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Gladstone opens kindergarten registration

The Gladstone School District invites families whose children will be age 5 on or before September 1 to register for full day kindergarten at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families [GCCF].

“Kindergarten in our small community is a magical time of exploration and hands-on learning,” said GCCF Director Jere Applebee. “Beyond the foundation of math and reading, we want each student’s first school experience to include art, science, music, P.E., play, and social skills.”

The March into Kindergarten registration event is Tuesday, March 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 18905 Portland Avenue. Children and their families will receive a classroom visit, a school bus ride, registration packets, and a chance to win a raffle prize.

The GCCF is a state-of-the-art school designed to meet the unique needs of young learners. Besides classrooms and playgrounds, it offers an array of medical, dental, mental health, and family services located on-site. For more information, contact Heidi Smith at 503.496.3939.

Those seeking information about school transfers can contact Natalie Weninger at weningern@gladstone.k12.or.us.

PHOTO: Gladstone kindergarten students examine a snake during a science lesson with Rich Ritchey, “the Reptile Man.”

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Gladstone High cheer team wins state championship

Gladstone High School is the state 4A cheerleading state champion, after an athletic performance that included back flips, synchronized jumps, innovative choreography, and stunts. The team achieved a decisive victory, beating second place Newport and third place Sweet Home by more than 10 points.

"Our goal from day one was to win a State Championship," said coach Shelby Tracy. "We made a commitment early on to hold each other accountable to the things that make us champions. That has meant showing up every day for each other over ourselves, pushing our limits when we felt like we couldn't, and being each other's biggest cheerleaders along the way."

The team is already planning their next competition at Jamz School Cheer Nationals in Las Vegas, where they will compete in the Show Cheer and Sideline/Game Day divisions on February 21 and 22.

PHOTO: The Gladstone High School cheer team won the 4A state championship and plans to compete at nationals in Los Vegas this month.