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**Rotary supports Gladstone school programs**

Every seventh grader at Kraxberger Middle School will attend a day-long Challenge Day workshop designed to build inclusion and reduce bullying behaviors, thanks to a \$1,500 grant from the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary Club. Additional funds for the project were provided by a grant from the Gladstone Education Foundation.

“Our goal for this program is to bring our school community together by building empathy and understanding,” explained school counselor Kate Keating. “When students take pride in themselves and share ownership of our school, greater academic success will result.”

In addition, the Rotary club gave a \$300 grant to the Kraxberger Gearheads Robotics Club for their work to learn computer programming, fabrication, and electrical wiring in preparation for regional robotics competitions.

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**Gladstone Food Pantry to offer free cooking demonstrations**

Thanks to a \$2,000 HEAL grant from Clackamas County, the Gladstone Food Pantry will launch free cooking demonstrations on the third Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

The first event will be Saturday, February 18 at 10 a.m. in the pantry, located on the north side of Gladstone High School in a portable classroom off Nelson Lane. Featured this month will be Chili Magic, presented by professional nutritionist Stephanie Kurzenhauser. Each attendee will receive a special ingredient to make the recipe.

All are welcome at this free event, whether in need of free food from the pantry or interested in volunteering there. For more information, call Leslie Robinette at 503.974.5077.

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**Family input sought on next Kraxberger principal**

Kraxberger families are invited to join Assistant Superintendent Jeremiah Patterson for a Parent Input Session related to the search for Kraxberger Middle School's next Principal.

Mr. Patterson is eager to hear about parent priorities for the next school leader, and he will share details about the search process. The event is this Thursday, February 9th, at 6 p.m. in the Kraxberger Library.

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**Key Club hosts Parents Night Out child care event**

Gladstone parents seeking a night out to celebrate Valentine’s Day can take advantage of a child care event provided by the Key Club at Gladstone High School. Children will enjoy a night of fun, including pizza, movies, games, crafts, and dodgeball.

The event, for kids age 4 to 11, is Saturday, February 11 from 5 to 9 p.m. in the main gym at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Avenue. The cost is \$15 per child with a \$40 maximum per family. Complete the [Fastpass form at tinyurl.com/zkh89wf](#) and bring it with your payment to the main gym entrance. For more information, contact teacher Lynnda Prom at 503.655.2544, ext. 414.

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### **Middle School Robotics Club plans Open House**

Kraxberger Gearheads Robotics Club proudly announces their 4th annual Open House. We invite you to stop by February 18th, anytime from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the robotics workshop behind the school.

The club will showcase First Tech Challenge, Robots, Robot Building, Engineer Books, Spaceclaim, Tinkercad, 3D Printing, Programming, Electrical wiring-Eagle program and e-recycling.

Mentors and team members will also answer any of your questions about First Tech Challenge, any of the programs we offer, becoming a sponsor, donating e-recycling material, and how students can become a member next fall.

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### **Gladstone Schools invite applicants for fall 2017**

The Gladstone School District will admit students from outside district borders in the 2017-18 school year. Spots are open in kindergarten through grade 10.

“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 academic program.”

Gladstone offers a culture of care, with full-day kindergarten in a unique early childhood center. Elementary school provides weekly classes in technology, music, P.E., and library. Middle school features a 5-day outdoor school, the AVID college-readiness system, and electives from digital media and Chinese to band, Spanish, and building. Gladstone High School offers 36 AP and college credit classes, plus a spectrum of arts and career-technical programs.

Each school will offer opportunities for tours or student shadow experiences starting in February. To arrange for a tour, contact the school office. Applications, due April 1, are available at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/>. For more information, call Natalie Weninger at 503.496.3935.