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Rotary delivers free dictionaries

Continuing a long tradition, the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary club last week distributed free dictionaries to all third grade students at John Wetten Elementary, Cascade Heights Public Charter School, and Rivergate Adventist Academy.

Project organizer Baldwin van der Bijl shared with students his personal story of using a dictionary to learn English as a child emigrant to the United States.

“Students were excited to discover that their new dictionary includes the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, maps, solar system facts, and sign language,” said teacher Kaitlyn Gillies. “They have been hard at work searching for the longest word.”

PHOTO CAPTION: Mrs. Gillies’ third grade class shows off their new dictionaries, a gift from the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary club.

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Campus visit builds publication skills

Twenty journalism and yearbook students from Gladstone High visited the University of Oregon in October for a publications conference with high schoolers from across Oregon.

“Students were impressed how much they learned,” said teacher Siri Carlson. “They spent the day in workshops with journalism and media experts who shared cutting edge strategies for publications.”

Photo caption: Gladstone High students learned new skills and explored career options in journalism during a day at the University of Oregon.

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Students honor seniors with dinner and a show

Gladstone seniors age 62 and up are invited to a special event at Gladstone High School. They will be treated to a free spaghetti dinner served by the Key Club, and free admission to the dress rehearsal of The Crucible, the school’s fall play.

The event is set for Thursday, November 17, with dinner at 5 p.m. and the show at 6:30 p.m. Each senior is welcome to bring a guest. To attend, please contact teacher Lynnda Prom at proml@gladstone.k12.or.us or call her at 503.655.2544.

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Gladstone groups team up for holiday giving

Gladstone’s Adopt-a-Family effort will again work to help struggling families this holiday season, providing food and toys to 135 families. Partners in the effort include the Gladstone Fire Department, Gladstone Schools, Gladstone Kiwanis, and Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary.

“We will place blue donation barrels at businesses across the community, starting with the Gladstone Fire Station and the Gladstone Public Library,” said fire fighter Izaak Thoman.

“We are counting on the generosity of our community to fill them to the brim with new toys and food.”

To support the effort, the fire fighters will hold a toy drive at the Clackamas Target on Saturday, December 3. Cash donations will be accepted at the Gladstone Fire Station.

Families in need of assistance should sign up via Clackamas County Compassion in Action by December 6.