

**Tonight's Burgerville event to benefit John Wetten Elementary**

Too tired to cook tonight? Take your family to the Gladstone Burgerville from 5 to 8 p.m. and a portion of sales will support John Wetten Elementary School!

The top two classes with the best turnout will win a milkshake party, courtesy of Burgerville. Funds raised will benefit the school's Positive Behavior Intervention & Support program.

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**Today's story hour features free book giveaway**

To help children five and under build language skills and kindergarten readiness, the Gladstone Center for Children & Families sponsors a free monthly Story Hour, with educational activities for babies, preschoolers, and kindergarteners.

Events are held the first Thursday of every month from 4:15 to 5 p.m. Each event features a different story theme, a raffle, and a free book for each child attending. The Gladstone Center is located at 18905 Portland Avenue, in Gladstone.

Parents with children five and under are invited to attend. Upcoming events include:

October 2: Back to School

November 6: Giving and Gratitude

December 4: The Snowman

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**GCCF seeks volunteer site coordinator for SMART reading program**

This month Start Making a Reader Today (SMART) begins serving Head Start preschoolers at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families (18905 Portland Avenue). SMART is seeking a volunteer Site Coordinator to recruit, train, and schedule mentors for the site, a 6-hour weekly commitment.

The award winning non-profit program pairs each adult mentor with two preschoolers to spend two hours each week reading together and sharing a love of books. Children in the program receive free books to take home and keep.

To volunteer, call Nathan Buck at 971.634.1607 or email [nbuck@getsmartoregon.org](mailto:nbuck@getsmartoregon.org).

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**GHS student volunteers seek chore requests from Gladstone neighbors**

A group of 200 Gladstone High School athletes and student leaders have planned their second Gladstone Gives Back day of service to help community members with yard work and other outdoor chores.

The event will take place on Saturday, October 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Teens will help with leaf raking, weeding, lawn mowing, wood stacking, laying bark, or small outdoor painting projects with no ladder involved.

If you know a Gladstone senior or homebound neighbor who could use a helping hand, contact event organizers Lynnda Prom at [proml@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:proml@gladstone.k12.or.us) or Kathy Beykovsky at 971.227.2655.

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**Course offers parent strategies for teen years**

The teen years are a roller coaster of physical, emotional, and social changes. For those who need strategies to navigate these challenging years with teens, Northwest Family Services will present a class to help improve family communications, and guide teens to become a confident, productive, empowered adults.

**Parenting Teens without Losing Your Mind** will be offered at Gladstone High, 18800 Portland Avenue, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday nights: October 30, Nov. 6, 13, and 20. Free childcare will be provided. Register on-line at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/GHShelp>.

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**Gladstone Center for Children & Families plans October 9 Harvest Festival**

Families with children six and under are invited to the annual Harvest Festival at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families (GCCF). The event includes pumpkin decorating, games, and dessert.

The event is Thursday, October 9, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person. Small pumpkins will be available for sale. The GCCF is located at 18905 Portland Avenue, in Gladstone.

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**GHS alumna in Ireland writes to Kraxberger kids**

Students at Kraxberger Middle School are learning about life in Ireland from a former Gladstone student who is studying abroad in Ireland this term. Erin Pratt, now a Portland State University student, has a blog called "Live from Limerick, Ireland," where she answers questions posed by the seventh graders in Amy Otto's social studies class. Students have been curious about Irish food, clothing, sports, history, and castles.

The two-way communication will continue through December, when Erin will return to Gladstone to visit the students. To read the blog, visit <http://reportinglivefromlimerickireland.wordpress.com/>.

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**Gladstone Schools surveys community on communication needs**

What kind of information do you need about Gladstone Schools? How often do you want it delivered? What's your preferred communication delivery system?

To help improve communications from the Gladstone School District, community members are invited to participate in a brief on-line survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/KVQJ8HQ](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KVQJ8HQ)