on the school campus, they plan to improve the Gladstone Nature Trail.

## Gladstone artists shine in county-wide competition

Six students from Kraxberger Middle School and Gladstone High won honors at the Clackamas Education Service District Regional Art Show.

"It's not surprising that many of the pieces reflect the emotions and experiences of pandemic life," said art teacher Chris Rich. "The isolation and frustration students have experienced have had an impact, and art is a natural way for kids to express that."



Madison Nimz, grade 11



Abigail Humphrey, grade 9



Amaya Taylor, grade 6



Gabrielle Davis, grade 6



Haven Flett, grade 6



Isabella Sirianni, grade 7

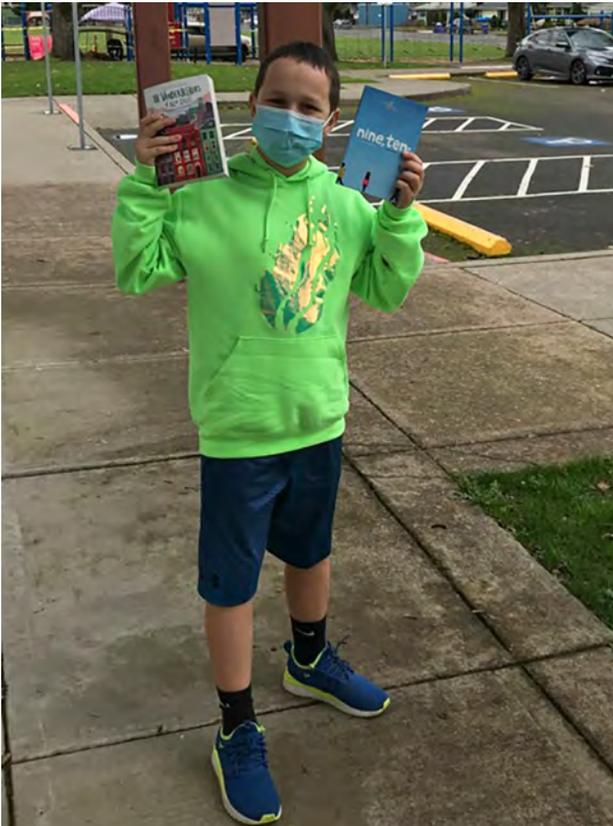
## JWE students compete in Oregon Battle of the Books

The Oregon Battle of the Books is an event fourth and fifth graders at Wetten Elementary look forward to. This year it was held online due to COVID-19 safety precautions, providing extra time for the school's first round robin battle. This year 25 students participated in the competition, forming five teams.

Each student read eight titles, with books provided free thanks to a \$1,250 grant from First Book. Teams and coaches met online, bi-weekly at first, and then weekly in April before competitions began. Coaches included Library Assistant Kim Burke, as well as Julie Kempster, Theresa Schmidt, and Heather Cruickshank.

"What I like about OBOB is that in battles you work together as a team. We can make new friends and build a good friendship," said fourth grader Emma Sandlin. "Also when you read the battle books you can discover new authors and books you never knew about!"

"Students did online book reports when they finished each book," said Burke. "One student dressed up as the main character for his book report, another student was so inspired by the book *Unusual Chickens for the Exceptional Poultry Farmer* that she asked for chicken coop gear for Christmas and got live chicks as soon as they were in the store."



## Education Foundation raises thousands, plans golf event

The Gladstone Education Foundation raised over \$37,000 to support classroom programs, athletics, and activities in their May online auction and raffle.

The Foundation's next fundraiser is the Golf Tournament planned for July 14 at Stone Creek Golf Course. Register now at <https://www.gladstonefoundation.org/>

## Culture & History of Food class uses wood-fired oven

Gladstone High students in the History and Culture of Foods class had the opportunity to make pizza using a wood-fired oven using cooking strategies from the time before electric appliances. Students prepared their pizza at home, then dropped by in shifts to bake it.



"When Mr. Misley told us we would be going to the school to use the pizza oven it gave me some hope. I was finally going to see my teacher in person and see some of my classmates even if we're just passing by," said student Melissa

Gould. "I ended up seeing lots of my teachers. It was nice to interact with them without a screen in the way. And I also learned how to make a pizza from scratch and cook it myself, which was delicious by the way! When I left the school I couldn't stop smiling."

# Register now for fall kindergarten

If your child will turn 5 on or before September 1, it's time to register for kindergarten. Gladstone's kindergarten classes are located at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families [GCCF].

This state-of-the-art facility was specially designed for young learners, providing an array of education opportunities, play-grounds, and family services on site.

"Gladstone classrooms are spacious, calm, and joyful with an incredible staff that builds upon the strengths and abilities of each child," said Principal Sarah Dunkin. "We fully expect a return to classrooms full time this fall, with careful COVID-19 precautions in place according to state guidelines."

Please complete online registration <http://bit.ly/2JMQLNO>



**Sixth graders from Kraxberger Middle School continued the tradition of Outdoor School through a series of outdoor science studies.**

## Outdoor School remains a rite of passage

Sixth grade Outdoor School looked a little different given pandemic precautions, but what remained the same is the excitement of students exploring nature.

Straub Outdoors met with students for two fun Zoom classes, in preparation for three field trips to local parks. The first one was to Mary S. Young State Park, where students learned about the food web, salmon habitat, and plant identification.

The second field trip was to Champoeg State Park, where they learned about oak savannas, indigenous cultures, and tree growth and age. A spectacular thunderstorm dropped buckets of rain and hail, making it a day to remember.

June 2, students headed back to Champoeg for one last experience in the outdoors.

"This was the highlight of sixth grade as much as ever," said Principal Heather Bailey. "The tradition continues."

### Key Dates: 2021-22

<b>August 30</b>	First day, grades K-1, 6 & 9
<b>August 31</b>	First day, grades 2-5, 7-8 & 10-12
<b>September 3-6</b>	No School/Labor Day
<b>November 11</b>	Veteran's Day
<b>Nov. 22-26</b>	No School/Thanksgiving
<b>December 20-Jan. 3</b>	Winter Break
<b>March 21-25</b>	Spring Break
<b>June 15</b>	Last Day/Graduation

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