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Gladstone Children's Center celebrates 5 years

The Gladstone Center for Children & Families (GCCF) will celebrate 5 years of service at a community celebration. Opening in spring 2009, the GCCF provided a model that other communities, like Pendleton and Portland, are now working to replicate. Created in the former Danielson's Thriftway grocery store, the center houses preschool and kindergarten programs surrounded by a health clinic and an array of social services.

The event is scheduled from 3:45 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22. The GCCF is located in Gladstone at 18905 Portland Avenue. All are invited

GCCF partners include the Family Stepping Stones relief nursery, LifeWorks Northwest counseling, CCC's Spanish GED program, the Northwest Family Services family resource coordinator, and the Healthy Families infant home visit program, as well as Childcare Resource & Referral and the ESD's preschool special education services.

"Our goal is that before kids walk through the door of kindergarten, we already know them," says Gladstone Superintendent Bob Stewart. "More than that, we want to know something about their family, and already have a relationship with these kids."

Together, the GCCF partners work toward four goals:

- Healthy babies
- Stable families
- Kindergarten readiness
- School success by grade 3

"We're excited that the GCCF continues to evolve," said Lennie Bjornsen, Director of Student and Family Support. "This month we welcomed the new Gladstone Teaching Preschool, a partnership between the Portland Children's Museum's Opal School and Clackamas ESD."

For more information about services at the Center, call 503-496-3939.

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Gladstone High School band takes first place

The Gladstone High School band won the Tri-Valley League competition on April 10. The group will compete next at the state 4A championship at Oregon State University on Wednesday, May 14th.

"These young musicians have worked very hard this year, and I'm so proud of their accomplishment," said Band Director David Kays.

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Key dates for 2014-15 school year set

Thanks to improved funding, Gladstone Schools will add two more school days for students in the 2014-15 school year.

“School attendance is essential to students’ academic success,” said Gladstone High School Vice Principal Patti Alexander. “We are releasing key calendar dates early, so families can plan travel well in advance and avoid having kids miss school.”

Key dates for Gladstone students in the 2014-15 school year include:

September 3: First day of school for grades K-9

September 4: First day of school for grades 10, 11, 12

October 10: No school day

October 13: No school for students (teacher in-service)

November 11: No school – Veteran’s Day

November 24 & 25: Final Exams for Gladstone High

November 26 – 28: No school (Thanksgiving break)

December 1: No school (teacher in-service)

December 19 – January 2: Winter break

January 19: Martin Luther King Jr. day – no school

January 26: No school (teacher in-service)

February 13: No school (furlough day)

March 11 & 12: Final Exams for Gladstone High

March 13: No school (teacher in-service)

March 23-27: Spring Break

April 24: No school (teacher in-service)

May 25: Memorial Day holiday

June 10 & 11: Final Exams at Gladstone High

June 11: Last day for students

June 11: Graduation for the Class of 2015

June 12: Last day for teachers

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