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**Gladstone High to stage Grease**

Grease is the word at Gladstone High School, which will stage the musical in April. Written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, the show portrays teens navigating peer pressure, politics, core values, and love in the 1950s.

Public performances are set for 7 p.m. on April 10 and 11 in the Gladstone High auditorium, located at 18800 Portland Avenue in Gladstone. Tickets, sold at the door, cost \$5. The version of the play performed is appropriate for all ages.

“Our performance is filled with singing and dancing, and the kids are having a fun time in rehearsals,” said Drama teacher Katy Preston. “We are hoping the whole community will come to see the show.”

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**Oregon Symphony performs at Gladstone elementary school**

At John Wetten elementary, 450 third, fourth, and fifth graders enjoyed a private performance by the Oregon Symphony, who held their April 2 dress rehearsal at the school. The group performed Prokofiev’s Peter and the Wolf, with Resident Conductor Paul Kim and narrator Pam Mahon.

“The kids learned how music is used to tell a story, and got to see the orchestra instruments close up,” said Principal Wendy Wilson. “They were really into it, and couldn’t wait to tell their families about it.”

The event was co-sponsored by FamilyCare Health Plans and the Oregon Symphony.

**PHOTOS: Oregon Symphony musicians performed Prokofiev’s Peter and the Wolf for enthusiastic students at John Wetten Elementary School.**

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**Gladstone adds Science Zones to early childhood center**

Children at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families will have the opportunity to explore science in preschool, Head Start, and kindergarten classes, thanks to the development of 10 new “science zones” that will rotate between classrooms each week.

The SEEDS project, which introduces science and technology learning to children from age 3 to 8, is helping to develop curriculum for the project. Students will explore hands-on learning about age-appropriate topics ranging from movement to water.

“Children are born scientists,” said Interim GCCF Director Carol Kemhus. “Learning

centers in our classrooms will allow students to use inquiry-based learning to explore math and science in a fun, engaging way, making it part of their daily routine at school.”

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**Food Pantry seeks volunteers for two-hour shifts**

Want to lend a hand with the Gladstone Food Pantry without having to make a weekly commitment? Sign up as a Volunteer Substitute to cover occasional two-hour shifts when regular volunteers are unable to be there.

The Food Pantry, located in the portables on the north side of Gladstone High, is open Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. To volunteer, contact Volunteer Coordinator Theresa Schmidt at 503.656.6564 or email [schmidtt@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:schmidtt@gladstone.k12.or.us).