

Gladstone students recognized at Skills Competition

Students from Gladstone High turned out in force to compete at the Clackamas Regional Skills Competition, an event that provides students an opportunity to showcase the skills and knowledge they have learned in career-technical classes. Winners receive tuition waivers for classes at Clackamas Community College.

Gladstone winners included:

- Sasithorn Xu: First Place, Graphic Design
- Olivia Black: Second Place, Journalism Photography
- Morghan Rash: Third Place, Theater Monolog
- Kristina Price: Honorable Mention, Amazing Race Drawing Contest

Gladstone High School offers 26 on-site career technical classes, from engineering technology, robotics, and medical terminology to computer-aided design and video production. Most of these classes include the opportunity to earn college credits while in high school. The district welcomes transfer students from outside the district. For more information, call Natalie Weninger at 503.496.3935.

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Gladstone kids join national reading celebration

Dr. Seuss characters like the Lorax, Yurtle the Turtle, and the Sneetches came to life in the imaginations of children across Gladstone as schools participated in Everybody Reads Day.

Kindergarten students at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families had Gladstone police officers and firefighters read stories in classrooms and during lunch, as they enjoyed green eggs and ham prepared by the school cooks.

This Friday at John Wetten Elementary, staff members will dress up as their favorite children's book characters, from Madeline and Waldo to the Cat in the Hat and Cinderella. Special guest readers will include Timber Joey, Representative Mark Meek, Representative Alan Olsen, and Gladstone's new interim police chief, Kim Yamashita.

"My students always love Everybody Reads Day," said first grade teacher Liz Watkins. "They especially enjoy dressing up as their favorite book character and having the chance to read all day."

PHOTO: Gladstone Mayor Tammy Stemple reads a book to kindergarten students.