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### **Gladstone Schools invites applicants for Technology Planning Team**

The Gladstone School Board seeks applicants for a Technology Planning Team to develop a framework for technology use in Gladstone schools. The team of 40 will include parents, community members, and district employees.

With the help of professional facilitators, the team will consider a range of technology issues from student needs, device systems, and teaching techniques to professional development needs, and decision-making. Presenters and provocateurs will help the group to think outside the box.

The committee will meet for 8 evening sessions, on October 14, November 4 and 18, December 2, January 6 and 20, and February 3 and 17. Meetings will include an orientation session, two sessions exploring technology uses, and a briefing on the district's current technology & its uses. The last three sessions will be spent crafting a framework for short and long-term technology decisions for our schools.

"We plan to include a wide range of technology experience from novice to expert," said Board Vice Chair Sharon Soliday. "We hope Gladstone residents with inquiring minds will apply for this opportunity to create the best possible 21st Century learning experiences for Gladstone students."

Applicants should complete the on-line form by September 26 at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSDtech](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSDtech). Contact Lennie Bjornsen at 503.780.2658 with any questions, or to receive a paper copy of the application form.

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### **Donation to art classes supports ceramics program**

Ceramics students at Gladstone High are excited about a recent donation to the program, which will support a number of art projects this fall.

Gay Liebert donated 750 pounds of clay and \$200 for ceramics supplies to the school

"We are grateful to see this support for our popular visual arts program," said art teacher Chris Rich. "I look forward to displaying student work in our school gallery to inspire other students to take art classes."

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### **Teacher from China joins Gladstone School District**

This week, teacher Miao Fan traveled nearly 6,000 miles from her home in Shaoshan, China to join the teaching team in the Gladstone School District.

A former journalist, she has taught for eight years at Datong Primary School in China's Hunan Province.

Besides teaching, Ms. Fan is skilled in a number of Chinese arts, including calligraphy, paper cutting, Chinese cuisine, tea art, and recitation.

She will be teaching students Chinese culture and introducing them to the Mandarin language at John Wetten Elementary, the Gladstone Center for Children and Families, and Kraxberger Middle School.

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**Gladstone vs. Gladstone: An Australian volleyball team visits Gladstone High**

In what has become a biannual tradition, the Gladstone State High School volleyball team from Australia will visit Oregon's Gladstone High School on Monday. The team will participate in home stays with the Oregon team, and spend a day attending American-style classes. This is the fourth visit by the team in the past eight years.

"This is a fun experience for the girls to build friendships that cross national borders," said Athletic Secretary Denise Durkee. "There are always tears when they say goodbye."

The visit culminates in a Gladstone vs. Gladstone volleyball match, with Australia's Sharks going up against Oregon's Gladiators. All are welcome to attend the game, scheduled for 6 p.m. in the gym at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Avenue.

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**High Rocks Hawaiian luau to raise funds for Outdoor School**

Gladstone's High Rocks restaurant plans a Hawaiian feast as a fundraiser for the Outdoor School at Kraxberger Middle School. A full 100 percent of proceeds will go to benefit the program, which sends sixth graders to a week-long environmental learning camp in Rockaway.

The event will take place at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23 at High Rocks Restaurant, 915 E. Arlington Street in Gladstone. Dinner costs \$10 per adult and \$5 for kids 12 and under.

The buffet dinner includes Hawaiian roast pig, salads, fruit, bread, and desserts. Beverages and bar drinks will be charged separately.

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**Free parent course to start in October**

Parents hoping to improve family communications, boost student motivation, and build effective discipline strategies will learn that and more at a free, 4-week parent course from Northwest Family Services. The class is intended for parents with children age four to 11.

Parent Power will be offered at John Wetten Elementary School from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday nights, October 7, 14, 21, and 28. Free childcare will be provided. The school is located at 250 East Exeter Street in Gladstone.

To register, visit [www.lastingrelationships.org](http://www.lastingrelationships.org) or call 503.546.6377.

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