



Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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Celebrations!

GHS students hold blood & clothing drives

The Gladstone High School Key Club led a blood drive, resulting in the collection of 61 units .

“Each unit will serve three people, so this is a substantial contribution,” said teacher Lynnda Prom. “Most of the donors were students, but we had some community members drop by, too.”

Student leaders also organized a clothing drive to support the Gladstone Youth Clothes Closet.

GCCF grant to fund kindergarten summer program

Thanks to \$28,000 from the WRG Foundation, the GCCF will offer a month-long kindergarten readiness program next summer.

This program levels the playing field so our youngest learners can boost their odds of school success from day one,” said Christina Alquisira, Director of Early Learning.

The program, serving 24 students, is designed to help children who need extra support starting kindergarten, including some who had no opportunity to attend pre-school.

Teachers invited to apply for technology grant funds

This fall, the District Technology Committee awarded \$17,000 in grants for three projects:

- Kraxberger received funds for a class set of Chromebooks for students to create presentations, conduct research, share documents, and enhance writing instruction.
- Gladstone High’s social studies department received funds for a class set of Amazon Fire Tablets to expand research opportunities using real-time information.
- GCCF received funds for a Smart Table to expand collaborative learning in literacy, math, and science for kindergarten students.

A second technology grant opportunity will provide up to \$33,000 in funds, with funding requests due February 1. For an application form or more information, contact Lennie Bjornsen or Leslie Robinette.

GEF seeks auction donations, sponsors

On February 20, the Gladstone Education Foundation plans a beach themed dinner and auction to raise funds for Gladstone schools.

The event, at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds, includes an auction and a luau. All proceeds benefit Gladstone schools and youth programs.

“We hope our staff, parent groups, and coaches will contribute auction items, from student crafts and gift baskets to unique opportunities like Principal for a Day, or a reserved parking spot,” said event coordinator Tammy Tracy.

Tickets are \$40 each or \$320 for a table of 8. For information, contact Tammy Tracy at 503.655.2777.

Calendar

Progress Reports

February 1

School Board @ 6:30 p.m.

February 10

Kraxberger students do fund raiser for homeless teens

This fall, Macie Kingsley’s class at Kraxberger studied the plight of homeless people. They wanted to help.

Together, the class planned a fundraiser event, with a talent show, an art auction, and a benefit performance by Portland Chamber Music.

Proceeds will benefit homeless teens served by Springwater Transitional Living and P:EAR.

Four Wetten students chosen for all-state choir

Of 30 John Wetten fifth graders who auditioned for to sing in the Oregon Music Educators Association Elementary All-State Choir, four were selected.

This month, Hudson Winfrey, Leesa Jo, Isabella Kuther, and Carver Kolln will rehearse with 120 other fifth grade singers in Eugene.

“The choir will perform a variety of challenging choral works,” said music teacher Kelly Jacobs.

School Board News & other news

From the January 13 Board meeting:

Board Members present :
Sharon Soliday, Chair
Nicole Couzens, Vice Chair
Carlos Castañeda
Rod Cole -- absent
Kristin Eaton
Jay Schmidt
Bruce Wadsworth

The Board:

- Heard presentations from GHS student clubs: National Honor Society, Hiking Club, Art Club, Ultimate Frisbee, and Anime.
- Learned about the GHS student art work on display in the Board Room.
- Approved the 2016-17 Local Service Plan from ESD.
- Approved a Key Club trip to the Key Club District Convention in Seattle.
- Approved regular and alternate Budget Committee members.
- Approved policies on nondiscrimination; wellness; prohibitions regarding tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems; criminal record checks and fingerprinting; admission of non-resident students; truancy; hazing/harassment/bullying/menacing/cyber bullying/teen dating violence/domestic violence; use of tobacco, drugs, inhalant delivery systems, and drugs; and student discipline.
- Discussed the Division 22 report.
- Discussed the report on Annual Measurable Objectives.
- Discussed Response to Intervention.
- Learned about happenings at Gladstone High School from student representative C.J. Tierney.
- Discussed the monthly financial report.
- Discussed the Special Education Child Count.
- Discussed policy updates on suspension, expulsion, prescription medication, public conduct on district property, and public complaints.

Open Enrollment in Gladstone for 2016-17

The Gladstone District will admit students from outside its borders for the 2016-17 school year, with spots for Open Enrollment students from kindergarten through grade 10.

Applications, due April 1, are available at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/>. For information, call Natalie Weninger at 503.496.3935.

Gladstone pulls together on holiday giving

To help struggling families have a happier holiday season, several Gladstone groups came together on a citywide Adopt-a-Family effort. The first day of Winter Break, they delivered food, toys, and books to over 130 Gladstone families.

"Each partner organization helped with a different piece of the puzzle," said Gladstone High Vice Principal Patti Alexander. "The fire department gathered food and toys. Kiwanis provided hams. Rotary purchased gift cards for teens, and The Clackamas Bookshelf donated books."

The schools found many ways to help. GCCF adopted a family in crisis. John Wetten and Kraxberger did food drives, and GHS did a coin drive to buy gift cards for teens.

In addition, Gladstone High student leaders packed gifts and food for each family, writing personal invitations to the Food Pantry, and loading delivery vehicles.

Partners included the Gladstone Fire Department, Kiwanis, Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, the Gladstone Police Department, The Clackamas Bookshelf, and Gladstone Schools.

"I was impressed how much smart work Gladstone High students did to sort and bundle donations," said Gladstone fire fighter Izaak Thoman, a lead organizer of the effort. "It's clear how much they care."