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\$27,000 supports Outdoor School for Gladstone Kids

For forty-one years, sixth grade Outdoor School has been a rite of passage in Gladstone Schools. This year, thanks to grant support from the Gray Family Foundation and Metro, that tradition will continue.

This year the Gray Family Foundation contributed \$14,500, and Metro contributed over \$12,600.

“We are so grateful for this support,” said Outdoor School Coordinator Jill Cone. “For many students, this is their first camp experience.”

This spring, sixth graders from Kraxberger Middle School will travel to the Twin Rock Friends Camp to spend a week exploring the ecology of beaches, dunes, lakes, and forests. Along the way, they pack in lessons on sustainability, art, history, and writing.

PHOTO: Student Demontae’ Burns works on a natural art project during Kraxberger’s Outdoor School last April.

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Golf tournament raises \$13,000 for Gladstone kids

The Gladstone Education Foundation’s recent golf tournament raised over \$13,000 to support school and youth programs in the community.

“We’re grateful to all the alumni, school staff, and community members who braved the heat to support Gladstone kids,” said GEF Executive Director Tammy Tracy. “This was the biggest golf tournament we’ve ever had, with several more teams than the year before.”

Funds raised will support grants for classroom projects, staff development, afterschool activities, and family support programs in Gladstone.

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John Wetten teacher crowd-sources computers

Ashley Black knows that having computers in her classroom would help students learn better. That’s why the third grade teacher at Gladstone’s John Wetten Elementary has launched a crowd-funding effort on Donor’s Choose.

“With Chrome books in the classroom, children can improve their writing skills, and learn research skills, too,” said Black. “I’m excited about the possibilities.”

To donate to the project, visit:

<http://www.donorschoose.org/project/treckin-into-technology/1635452/>

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Cross country teams run in the mud

Kraxberger Middle School's Cross Country team joined the Gladstone High School team for an overnight trip to the Ultimook Race in Tillamook. The teams camped out Friday night, then Saturday morning the runners competed in a three-kilometer race.

"The course involved running through fields, fording rivers, and crossing a giant mud pit," said Kraxberger coach Kailey Sears.

PHOTO: Students from Gladstone High and Kraxberger Middle School participated in Oregon's muddiest cross-country event, the Ultimook Race in Tillamook.