

Thursday events offer fun and learning

Children six and under are invited to participate with caregivers in free enrichment activities designed to help toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergarten students get ready for school. Each child attending will receive a free book each visit.

The events take place from 4:15 to 5 p.m. each Thursday at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Avenue in Gladstone. Here's the schedule:

1st Thursdays: **Story Hour** is a chance to share books and learning activities with a different theme each month.

2nd Thursdays: **Activity Hour** offers games, movement and fun with peers and caregivers. Children can build social skills, language skills, and coordination while making new friends.

3rd Thursdays: **STEAM Hour** gives kids a chance to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, working on hands-on, age-appropriate projects with a parent or caregiver.

4th Thursdays: **Science Hour** allows children to explore science through fun, hands-on activities such as building structures, studying motion, and making hypotheses.

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School offers part time jobs for college students

College students are needed to serve as tutors in the AVID high school and college success program at Kraxberger Middle School in Gladstone. Tutors will work with a small group of students two afternoons a week, serving as guides to understanding classwork through questioning, thinking, and discussion.

"This is a win-win opportunity for all involved," said program coordinator Lennie Bjornsen. "The middle schoolers benefit from young mentors who can share their college experiences, and the tutors gain valuable experience that helps them build their resume."

Strong writing, math, and science skills are required. Paid training will be provided. The job pays \$11.25 per hour. To apply, contact Lennie Bjornsen at bjornsenl@gladstone.k12.or.us.

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Burgerville night to raise funds for Gladstone Food Pantry

A dine-out night at Gladstone Burgerville is planned to raise funds for the Gladstone Food Pantry. The event will take place from 5 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10 at 19119 SE McLoughlin Blvd.

A portion of proceeds will support the food pantry's work to provide free food to struggling families in the community. The volunteer-run effort serves 150 people each week through a partnership between the Oregon Food Bank and Gladstone Schools.