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Gladstone students donate to Clothes Closet

Students at Gladstone High School last week gathered over 3,500 clothing items for the Gladstone Youth Clothes Closet, including many packages of new socks.

The Gladstone Youth Clothes Closet provides free clothing and shoes to youths from birth to age 18. In 2015, the facility provided clothes to 633 children, up substantially from the 435 served in 2014.

“We are grateful to get so many nice donations,” said Clothes Closet coordinator LaRae Applebee. “Our volunteers will need some time to wash and sort all these items, so we are urging the community to hold off on donations until after spring break.”

Run by five church partners, the Clothes Closet is open from 3 to 5 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon on the Gladstone High Campus, with easy access via Nelson Lane.

PHOTO: Gladstone High seniors Kat Kerr, Noelle Basham, and December Mason sort items donated during the school clothing drive.

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Auction donations will support school projects, youth programs

The Gladstone Education Foundation seeks donations of gift baskets, gift cards, auction items, and services for its February 20th auction. All proceeds will benefit Gladstone schools and youth programs.

“We are hoping the community turns out in force to donate this event,” said Executive Director Tammy Tracy. “We are hoping for donations of vacation home use, gift baskets, services, event tickets, gift cards, and more! We also need event sponsors to help us raise over \$50,000 for Gladstone kids.”

Event tickets [\$40 per person or \$320 for a table of 8] are selling fast, but some tables remain for the auction and luau dinner. To make a reservation, call Tammy Tracy at 503.655.2777. “Let’s Make Waves” is the event theme, and beach attire is encouraged.

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Job Search classes offered in February

Those who hope to find a job in the new year can get help with their job search process through a series of free February workshops presented by Work Source Clackamas. Three courses will be provided at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Avenue.

The courses will be offered on the following dates from 6 to 8 p.m.:
February 15: Job Search Success -- six ways to access the hidden job market
February 16: Resume Ready – 10 ways to revitalize your resume
February 17: Acing the Interview – 10 interview game changers

Five additional workshops are available in Canby, Oregon City, Sandy, Milwaukie, and Wilsonville.

To register, create an iMatchSkills account at www.imatchskills.org and bring identification when visiting the Work Source Center [506 High Street in Oregon City] to complete the full enrollment process. For more information, call 971.673.6400, ext. 22473.

Gladstone schools invite open enrollment for 2016-17

The Gladstone School Board voted to admit students from outside district borders in the 2016-17 school year, with open enrollment spots for students from kindergarten through grade 10. Applications, due April 1, are available at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/>. For more information, call Natalie Weninger at 503.496.3935.

“As a friendly, small town community, Gladstone offers an innovative, caring education experience,” explained Superintendent Bob Stewart. “We work to serve the whole child, supporting individual needs while providing a robust academic program. Our small size means we can take the time to know each student.”

Gladstone’s full-day kindergarten will open spots at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, a technology-rich program including weekly instruction in music, science, art, and physical education.

John Wetten Elementary will open spots in grades 1 to 5. The school provides weekly technology education, music, P.E., Chinese, and library time. Afterschool programs include art, science, and choir, plus clubs ranging from Chinese and robotics to woodworking and golf.

Kraxberger Middle School will open spots in grades 6 to 8. The school uses the AVID college-readiness system. Electives include art, band, choir, Spanish, and Chinese. After school programs include drama and robotics, plus intramural volleyball, cross country, and basketball.

Gladstone High will open spots in grades 9 and 10. The small, college preparatory school is known for having 36 college level courses, on-site career-technical electives, and Mandarin Chinese. Over 64 percent of students participate in sports, the arts, and activities ranging from robotics to Key Club. Academic support programs include after-school tutoring and Saturday School.

Each school will offer opportunities for tours or student shadow experiences starting in February. To arrange for a tour, contact the school office.