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### **Gladstone Education Foundation awards grants**

The Gladstone Education Foundation this week awarded 14 grants totaling more than \$20,400 to support a wide array of projects benefiting Gladstone students.

“We are delighted to support so many innovative projects to support school and youth programs,” said Board Member Leslie Robinette. “From science and the arts to literacy and enrichment programs, our goal is meeting children’s needs in and outside the classroom.”

To help fund additional grants this spring, community members are invited to attend the GEF auction, planned for February 20 at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds. Auction donations are also needed. For sponsorship, tickets, or more information, contact Tammy Tracy at 503-655-2777.

Winners included:

<b>School</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Applicant</b>
<i>Gladstone High School</i>	\$2,000	Non-Eurocentric Social Studies Class	Ben Bruhn
	\$280	Document cameras for art demos	Chris Rich
	\$1,800	Effective Photojournalism	Siri Carlson
<i>Kraxberger Middle School</i>	\$356	Felix Writing Project	Patti Bisenius
	\$1,390	Clay Slab Roller for Tile Mural Project	Audrey Delgado
	\$863	6 <sup>th</sup> grade AVID Trip to 3 Universities	Tauna Tattum
	\$940	Indoor Soccer & Volleyball	Becky Lukens
<i>John Wetten Elementary</i>	\$1,400	Leveled Literacy Take-Home Books	Casey Wendling
	\$400	After School Enrichment Programs	Theresa Schmidt
	\$620	iPad Minis for Positive Behavior Support	Katy Kaufman
<i>Gladstone Center for Children &amp; Families</i>	\$4,100	Early Childhood Science Initiative	Christina Alquisira
	\$780	Cookies, Cocoa & Carols Family Night	Melinda Johnson
<i>The Clackamas Bookshelf</i>	<u><a href="#">\$1,000</a></u>	To give free books to low-income children	
<i>Northwest Family Services</i>	\$4,481	Summer enrichment program for grades 5-8	

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### **Lunch Buddy mentors needed**

The Lunch Buddy program in Gladstone is seeking volunteers to work one-on-one with elementary students, sharing lunch and recess time with a child once a week or twice a month during the school year.

“This is an opportunity to change the life of a child. Our experience shows that students with adult mentors have better attendance and are more likely to succeed in school,” said Volunteer Coordinator Theresa Schmidt. “Also, kids with mentors are less likely to use drugs and alcohol.”

To volunteer, complete an on-line application at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/parents/volunteer-opportunities/>. For more information, call Theresa Schmidt at 503.656.6564.

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**Kraxberger plans Santa breakfast fundraiser**

Help support Kraxberger Middle School’s 8<sup>th</sup> grade party by attending an pancake breakfast with Santa on December 12 at Applebees Restaurant, 15640 SE Happy Valley Town Center Drive, from 8 to 10 a.m.

It's a great opportunity to enjoy a yummy breakfast and get holiday pictures with Santa taken care of without the long lines or expensive fees.

Tickets cost \$10 and must be purchased before the event. They will be on sale December 5 at the GHS wrestling tournament. Tickets are also on sale in the Kraxberger office on school days from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Mindy Christopher at 503-933-5915.