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Gladstone High students beat state average

Students at Gladstone High again beat state averages in the number of students meeting math, English language arts, and science benchmarks.

“We are especially proud of our students’ very high growth rate in math,” said Principal Natalie Osburn. “Over 13 percent more Gladstone High students met or exceeded math benchmarks than the state average.”

Over 13% more Gladstone High students also beat the state average for science proficiency, and they topped the state average for English language arts proficiency by 8 percent.

Sixty-two percent of Gladstone High students pursue college or university education after high school.

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Gladstone High to stage mystery farce

A Thunderstorm! The lights go out! An agonized voice! A pistol shot! Thus begins the Gladstone High production of Jack Sharkey’s off-the-wall murder farce, *When the Lights Were Out*.

Director Katy Pearson and the Gladstone Drama Department present a show filled with plot twists and mayhem that will leave audience members breathless with surprise and laughter.

Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. on November 20 and 21 in the Gladstone High School auditorium, 18800 Portland Avenue. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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Gladstone workshops help job seekers

Whether just entering the workforce, or looking for a better position, job seekers will benefit from a series of workshops in Gladstone. Participants may take any class, or all three.

Classes include:

November 16: Job Search Success

November 17: Resume Ready

November 18: Acing the Interview

The workshops run from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Avenue.

Register via your iMatchSkills account, call 971.673.6400, ext. 22473, or just show up at the workshop and bring identification.

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Gladstone Backpack Buddies benefit from grant

Thanks to a \$4,000 grant from Clackamas County, Gladstone's Backpack Buddies program will re-stock its pantry. The school-run program provides up to 80 struggling families with enough food for a meal or two.

A team of Gladstone High special education students assists the award-winning program, helping to sort, inventory, and pack foods for families as part of their skill training.

The program seeks donations of peanut butter, chunky soups, chili, tuna, spaghetti, pancake mix, or oatmeal. Donations can be delivered to Gladstone High School during school hours. For more information, call Leslie Robinette at 503.974.5077.

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GCCF offers story hours & free books

The Gladstone Center for Children & Families [GCCF] invites children five and under to two monthly story hour events. Each child attending will receive a free book.

First Thursdays from 4:15 to 5 p.m., Story Hour will focus on a different theme, with age-appropriate activities tied to the stories that are shared.

Third Thursdays from 4:15 to 5 p.m., the Gladstone Public Library sponsors a Bilingual Story Hour, with stories shared in both Spanish and English.

"By building vocabulary, introducing language skills, and encouraging interaction with other children, Story Hour is a fun way for kids to develop kindergarten readiness skills," explained Early Learning Director Christina Alquisira. "It's also an opportunity for parents and caregivers to explore the many resources available to families."