

### Sixth grade scientists reveal research findings

How well can rats smell? Which foods do cats prefer? What ingredients make the best slime? Which soft drink is the most explosive when shaken? Sixth grade scientists at Kraxberger Middle School did research to find out.

Students displayed their research projects at a science fair on December 5, explaining their research process and results to those touring the exhibit.

“For some students, this was their first independent scientific research,” said teacher Jill Cone. “They learned how to make a hypothesis, collect and analyze data, and determine whether their hypothesis was correct. Because they chose their own topics, they were very excited about the process.”

**PHOTO: Rose Kurzenhauser answers questions about her research on rats’ sense of smell.**

**PHOTO: Garrett Tysor presents a slide show about his research on the explosive qualities of soda pop.**

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### Gladstone school weather closures announced in many ways

Winter weather can be unpredictable, so the Gladstone School District has many ways to make families aware of a late-start or school closure due to extreme weather. Usually the district announces schedule and/or bus route changes by 6 a.m. Here’s how:

- 1) **Radio & TV:** Any last minute changes in the school schedule will be posted on the websites of Portland area news media.
- 2) **The Gladstone Schools Facebook page:** “Like” us at <https://www.facebook.com/GladstoneSchoolDistrict>
- 3) **School websites:** Check the district website at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/>, or visit your school website.
- 4) **Sign up for Flash Alerts:** Receive an email as soon as the Superintendent posts a change in the school schedule. Visit <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/calendars/school-closures/> and follow the directions to sign up.
- 5) **Receive an email & automated from Gladstone Schools:** Our *School Connects* information system will send you an email when we announce a school closure or delay. To update your email address or phone number, call your school office.
- 6) **News Blast email** to our list serve subscribers. To sign up for the Weekly News Blast, go to <http://ow.ly/KoAF30gXckU>

**Snow bus routes** are listed here: <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/snow-routes/>

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### Free cooking demo offered

Learn to make crispy vegetable fritters, a delicious side dish for holiday meals. The free cooking

demonstration will be held on Saturday, December 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. All attendees will be provided with the recipe, and ingredients to make the dish at home.

All are welcome, whether they come for free food or to donate food. The Gladstone Food Pantry is located behind Gladstone High School off Nelson Lane.

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