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Grant helps fund Outdoor School at Kraxberger Middle School

Thanks to a \$12,500 grant from the Gray Family Foundation, sixth graders at Gladstone's Kraxberger Middle School can look forward to a science-packed Outdoor School experience next spring.

Outdoor School, an Oregon tradition, provides students with hands-on learning experience in ecology, team building, and outdoor adventures guided by their teachers, and a group of high school counselors.

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Parent groups offer helpful strategies, family fun

Spanish-speaking parents will learn new strategies to support their children and prepare them for school success in two groups.

Make Parenting a Pleasure is a free gathering of Spanish-speaking parents with toddlers. The group meets from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Fridays from September 13 to November 15 at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Ave. in Gladstone. Free dinner, free childcare, and activities will be provided for the whole family, as well as free passes to OMSI, free books, and more. To register, call Nydia Santos at 971.255.5680.

Parenting on Purpose is a free class for Spanish-speaking parents of children from age 3 to 12, helping them support their children's success in school. The group meets from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Fridays from October 4 to December 13 at the Gladstone Library, 250 E. Exeter Street, with childcare at the adjacent Learning Zone. Free dinner, free childcare, and other free surprises are provided. To register, call Zulma Ramirez at 503.278.3578.

Both opportunities are made possible though a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation and the Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative.