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**GHS football home playoff game set for 7 p.m. Friday**

Gladstone High will play Junction City this Friday in the next round of the state 4A football playoffs. The game will be at Gladstone High starting at 7 p.m. Fans will be admitted to the stadium beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Admission to the game is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Only Gold cards or OSAA cards will be accepted for admission. Tri-Valley passes and Gladstone Family passes will not be accepted for this and other playoff games.

The Gladiators will be featured on the KOIN 6 News in the Morning show starting at 5:20 a.m. on Friday. In addition KPTV Channel 12 will film the school’s pep rally at 2:20 p.m. Friday.

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**Gladstone High to stage Alice in Wonderland**

Drama students at Gladstone High School will stage Lewis Carroll’s classic adventure tale Alice in Wonderland. Viewers of all ages will be delighted to follow Alice’s magical adventures down the rabbit hole, where she encounters the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, the Caterpillar, the Cheshire Cat, and other characters.

Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. on November 14 and 15 in the Gladstone High School auditorium, 18800 Portland Avenue. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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**Gladstone schools win \$100,000 grant**

A grant of \$100,000 from CareOregon will enable two schools in Gladstone to continue developing an innovative approach to helping students impacted by childhood trauma.

Through the use of trauma-informed practice and creating a culture of care, John Wetten Elementary and Kraxberger Middle School hope to counteract the health and psychological impacts of adverse experiences, ranging from the loss of a parent to domestic violence or drug use in the home.

Grant funds will provide staff coaching in classroom strategies, Support groups for impacted students will help them build skills in resiliency, attachment, and self-regulation.

*“First connect, then correct* is one strategy teachers are using, realizing that student behavior is often a response to issues a student is dealing with,” explained Lennie Bjornsen, Gladstone’s Director of Student and Family Supports. “Many of the strategies put in place benefit all our students, including the development of a safe, calm, predictable, nurturing school environment that leads to more productive learning.”

Through this work, the Gladstone School District hopes to see reduced absenteeism, improved student behavior, increased student self-regulation, and the development of a culture of care model that can benefit other schools and increase the partnership between health providers and schools.

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## **Gladstone Schools launch food drive November 17**

Students from Kraxberger Middle School and Gladstone High School will launch a week-long food drive November 17, part of preparations for the schools' Adopt-a-Family holiday effort.

"In Gladstone, over 23 percent of kids under 18 live below the poverty level," said Lennie Bjornsen, Director of Student and Family Supports. "By providing food support to families, our goal is to give these children the best odds of success in school, in health, and in life."

Top donation needs include peanut butter and jelly; pancake mix and syrup; pasta & sauce; canned chicken and tuna; stew, chili, and hearty soups; breakfast cereal or oatmeal; minute rice; canned beans; biscuit or muffin mix; and boxed meals.

To make a donation, deliver items during school hours to:

- Kraxberger Middle School: 17777 Webster Road
- Gladstone High School: 18800 Portland Avenue

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## **Volunteers needed to work with children**

The Gladstone School District is seeking volunteers to work with young children either one-on-one or in small groups.

**Lunch Buddies** is a one-on-one mentor program that pairs each adult volunteer with a disadvantaged child to meet for lunch and recess once a week or twice a month throughout the school year. To volunteer, call Volunteer Coordinator Theresa Schmidt at 503.656.6564 or email [schmidtt@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:schmidtt@gladstone.k12.or.us).

**Start Making A Reader Today (SMART)** seeks at least a dozen volunteers to read with preschool children at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families. The program brings disadvantaged students adult mentorship and a love of reading, as well as free books they can take home and keep. To volunteer, call Nathan Buck at 971.634.1607 or email [nbuck@getsmartoregon.org](mailto:nbuck@getsmartoregon.org).

Research shows that students who meet regularly with an adult mentor have improved school attendance and academic success. Long-term, they are less likely to use drugs and alcohol or to drop out of school.