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### **Middle school families flock to Mad Science Night**

Kraxberger Middle School's Mad Science Night gave students and families a chance to try some hands-on science experiments, from launching trebuchets and driving robots to making non-Newtonian fluids, exploring 3-D printing, and testing maglev vehicles.

"The event was coordinated by our science department and our AVID college-readiness program," said Principal Len Reed. "This was a fun opportunity for families to engage in learning together."

**PHOTO: Kraxberger 8<sup>th</sup> grader Haidyn Lucas makes slime, a non-Newtonian fluid.**

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### **Gladstone schools announce calendar for next school year**

The Gladstone School Board approved the calendar for the 2018-19 school year. As in the past, school will begin after Labor Day. A copy of the calendar is available at:<http://gladstone.k12.or.us/2018-19-calendar/>

"By releasing the calendar well in advance of the next school year, our hope is that families can plan travel in ways that do not impact school attendance," said district spokesperson Leslie Robinette.

#### Key dates for 2018-19

September 4 – First school day for grades K to 6 and grade 9

September 5 – First school day for grades 7-8 and 10-12.

November 12 – Veterans Day holiday

November 21 to 23 – Thanksgiving Break

December 24 to January 4 – Winter Break

January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

February 18 – Presidents Day holiday

March 25 to 29 – Spring Break

May 27 – Memorial Day holiday

June 12 – Last day of school/Graduation

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### **Pancake breakfast to raise funds for scholarships**

The Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary Club invites community members to a pancake breakfast to raise funds for college scholarships for graduating seniors at Gladstone and Rex Putnam high schools. Raffle prizes and performances by Gladstone High music students will add to the fun.

The event will take place on Saturday, March 31, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Gladstone High School cafeteria: 18800 Portland Avenue. Tickets cost \$6 for adults or \$5 for children & seniors, with family tickets at \$16 for a family of four.

The breakfast is a fun place for families to gather before and after the Gladstone Easter Egg Hunt, which starts promptly at 11 a.m. in the Gladstone High School stadium.

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**Gladstone High students honor Tomb of the Unknown Soldier**

Gladstone High School students participating in the two-week East Coast Trip visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Four students were involved in a military ceremony to place a wreath at the site in memory of American military personnel who died in combat without their remains being identified. A video of the ceremony is available at <http://bit.ly/2DJee07>

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**Gladstone bands excel**

The Kraxberger Middle School Band has attended multiple competitions and has won some accolades this season.

The Gladstone High band has found similar success, winning second place at the Clackamas Community College Festival, and improving their scores at the Warner Pacific Festival, where the flutes were honored as Outstanding Section.

“It's been a great competition season,” said teacher Seth Arnold. “High School pieces include variations on a Korean Folk Song, Ammerland, and In the Forest of the King. It's been exciting to see my students improve their scores from previous festivals.”

**PHOTO: Director Seth Arnold conducts the Kraxberger Middle School Band in their performance at the Warner Pacific Band Festival.**

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**Construction technology class sells dog houses**

Students in the construction technology program at Gladstone High School are selling a limited number of dog houses. To order one, email teacher Mike Leone at [leonem@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:leonem@gladstone.k12.or.us).

“These projects provide students with a real-world opportunity to use the skills they've learned,” said Leone. “I'm pleased how nice these turned out.”

The doghouses are appropriate for medium or large sized dogs. They will be sold for \$125 each.