

**Gladstone Schools approves 395 spots for open enrollment**

Gladstone Schools opened its doors wide to students from outside district borders, announcing 395 openings for students from kindergarten through grade 10 for the 2014-15 academic year. Applications are due April 1, 2014.

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

**Gladstone’s kindergarten** will open 45 spots in the free, full-day program at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families. The longer day provides an enriched kindergarten experience, including time for music, art, technology learning, and physical education. A full-service health clinic is on site.

**John Wetten Elementary** will open 150 spots, 30 each in grades 1 to 5. The school offers technology education and is a front-runner in teaching common core mathematics. The school offers enrichment options from leadership and choir to golf, basketball, and Lego clubs, plus classes in arts and cooking. A volunteer force of more than 300 supports the school.

**Kraxberger Middle School** will open 120 spots, 40 each in grades 6 to 8. The school offers students academic experiences in technology, Spanish, art, and band. After school programs include choir, robotics, tutoring, track, and intramural volleyball. All students take a Power Time class that reinforces study skills, community building, equity, and problem solving.

**Gladstone High School** will open 80 spots in grades 9 and 10. The small, college preparatory high school is known for its technology programs. The recently remodeled school offers 17 Advanced Placement and college credit courses, 14 career-technical courses, and fine arts. In addition, GHS boasts 17 athletic teams, with 44 percent of students participating. Other activities include an electric vehicle club, a competitive robotics team, an art-literary magazine, service clubs, and leadership. A national Green Ribbon award winner, Gladstone High emphasizes sustainability both in operations and curriculum. After school tutoring and Saturday School provide free academic support.

The Gladstone School District will accept out-of-district applications for 2014-15 until April 1. If more students apply than there are openings available, the district will conduct a lottery for the spots.

Families interested in information and a tour can contact the district at 503-655-2777. More information is available at the district website at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/>.

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**Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary donates \$1000 for books**

Kindergarten students at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families have new books to read with their families thanks to a donation of \$1000 from the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary club.

“This donation will make a real difference in the lives of kids as they build early literacy skills,” explained GCCF Director Don Brown. “Having a book of your own is a first step to becoming an avid reader.”

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**Parent Power class offers discipline strategies**

Parents seeking new strategies for positive discipline and improved family communication will find practical tips in a free, four-week Parent Power course in January.

The class is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. at Kraxberger Middle School on Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, and 30. Free childcare will be provided. Register online at [www.lastingrelationships.org](http://www.lastingrelationships.org) or call 503-546-6377.

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**Gladstone early childhood center welcomes Oregon education chief**

On November 13, Gladstone Schools welcomed Oregon Education Czar Nancy Golden & Early Learning System Director Jada Rupley for a tour of the Gladstone Center for Children & Families.

The leaders met with Superintendent Bob Stewart & GCCF partners to discuss early childhood education and support programs, part of the Governor's plan to connect learning programs from birth to college.

**PHOTO CAPTION:** *Gladstone Superintendent Bob Stewart gives Oregon education chief Nancy Golden a tour of programs and classrooms at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families. The early childhood center houses kindergarten and Head Start programs, along with a health clinic, a relief nursery, and social service programs.*