
Auction donations needed to help Gladstone kids

To raise funds for Gladstone schools and youth programs, the Gladstone Education Foundation plans a dinner and auction on February 20 at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds. This year's event has a "Let's Make Waves" beach theme.

"To make this a success, we need donations of auction items, gift cards, gift baskets and services from businesses and community members," said event organizer Tammy Tracy. "We are hoping to top our last auction, which raised over \$56,000 for Gladstone kids."

Tickets to the event are available for \$40 per person, which includes a Hawaiian luau, a silent auction, and an oral auction. To buy a ticket, donate auction items, or become an event sponsor, contact Tammy Tracy at 503.655.2777.

Schools plans parent night on state tests

Parents who want to learn more about the Smarter Balanced state tests [SBAC] are invited to bring their questions to a Parent Information Night open to parents from any Gladstone school.

The forum will be held on Wednesday, January 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Demo Room at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Avenue. [enter through the Technology/Fine Arts entrance]

The new tests, in their second year, were developed to measure student progress on the Common Core curriculum for math and English Language arts. The tests are given annually in grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11 only.

"Due to changes in the performance task, this year's test will be shorter than last year," said Assessment Coordinator Petra Hoghova.

Gladstone High hosts blood drive

The Key Club at Gladstone High School organized a blood drive January 12, resulting in the donation of 61 units of blood, enough to serve 183 patients. Most blood donors were students, but some community members donated as well.

"I'm proud of our students for making this life-saving contribution to others," said teacher Lynnda Prom. "According to the American Red Cross, our nation needs 41,000 blood donations to meet the daily need. Students feel good that they did their part to help."