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### **Gladstone schools win robotics grants**

Kraxberger Middle School & Gladstone High school won a \$5,500 grant from Oregon FIRST Robotics and a \$675 STEM Grant from the Boeing employees union. The funds will support the launch of a new competitive robotics team at Kraxberger middle school, and help the existing high school robotics team attend a state competition.

The clubs, led by adult mentors from Intel, Boeing, A-Dec, and Mentor Graphics, teaches middle school and high school students applied skills in fabrication, computer programming, electrical systems, design, marketing, web design, and mathematics and they build robots to accomplish a given task.

“The middle school club is off to a strong start, with 33 students showing up for the first meeting,” said Kraxberger Principal Nancy Bailey. “These clubs builds a strong foundation for kids by providing positive adult role models, skill mastery, career preparation, and focused time after school.”

To join the club or to make a contribution, call Glen Rissburger at 503.819.7847.

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### **Gladstone schools seek Backpack Buddy donations, partners**

Gladstone High School needs donations of non-perishable foods to stock up its new community food pantry, a hub for the district’s Backpack Buddies program. The program serves 70 struggling families, providing nutritious weekly food parcels.

Donors can deliver food items to the Gladstone High School office during school days at 18800 Portland Avenue. For more information, call Volunteer Coordinator Angela Johnson at 503-656-6564, ext. 265.

Needed items include:

- canned tuna, chicken, turkey or other meats
- peanut butter (plastic jars only)
- boxed breakfast cereals or oatmeal
- pancake, biscuit, or muffin mixes
- beef stew, ravioli, chili, or hearty soups
- fruits, applesauce, and vegetables (no glass jars)
- spaghetti or pasta
- spaghetti sauce (no glass jars)
- canned beans
- minute rice
- raisins, trail mix, or granola bars

“We are grateful to our partners from Gladstone Christian Church and First Baptist Church of Gladstone who have partnered with our schools to address hunger in our community,” said Johnson. “We are hopeful that more partners will get involved this fall so we can serve more families.”

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**Key Club, student athletes give back to Gladstone neighbors**

Students from Gladstone High plan an afternoon of volunteerism to help seniors and others in their community with yard work and other chores. School athletes and Key Club members will be involved in the effort.

“Our community does a tremendous job of volunteering, buying cookie dough, and making donations to support student programs,” said Athletic Director Ted Yates. “This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their gratitude by giving back to their community.”

“Give It Back Day,” is scheduled for Sunday, October 20 from noon to 3:30 p.m. Gladstone residents who need help with a project can contact Key Club sponsor Lynnda Prom at [proml@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:proml@gladstone.k12.or.us) to request help from students.