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Volunteers from 6 churches spruce up Gladstone Schools

August 16, in lieu of attending church, Gladstone’s faith community turned out in force to work at all four Gladstone schools, spiffing up the school grounds to prepare for the arrival of students in September.

Some 175 volunteers helped in the Clothes Closet, pulled weeds, spread bark mulch, and did painting projects.

“Seeing how many folks turned out to help our schools is visible proof of how much this community values Gladstone kids,” said project coordinator Ted Yates. “We are super grateful for their help!”

Participants in the event included Saint Stephen’s Lutheran Church, Tri-City Baptist Temple, Gospel Fellowship Community Church, Gladstone First Baptist, Gladstone Church of the Nazarene, and Gladstone Christian Church.

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Gladstone grad wins college scholarship

Andra Breshears, a 2015 graduate of Gladstone High is the recipient of a \$1,000 college scholarship from the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary. She plans to attend Clackamas Community College this fall.

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Oregon Food Bank partners with Gladstone Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at Gladstone High School is the 25th school-based food pantry to partner with the Oregon Food Bank.

The partnership will bring weekly deliveries of food to Gladstone at no cost to the school district. This will enable the Food Pantry to provide a broad range of foods beyond canned goods and non-perishables, including meats, produce, frozen items, and dairy products.

“Expanding the food pantry allows us to provide better nutrition to kids so they can focus on learning instead of hunger,” said Gladstone High Principal Natalie Osburn.

The food pantry is open to any family in need on Thursdays from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. It is located near the greenhouse behind Gladstone High School off Nelson Lane.

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Fall recreation guide offers fun and learning for all ages

Whether interested in sports, martial arts, and dance, or music, art, and driver education, community members can choose from over 150 fall options offered through the Gladstone Community

Education program. The program includes offerings for kids, teens, adults, and seniors.

“Students involved in after school activities have better academic success,” explained John Wetten Principal Wendy Wilson. “Whether kids choose ballet, guitar, Tai kwon do, or soccer, afterschool activities expand opportunities for friendships, and fun while connecting youths with adult mentors.”

A course catalog and on-line registration are available here: <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/district-departments/community-education/>. For more information, call 503.650.2570.

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Free classes help parents with little ones

Moms, dads, and loving caregivers of children six and under can benefit from a series of opportunities provided at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Avenue in Gladstone.

Parenting Now is a series of monthly drop-in classes on Thursday evenings from September through June. Free dinner and childcare are always provided. To register, contact Chelsea Hamilton at 503.367.9116.

Choices include:

Beautiful Babies: For parents of children under 12 months old, this class meets first Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Topics include child development milestones, parenting styles, self-care for parents, sleeping, feeding, and playing with your baby.

Terrific Toddlers: For parents of children age 1, 2, or 3, this class meets second Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Topics include toilet training, child safety, positive discipline, learning through play, and encouraging language and social development.

Growing Up: For parents of children age 3 to 6, this class meets third Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Topics include school readiness and adjustments, healthy screen time, nutrition, love languages, and positive sibling and peer relationships.

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School lunch prices rise at John Wetten and Kraxberger

Lunch prices will rise slightly this fall at John Wetten Elementary and Kraxberger Middle School. The increase is needed to keep pace with rising food prices.

At John Wetten, the lunch price will be \$2.25, and at Kraxberger, lunch will be \$2.50. Breakfast prices, milk prices, and lunch prices at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families and Gladstone High will remain the same as last year.