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**Public invited to review proposed math texts**

A team of teachers from John Wetten Elementary spent months reviewing best practices and testing math teaching strategies before recommending that the Gladstone school board adopt Bridges as the new math curriculum for kindergarten through grade five. The program uses visual models so students can show their work and explain their thinking.

Parents and community members are invited to review and comment on the instructional materials at the Gladstone District Office, 17789 Webster Road, March 14 to April 10 during business hours. The School Board will review public comments and make a decision on the new curriculum at their April 10 Board meeting.

**PHOTO: After a teaching trial of different math programs, a team of elementary teachers recommends the Bridges math curriculum for use by Gladstone students.**

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**Gladstone Education Foundation honored by school board**

The Gladstone School Board presented the Growing Great People Award to the Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF], a non-profit that raises funds to support school and youth programs.

“The foundation has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants for innovative classroom projects,” said Principal Wendy Wilson. “Our teachers feel empowered having extra classroom funding to take student learning to the next level.”

The GEF’s next fundraiser is the Growing Great People Dinner and Auction on April 6, with more than 300 attendees expected. To make a donation, contact Tammy Tracy at 503.655.2777.

**PHOTO: School Board Vice Chair Jay Schmidt presents the Growing Great People Award to Gladstone Education Foundation board member Corinne Milano and President Terry Marsh.**

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**Gladstone Schools announces calendar for next school year**

The Gladstone School Board approved the calendar for the 2019-20 school year. As in the past, school will begin after Labor Day.

“School attendance is very important to student success,” said Assistant Superintendent Jeremiah Patterson. “We are releasing the calendar early to allow families to schedule trips at times when children won’t miss school.”

Copies of the new calendar will soon be sent to all families and posted on the district website.

**Key dates for students in 2019-20**

**September 3** — First school day for grades K to 6 and grade 9

**September 4** — First school day for grades 7-8 and 10-12

**October 11** — No School

**November 11** — Veterans Day holiday

**November 25 to 29** — Thanksgiving Break

**December 23 to January 6** — Winter Break

**January 20** — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**February 17** — Presidents Day holiday

**March 23 to 27** — Spring Break

**April 20** — No School

**May 25** — Memorial Day holiday

**June 12** — Last day of school/graduation