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Giving thanks

A message from Superintendent Bob Stewart

November 21, 2017

With Thanksgiving, we kick off the holiday season with an important theme: gratitude. Our school district has a great deal to be thankful for.

You may not be aware of this, but 14 different non-profit agencies work behind the scenes to support our Gladstone students. While we provide education, what they provide is equally important: food and clothing, books, gardening skills, community events, preschool education, health services, mentors, counseling, classroom supports, after school programs, and more. Detailed information and links are found on our website at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/givingtuesday/>

There are so many holiday traditions in the modern era: Black Friday shopping, followed by Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday. But there's a new tradition that is taking root – It's called [#GivingTuesday](#).

[#GivingTuesday](#) is an opportunity to contribute to worthy causes across our community. This holiday season, Gladstone Schools will say thank you to our many partners by promoting this opportunity on November 28 and beyond.

I'd like to invite you to consider making a donation to any of the non-profits that support Gladstone's children. You may want to follow our [#GivingTuesday](#) campaign on Facebook.

Organizations that support Gladstone Schools:

- [Clackamas Bookshelf](#)
- [FoodWaves](#)
- [Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet](#)
- [Gladstone Education Foundation](#)
- [Gladstone Food Pantry](#)
- [Gladstone Public Library Foundation](#)
- [Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary Foundation](#)
- [Head Start](#)
- [Kiwanis Club of Gladstone/Oak Grove](#)
- [Lifeworks Northwest](#)
- [Northwest Family Services](#)
- [Oregon Food Bank](#)
- [SMART](#)
- [Teaching Preschool Partners](#)

If you cannot donate at this time but have a need to access services, try 211. It is free guidance and information about health and social services. You may dial 211, text your zip code to 898211, visit their website 211info.org or email help@211info.org. All inquiries are confidential.

I wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Bob Stewart
Superintendent

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Gladstone Adopt-a-Family holiday giving underway

Four groups are joining efforts on a holiday giving project that will serve over 100 Gladstone families this December. Partners include the Gladstone Fire Department, Gladstone Schools, Kiwanis of Gladstone/Oak Grove, and Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary.

The group seeks donations of non-perishable foods and toys as well as gloves, hats, and blankets. Blue donation barrels are at these Gladstone locations:

- Gladstone Public Library
- Gladstone Police Department
- U.S. Bank
- Latus Motors
- YMCA child care center
- Baskin Robbins
- Mr. Rooter
- Air Stream
- Somerset Retirement Community [8330 or 8360 Cason Road]
- Hamilton’s Appliance
- Gladstone Family Dental

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Education Foundation grants benefit Gladstone kids

This month the Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF] awarded nearly \$21,000 to support 19 school and community projects.

“Thanks to the success of our auction in October, we were able to award nearly \$6,000 more than planned,” said GEF President Terry Marsh. “We are so grateful to the staff and community members who attended and supported that event.”

Funding went to all four schools in the district as well as two non-profits, the Clackamas Bookshelf and the Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet. The grants will provide funding to support technology in the classroom, technology in the library, art equipment, science materials, construction materials, learning tools for ELL students, photography

equipment, weights for high school students, Master clinicians for band students at two schools, and more.

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Car dealers support John Wetten Elementary

Students at John Wetten Elementary will benefit from two grants awarded by local car dealers. Carlos Martinez, general manager of Town and Country Honda, first presented a check for \$1,000 from Northwest Honda Dealers, and then matched it with a \$1,000 grant from his local dealership.

Martinez said the school was chosen for the grant because of its dedicated teachers and strong base of parent volunteers.

“We found not only a hard working school, but also one that could really benefit from the money,” said Martinez. “We love supporting the families in any way possible and watching our Gladstone community continue to grow.”

“We are very grateful for this gift,” said Principal Wendy Wilson. “As a school working to meet the diverse needs of students, this will help us provide supplies, program support, and equipment.”

PHOTO: Carlos Martinez, general manager of Town and County Honda, presents Principal Wendy Wilson with a grant for John Wetten Elementary.

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