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Kraxberger saves money on HVAC installation

Gladstone middle schoolers will benefit from more consistent heating and ventilation thanks to a newly installed HVAC system acquired at a bargain price via a study by the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance. The project is funded by the Energy Trust of Oregon and Northwest Natural.

The \$100,000 system, installed at no cost to the Gladstone School District, was provided free because the district is participating in a study of energy savings. The new system is estimated to be 96 percent efficient, a big improvement on the older system, which was only 76 percent efficient.

“This not only provides better climate control within our school, but it will also save taxpayers money,” said Facilities Manager Ryan Johnson. “What a substantial gift to our school.”

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Rotary club donates dictionaries to Gladstone third graders

Continuing a long tradition, the Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary Club presented each third grader at John Wetten Elementary with a personal dictionary.

Students immediately began exploring the book, excited to discover it included not only unusual words, but also information about the planets, the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, maps of the continents, information about the 50 states, and biographies of the U.S. Presidents.

“When I immigrated here from Holland at age six, I had to learn English,” said Rotarian Baldwin Van der Bijl. “My mother repeatedly sent me to the dictionary to look up all the new words I was learning. Our club is excited that every Gladstone student will now have this opportunity.”

PHOTO: Mrs. _____’s third grade class at John Wetten Elementary was excited to receive free dictionaries provided by Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary.

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Tooth Taxi provides free dental care to Gladstone kids

The Gladstone Center for Children and Families [GCCF] hosted a visit from the Tooth Taxi, a mobile dental van that serves children across the state.

Dental van staff provided free dental screenings to every student at John Wetten Elementary and the GCCF. Dentists provided additional services to 38 Gladstone students, including cleanings, sealants, fillings, crowns, and extractions. The care provided is valued at over \$55,000. The Arrow Dental van was also on site providing free care to adults.

“We are grateful to our bus service, First Student, who provided free transportation to students in need of extra care,” said GCCF Director Jere Applebee. “They were an enormous help in making this event run smoothly.”

If additional students need free dental care, the Tooth Taxi dental van will again be at the GCCF on November 19, 20, and 21. To make an appointment for any youth from age 2 to 20, call Heidi Smith at 503.496.3939. Services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so call now to reserve a spot! [No insurance is required.]