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Gladstone Science Hour serves ages 3-8

Families who want to learn easy ways to support science learning for children age three to eight are invited to join Science Hour at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Avenue in Gladstone.

Each family participating in the free events will receive a science activity to take home. Events are planned at GCCF at 4:15 p.m. on the following dates:

- October 15: Fall Fun
- November 20: Food Science
- January 22: Color & Patterns
- February 19: Making Things Move
- March 19: Wonderful Water

Gladstone High wins \$7,000 technology grant

This month Daimler Trucks North America donated \$7,000 to the technology program at Gladstone High School. The funds will be used to support classes in robotics and engineering technology.

“By supporting students in technology and engineering, we hope to encourage them to stay in school to prepare for rewarding careers in manufacturing,” said Roger Nielson, Daimler’s chief operating officer.

John Wetten Elementary works to boost attendance

John Wetten Elementary is working hard to improve student attendance this year. Like schools across Oregon, some 20 percent of students are chronically absent, missing over 10 percent of the school year.

“Students who miss class twice a month or more have gaps in their learning that can make it hard to catch up,” said Vice Principal Jere Applebee. “Each student contributes a unique perspective to their classroom community. Unless they are sick, we hope to see each child at school every single day.”

Classrooms with the best attendance will be rewarded with prizes such as J.J. Jump passes and Winterhawks tickets. The school is also working with parents of chronically absent kids to resolve issues so they can avoid court and fines.

Kraxberger robotics club plans Burgerville fundraiser on October 18

To raise funds to replace aging computers, the Kraxberger Gearheads Robotics Club plans an October 18 fundraiser event at Burgerville, 19119 SE McLoughlin Blvd. in Gladstone.

Ten percent of all sales from 4 to 7 p.m. that night will benefit the y club, which teaches students computer programming, fabrication, marketing, and teamwork through regional competitions.

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School Board adopts new mission, guiding principles

The School Board has set a new mission for Gladstone Schools: Growing Great People. The mission focuses the work of district employees on development of the whole child, encouraging not just academic success, but health and wellness, community connectedness, family support, and extra curricular involvement.

“Of course, it takes more than schools to Grow Great People,” said Superintendent Bob Stewart. “We are grateful to have the active, committed partnership of parents, volunteers, foundations, social service agencies, the Gladstone Public Library, the Gladstone Ministerial Association, and countless non-profit groups who help our students every day.”

The mission is founded on nine guiding principles:

1. We believe teaching is the heart of what we do.
2. We believe every child can learn.
3. We educate the whole child.
4. We believe in meeting students’ social and emotional needs so they are ready to learn.
5. We believe diversity strengthens our school community.
6. We believe we have a collective responsibility for student learning.
7. We believe early childhood programs build the foundation for school and life success.
8. We believe in giving each student the hope, confidence, and skills to fulfill their highest potential.
9. We believe our schools — the center of our community — should build partnerships between families, volunteers, students, and staff.

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John Wetten Burgerville event raises \$1341

Thanks to a recent Burgerville fundraiser, John Wetten Elementary raised \$1341 to support the school’s Positive Behavior Intervention & Support Program.

“We are excited that we raised even more than expected, thanks to participation from so many families,” said Vice Principal Jere Appebee. “This will help us with school efforts to boost attendance and reduce tardiness, as well as bullying prevention work.”

Ms. Gillies and Mrs. McFall’s third grade classes won the event attendance competition and will receive free milkshakes from Burgerville.

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