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Kindergarten students learn engineering basics

AP Chemistry students from Brian Johnson’s class at Gladstone High shared their science expertise with kindergarten students at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families during a recent hands-on science lesson.

“The children engineered a ramp as they learned about slopes, planes, and slides,” said kindergarten science teacher Kassy Babeckos.

PHOTO: Kindergarteners Bryce Flett and Connor Anderson work with high school student Maya Hegedus on ramp engineering.

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Gladstone High upgrades weight room

The Gladstone High School weight room got a major upgrade thanks to the generous support of local businesses and the Gladstone Education Foundation. The project was led by physical education teachers Emily Smith and Tyler White.

Transco donated new flooring valued at over \$9,000. Eastside Athletic Club donated 20 weight machines and cardiovascular machines and also assisted with equipment set-up. The Gladstone Education Foundation awarded a \$5,000 grant to purchase additional cardiovascular equipment.

“We are grateful to the project donors who helped us transform our vision into reality,” said Smith. “The weight room now serves a broader fitness purpose that supports all our students and staff.”

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Gladstone students plan blood drive

The Gladstone High School Key Club plans a January 23 blood drive. Community members and students are welcome to participate.

The event will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Avenue, in Gladstone. To book an appointment, contact teacher Lynnda Prom at proml@gladstone.k12.or.us.

“Each donation can help up to three people,” said Prom. “Winter is a critical time for blood shortages, so we encourage folks to donate if they can.”

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Gladstone teachers win grant for equity training

The Gladstone Teacher Association [GTA] helped secure a \$4,400 grant from the Oregon Education Association [OEA] to help fund racial equity training for new staff in the Gladstone School District.

“This grant will provide in-depth racial equity training for ten new employees,” said GTA communications director Siri Carlson. “I’m incredibly passionate about taking a deeper look into how we can create school environments and curriculum that best serve all our students. This grant will help continue to move our district in the right direction.”

PHOTO: Gladstone High language arts teacher Siri Carlson is excited that OEA grant funds will bring racial equity training to 10 new school employees.