Gladstone schools invite applicants for fall 2018

The Gladstone School District will admit students from outside district borders for the 2018-19 school year, opening spots for students in kindergarten to grade 10. Applications, due April 1, are available at http://gladstone.k12.or.us

"Gladstone schools are at the heart of our small, close-knit community," said Superintendent Bob Stewart. "We offer an innovative, whole-child education, supporting individual needs while providing a robust array of academic opportunities."

Outstanding programs in Gladstone Schools include:

- Kindergarten science, music, P.E., and art
- Elementary technology, music, library, and P.E.
- Culture of Care and trauma-informed education
- Middle school AVID college readiness program
- 5-day Outdoor School for all sixth graders
- 36 college-level high school courses
- on-site career-technical programs

Each school will offer opportunities for tours or student shadow experiences starting in February. To arrange a tour, contact the school office. For more information, call Natalie Weninger at 503.496.3935.

PHOTO: Gladstone kindergarten students get acquainted with a boa constrictor during their weekly science lesson at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families. The school is focused on the unique needs of the district's youngest students, with on-site family services provided by ten agencies.

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Grant supports Gladstone High robotics team

A \$1,200 grant from the Wal-Mart store on McLoughlin Blvd. will help send Gladstone High School's robotics team to a regional competition this winter.

The team, which took second in a girls tournament this fall, provides a fun way for students to learn fabrication, electronics, and computer programming while building skills in planning, teamwork, marketing, and leadership.

"The experience students get in robotics competitions leads many of them to pursue science and engineering fields in college," said mentor Steve Stewart. "We are grateful for Wal-Mart's support as we approach build season."

PHOTO: Gladstone Robotics Team members Luke Schonneker, Billy Siegle and Katherine Wilmot work on the chassis for their robot.