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The Cat in the Hat needs YOU!

Twenty volunteers are needed for a daylong celebration of books and reading at John Wetten Elementary in Gladstone. Each volunteer will spend 30 minutes reading aloud a picture book to students on March 2 at the school's Everybody Reads event.

To lend a hand, contact Volunteer Coordinator Theresa Schmidt at 503.656.0917 or email schmidtt@gladstone.k12.or.us. Appointments are available on the half hour from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please indicate your teacher or grade level preference, if any. Volunteers may bring their own book to share, or one will be provided for them.

PHOTO: Principal Wendy Wilson goes all out for Everybody Reads Day at John Wetten School, wearing a Cat in the Hat costume. All staff members dress as their favorite storybook characters for the event.

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Students visit Chinese garden

Chinese language students from Gladstone's Kraxberger Middle School took a field trip to the Lan Su Chinese Garden in Portland.

Students toured the garden and learned about Chinese New Year traditions like delivering wishes for good luck and prosperity. The trip was guided by their teacher Qianling Li, part of Portland State University's Confucius Classroom program.

PHOTO: Chinese students Tristian Birchfield-Anttila and Carolin Zollin learned about the Lunar New Year tradition of wishing friends and family good luck and prosperity in the year ahead. Both students are 8th graders at Kraxberger Middle School.