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**Gladstone Schools seeks applicants for open School Board position**

With School Board member Denise Browning resigning after nine years of service, Gladstone Schools is seeking applicants to fill the open position for a one-year term. The Board will appoint a successor to the unpaid position in July.

Applications, due June 10, are available on the school district website at [www.gladstone.k12.or.us/](http://www.gladstone.k12.or.us/). Applicants must be 18 or older, registered to vote, and must have been a resident of the Gladstone School District for one year or more.

Candidate interviews are tentatively set for the evenings of June 16 and 24. For more information, call Sandi Frohnert at 503-496-3935.

During her nine years on the Board, Browning’s leadership contributed to projects that transformed the school district, including the bond measure to renovate Gladstone High School, adding a state-of-the-art technology, and creation of the Gladstone Center for Children and Families, a hub of early childhood education and social service programs.

“The Gladstone District has gone from ordinary to extraordinary thanks to the leadership, selflessness, and service of our Board, and staff,” said Browning. “They continue to give our community the gift of belonging, safety, and the best educational opportunities, bar none. I am so grateful I had the opportunity to serve.”

**PHOTO:** Gladstone School Board member Denise Browning is resigning after serving for nine years.

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**Gladstone Schools to offer free summer lunch for kids**

With many families struggling in a down economy, Gladstone Schools will again sponsor a free summer lunch program for kids and teens. Funded by the federal government, the program provides all youths with a nutritious lunch.

Hot lunches will be provided at two locations, June 9 to August 1, on Mondays to Fridays (except July 4).

**Gladstone Center for Children & Families**

18905 Portland Avenue

11 a.m. to noon

**Kraxberger Middle School**

17777 Webster Road

11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

This is a drop-in program, and all youths (age 1 to 18) are welcome regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, gender, nationality, or religion.

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**Kraxberger Middle School offers free summer Robotics Workshop**

Kids entering grades 4 to 8 are invited to drop in for a free Robotics Workshop at Kraxberger Middle School, organized by the Gearheads Robotics Club.

The workshop runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon on these summer Thursdays: June 12, 19 & 26 and July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. The group meets in the back portable classroom at Kraxberger Middle School, 17777 Webster Road, in Gladstone. Free lunch is available in the school cafeteria from 11:15 to 12:15 p.m. on these days.

For more information, contact mentor Shawn Price at 503.723.5609.

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**Summer robotics class planned for grades 3 to 8**

Kids entering grades 3 to 8 can learn how to build a robot out of Legos, add motors and sensors, and write programs to make it do tasks. Then build and program your own robot (value \$100+), and compete in competitions. Students will gain practical knowledge of basic electronics and programming while learning problem-solving and critical thinking. The class is taught by Gladstone Robotics advisor James Ward and student mentors.

The class is scheduled for two weekends: July 18-19 and 25-26. The group meets Fridays from 2 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 to 4:30 p.m. The course costs \$169. To register, call 503-650-2570.

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**Story Town offers free summer fun**

Family Stepping Stones presents a weekly summer story time, with crafts, snacks, games, and songs all tied to a classic children’s book.

The group meets Wednesdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Family Stepping Stones, 18907 Portland Avenue in Gladstone. Story times are best for parents and caregivers with

children from birth to 8. One adult must be present for every four children attending.

Space is limited. To register, call Chelsea Hamilton at 503.496.5764 or email [ParentingNowFSS@gmail.com](mailto:ParentingNowFSS@gmail.com).

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**Gladstone Education Foundation seeks garage sale donations, volunteers**

If spring-cleaning led to the discovery that you have *too much stuff*, consider donating clean, gently used household items, clothing, sports equipment, baby gear, books, furniture, office supplies, craft supplies, and collectibles to the Gladstone Education Foundation garage sale.

For item pick up or to volunteer, call Corinne at 503-722-2284 or Kathy at 971-227-2655. All donations are tax-deductible, and all proceeds will benefit students in Gladstone Schools. The garage sale will take place at Gladstone High School on June 13, 14, and 15.

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**Registration begins for August golf fundraiser to benefit 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 four players. To sponsor a hole or to register your team, call Bill Kemnitzer at 503-522-2884 or email [billkemnitzer@aol.com](mailto:billkemnitzer@aol.com).