
Gladstone Schools receive grants

In April, the Gladstone Education Foundation awarded seven grants to the four schools in the Gladstone District. The funds, totaling over \$5,500, will support innovative curriculum, summer enrichment programs, and an athletic facility improvement.

“Gladstone teachers are creative, and that keeps students engaged and learning at a higher level,” said GEF Grant Giving Chair Leslie Robinette.

Projects supported include:

- Family literacy night for struggling readers
- Math manipulatives for second graders
- Children’s activities at the summer lunch program
- Flocabulary subscription for fourth graders
- Maglev vehicles for a middle school elective class
- Kindle Fire tablets for first graders
- Renovation of the baseball bullpens at Gladstone High

This school year, GEF has provided over \$26,000 to support Gladstone schools and youth programs. To fund next year’s grants, the Foundation plans two events: The annual GEF Golf Tournament will take place at noon on Wednesday, July 26 at Stone Creek Golf Course. The GEF Dinner & Auction is set for 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 21 at the World of Speed in Wilsonville.

To sponsor an event, to order tickets, or to donate auction and raffle items, contact Tammy Tracy at tracyt@gladstone.k12.or.us or call her at 503.655.2777.

PHOTO: Seventh graders at Kraxberger Middle School participate in Challenge Day, an anti-bullying workshop funded by a grant from the Gladstone Education Foundation.

Gladstone High wins bronze award

Gladstone High School was honored with a 2017 Bronze Award from U.S. News and World Report. The small school is known for it’s whole-child approach and wide array of course options.

The award recognizes college preparedness and state test achievement well above expectations from a student body that includes 40 percent low-income students and 26 percent disadvantaged by race.

“We’re proud that students beat the state average on standardized tests by 15 percent in math

and 14 percent in English,” said Principal Kevin Taylor. “Our goal is to keep pushing to boost achievement even higher next year.”

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Gladstone invites fall kindergarteners to register

Children turning age five by September 1 are invited to register for kindergarten. To get an application packet, drop by the Gladstone Center for Children and Families [GCCF] at 18905 Portland Avenue or call Heidi Smith at 503.496.3939.

“Families are urged to register as soon as possible so we can get to know their child’s unique needs and prepare for them to join our school community,” said Carol Kemhus, Gladstone kindergarten director.

Families are invited to turn in their completed registration packets on Monday, June 5 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. or from 5 to 7 p.m. at the GCCF.

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Gladstone run offers special rates

A community run and walk in Gladstone will raise funds for a Gladstone High scholarship while celebrating the memory of local runner, Winterhawk Semler. The event will take place on Saturday, June 3, from 8 a.m. to noon at Gladstone High School’s Dick Baker Stadium, 18800 Portland Avenue.

The format is for student and adult teams of five, with each person running or walking for 30 minutes in succession, and the final person running for 40 minutes. In addition, a solo walk event is included, with individuals walking the full 2 hours and 40 minutes. Runners and walkers will have separate lanes.

To register, visit the event website at <https://hawkstrun.racedirector.com/>. Registration costs \$200 per running team or \$45 per walker for those who register by May 23, with a \$25 discount for student teams. Those who don’t participate but want to donate to the scholarship fund can do so at <https://hawkstrun.racedirector.com/donate>.

Special rates are offered for those who choose the no-shirt option at pre-registration:
\$150 for teams of 5
\$35 for solo participants

Raffle prizes will be announced for participants every 15 minutes. Prizes will be awarded for top solo and team competitors.

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Middle schoolers stage comedy

The drama club at Kraxberger Middle School staged a comedy, performing Almost History: That Whole Space Time Continuum Thing. Over 250 people attended the group’s two performances.

“The kids did a terrific job, keeping the pace moving and making the audience chuckle at well-delivered lines,” said teacher Laura Fuller. “We’re grateful to the crew, who did good work transitioning quickly between set changes.”

To join the drama club, students should contact Ms. Fuller at fuller@gladstone.k12.or.us.

PHOTO: The cast and crew of Kraxberger Middle School’s spring play celebrate after a successful performance run.

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Gladstone High sponsors free gardening workshop

The non-profit FoodWaves and the Gladstone High’s Gardeners of the Galaxy Club will be at the high school gardens on Saturday, May 6th, from 10 a.m. to noon teaching families, staff, students, and community members about Gardening like a Farmer.

“Beginners can get dirty and learn how to feed soil, plant seeds and starts correctly, and learn proper watering techniques to grow as much fresh, nutritious produce as possible,” said FoodWaves farmer Matt Brown.

Experienced gardeners can tour the garden and learn how to participate in the community gardening project, which provides food to the Gladstone Food Pantry and the Gladstone High School cafeteria.

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Gladstone High to host blood drive

The Key Club at Gladstone High School will host a blood drive on Tuesday, May 2, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is welcome to participate. To make an appointment, email teacher Lynnda Prom at proml@gladstone.k12.or.us. Drop in blood donors are also welcome.