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Gladstone High School hosts Tri-Valley League Day of Service

Though they are rivals at athletic events, student leaders from Gladstone, North Marion, LaSalle, Mollalla, and Estacada High Schools came together on April 29 as a unified team for their annual day of service.

Each school brought 15 student body leaders to Gladstone High School to tackle projects for local organizations. The 75 teens baked dog biscuits for a local animal shelter, assembled baby blankets and first aid kits for low-income families, and packed sack lunches for a nearby homeless shelter.

“Our community does so much to support our schools and athletic teams,” said Gladstone social studies teacher Matt Misely. “The students were excited to have this opportunity to give back.”

Job search workshop planned at Gladstone Center for Children & Families

Need help finding a job? Want a better job? Sign up for a free Job Talk Workshop at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families: 18905 Portland Ave. Adults and teens welcome.

The class runs 2 to 5 p.m. on Monday afternoons May 12 & 19, & June 2 & 16. Advance registration required: Call (503) 594-3091.

Clothes Closet launches sock & underwear drive

In preparation for the August Back to School rush, the new Clothes Closet at Gladstone High School is requesting packages of new socks and underwear for youths from age 2 to 21. Packages of diapers and gently-used shoe donations are also needed.

Donations may be dropped off Monday through Friday during school hours in the front office at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Avenue.

For more information, call LaRae Applebee at 503-758-4411.

Gladstone teacher wins award

Mary Lane, a 5th grade teacher at Gladstone’s John Wetten Elementary School, is the recipient of the \$500 prize from Clackamas Town Center. She received the most votes from parents and community members in the contest.

“The goal of Celebrate Teachers was to recognize a local teacher who shows extra effort and caring in the classroom, and who affects student lives in positive and unique ways,” said Clackamas Town Center spokesperson Jessica Curtis. “Many people in our community saw those traits in Mary Lane’s classroom.”

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Golf fundraiser to benefit Gladstone Schools

Golfers, kick off your involvement in the Gladstone Cultural Festival at the golf tournament fundraiser organized by the Gladstone Education Foundation. All proceeds benefit Gladstone Schools.

The tournament is at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, August 1 at Stone Creek Golf Course. Participation is \$125 per Golfer. Hole sponsorship is \$1000 and includes golfing for 4. To sponsor a hole or to register your team, call Bill Kemnitzer at 503-522-2884 or email billkemnitzer@aol.com.

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Workshop shows how to prepare for kindergarten

Kindergarten has changed since today’s parents were students. Join a fun workshop for parents of children age 3-5 and find out about the physical, social, and academic skills children need to succeed in modern kindergarten.

Drop in 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 15 at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Avenue. Free dinner and childcare are provided.

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Kraxberger robotics club plans Burgerville fundraiser

Community members can support Gladstone's middle school robotics club, the Kraxberger Gearheads, at a fundraiser dinner at the Gladstone Burgerville restaurant on McLoughlin Blvd.. The group will receive 10 - 15% of sales on Saturday, May 10 from 4 to 7 p.m.

The after school club teaches students fabrication, electrical work, and computer programming as the group's two teams prepare for regional competition.

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John Wetten Elementary to hold Literacy Carnival on Friday

Books and reading will be celebrated at John Wetten Elementary’s annual Literacy Carnival. Children and their families from across the Gladstone community are invited to participate.

The free event, this Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m., includes carnival games, a raffle, a silent auction, and a book fair to raise funds for the school library. Pizza and rootbeer will be served.

Children will have the opportunity to find out about programs at the Gladstone Public Library, and the chance to sign up for their own library card.

Free 12-week course teaches parenting strategies

Hosted by [Northwest Family Services](#), Parenting Inside Out is a free 12-week program giving people the best practices needed to build confidence at being a great parent.

The class, which will include role playing and other techniques, will be held every Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon, beginning May 3 through to August 2. Contact Marci at 503-546-6377 for more information or to register.