

Gladstone schools open to transfer students

The Gladstone School District will welcome transfer students for the next school year, and invites families outside the district to apply beginning February 1. Spots are available for 225 students in grades K-12, including 50 openings in kindergarten. Once admitted, students can remain in the district through graduation without reapplying.

“Families appreciate our small school community because this gives teachers a better opportunity to build a personal connection with each student,” said Superintendent Bob Stewart. “From career technical programs to college credit courses, Gladstone High offers choice and opportunity comparable to much larger schools, and our graduation rate is among the best in the state.”

Elementary education includes weekly physical education, technology, music, and library, all taught by specialists. Kraxberger Middle School’s AVID program helps build academic and leadership skills for long-term success. Gladstone’s groundbreaking Culture of Care adds social-emotional learning to give students strategies to work through stress, anxiety, and depression.

To apply or find out more, contact Natalie Weninger at 503-496-3935 or email weningern@gladstone.k12.or.us.

PHOTO: The Gladstone District boasts one of the best graduation rates in the state, with low-income students, Latino/Hispanic students, and students with disabilities all beating the state average by a large margin.

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Kraxberger Gearheads shine at regionals

Several days a week, the Kraxberger Gearheads robotics club gets together to learn programming, electrical wiring, fabrication and teamwork. In January, put their skills to the test at a regional competition in Philomath. Both teams had a strong showing.

Team 8188’s robot ran perfectly, resulting in two wins. Though they did not advance to the semi-final rounds, they captured the first place Inspire Award for their robot’s strong performance and the quality of their engineer book.

Team 8132 had four wins, and the drive team did an amazing job. After a fourth place finish, they advanced to the semi-finals and the finals. They took first place for the Think Award for their creative thinking, second place for the Alliance Award, and third place for the Connect Award. This team advanced to the Super Qualifiers on February 9.

“I’m proud of both our teams for their long term work to prepare for competition,” said mentor Shawn Price. “These teams won several awards for the first time in club history.”

PHOTOS: Kraxberger Middle School’s two robotics teams made a strong showing at the regional competition. Team 8188 [left] was honored with the Inspire Award and Team 8132 will advance to the Super Qualifiers.

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May election provides opportunity for school board service

Three seats on the Gladstone School Board will be up for election on the May ballot. Kristin Eaton serves in position 5. After serving since 2007, Eaton plans to step down in June. Steve Stewart currently holds position 3, and position 4 is currently held by Stacie Moncrief.

To qualify as a candidate, one must be a registered voter who has been a Gladstone School District resident for at least one year. Candidates must file for positions with the county elections office by March 21.

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