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Gladstone Middle School wins support for Outdoor School

Kraxberger Middle School in Gladstone has been awarded more than \$10,000 in Metro support to provide sustainability curriculum at sixth grade Outdoor School.

The lessons, embedded in a week-long science camp, teach students to reduce, reuse, and recycle, while minimizing their impact on the environment.

“Outdoor School has been a life-changing, coming-of-age tradition for our sixth graders for over 40 years,” said Principal Nancy Bailey. “Kids return with a new way of thinking about their role in protecting our planet.”

Family resource coordinator services in Gladstone to continue

Family Care has awarded a \$15,000 grant to continue the Family Resource Coordinator position at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families.

Social service navigator Ellyn Jeck runs the program for Northwest Family Services, helping families in crisis through the maze of public and non-profit agencies to get the help they need.

Whether they need medical care for a child, help locating affordable housing, counseling, or an emergency food box, Jeck helps them connect with the appropriate agency, and then follows up to make sure a family succeeds in turning around a tough situation.

“Our focus is serving families with children age nine and under,” says Jeck. “If we can stabilize a struggling family, we know the children will find more success in school. So often, rapid intervention can make a real difference.”

Gladstone Clothes Closet seeks sock & underwear donations

To prepare for the back-to-school rush, the Gladstone Ministerial Association is holding a sock and underwear drive for the community clothes closet. They are requesting new packages of socks and underwear in all sizes for boys and girls.

“Last week nine families visited the clothes closet in a single day, and each family had two or three children,” explained project leader LaRae Applebee. “Clearly there is a lot of need in our community, so we are grateful to all who donate.”

Donations can be delivered on Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. at the portable on the north side of the Gladstone High School campus. For easy access, drive past the high school on Portland Avenue and turn right on Nelson Lane. Turn in at the fire lane.

The Gladstone Clothes Closet will be open serving youths from birth to 21 each Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m. and — starting August 9 — on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

Robotics clubs showcase skills at Gladstone Cultural Festival

Students from Gladstone High School and Kraxberger Middle School will demonstrate robots they have built and programmed as part of competitive school clubs. The free event is part of the Gladstone Cultural Festival, scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Friday, August 1 in Max Patterson Park.

“From soldering and fabrication to computer programming and strategic planning, the kids have learned a lot of practical skills that will serve them well in school and in the workforce,” said robotics club mentor Shawn Price. “We hope a lot of kids will come to find out more about robotics, and consider getting involved.”

Workshops help job seekers, career changers

For those searching for a job or hoping to advance their career, Clackamas Community College will offer a free jobs workshop. To reserve a spot, call 503.594.3091.

The workshop will take place from 2 to 5 p.m. on August 4, 11, 18, and 25 at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families, 18905 Portland Avenue. Sign up now to learn new strategies to locate employers, develop a resume, improve networking, interview better, and find success.

Gladstone school supply lists now available online

Ready for back-to-school shopping? You will find school supply lists for each grade level on the appropriate school website:

Kindergarten at the GCCF: <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/center/>

John Wetten Elementary: <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/elementary/>

Kraxberger Middle School: <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/middle/>