



Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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Celebrations!

Preschool event invites parents, providers

On April 23, the GCCF will host a free, half-day conference for childcare providers and parents of children from birth to 5.

Registration for Ready, Set, Learn! is available at online at www.surveymonkey.com/r/ReadySetLearn.

The event [with some parts in Spanish] will take place on Saturday, April 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families. Free childcare, breakfast, and raffle prizes are provided.

Wetten students invited to Snow White matinee

John Wetten students are invited to a special matinee performance of Snow White, staged by drama students at Gladstone High School.

The performance is at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 23, in the Gladstone High auditorium. Admission is \$1.

Other performances [admission \$5] are at 7 p.m. on April 22 and 23.

"This classic fairy tale is filled with suspense and quirky characters," said Director Katy Pearson. "It's a crowd pleaser for all ages."

Jeremiah Patterson to be Assistant Superintendent



After a national search, the District has named Jeremiah Patterson as the new Assistant Superintendent. Patterson holds a doctorate in Education Administration from Lewis & Clark College and Portland State University.

"What excites me about

this role is the potential to act as a bridge between a passionate district office and the critical frontline work of teachers and administrators," said Patterson. "I could not be more thrilled to join the Gladstone team. The opportunity to serve this community, the children of Gladstone, and its fine educators is both humbling and exciting."

Dr. Patterson began his administrative career in Gladstone, serving as Assistant Principal of John Wetten Elementary from 2006 to 2008. Since 2012, he served as principal of Middleton Elementary School in the Sherwood District. From 2008 to 2012, he was principal of Riverdale Grade School, serving students from pre-kindergarten to grade 8. Before that, Patterson taught grades 1 to 4 in Massachusetts, California, and the North Clackamas District.

"Jeremiah is relational, smart, supportive, caring, and strategic," said Superintendent Bob Stewart. "He began his administrative career here in Gladstone, and took part in the planning of the Gladstone Center for Children and Families. A recognized leader in Oregon education, he is a perfect fit for Gladstone, bringing an extensive background in the use of technology for teaching and learning."

Dr. Patterson succeeds Pia Leonard, who is retiring in June. A veteran educator of 41 years, she has served the Gladstone District for the past 20 years.

Calendar

Progress Reports Day

May 2

School Board @ 6:30 p.m.

May 11

GHS hosts iBuild construction job fair

Gladstone High introduced students and recent graduates to opportunities in building trades at a free information night on April 19.

Presenters showcased framing, plumbing, HVAC, roofing, electrical work, concrete work, and more.

"It's so important to give students the opportunity to learn about family wage, high-demand career pathways," said event organizer Loren Watts. "These are rewarding hands-on careers."

Kraxberger launches spring book club

In partnership with the Gladstone Library, Kraxberger Middle School is starting a book club with the theme Exploring the Unknown.

Students get to keep each book they read, provided with a grant from First Book. Titles were chosen based on a school-wide survey of favorite genres.

"Our winter book club was such a success, we are delighted to continue it," said librarian Jen Ryder. "We hope more kids will sign up on the school office by April 21."

School Board News & other news

From the April 13 Board meeting:

Board Members present :

Sharon Soliday, Chair

Nicole Couzens, Vice Chair

Carlos Castañeda

Rod Cole

Kristin Eaton

Bruce Wadsworth

The Board:

- Recognized winter athletes.
- Admired student work on display from Kraxberger Middle School.
- Discussed the Special Education Report Card.
- Approved the inter-district transfer process for admission of non-resident students.
- Approved new math curriculum for grades 6 to 12.
- Approved the substitute pay rate for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approved the hiring of Jeremiah Patterson as the next Assistant Superintendent.
- Approved employee requests for resignation/release from contract.
- Approved a request for a temporary reduction in teaching assignment.
- Approved regular and alternate Budget Committee members.
- Approved a request to review policies and procedures for JFCG/JFCH/JFCI Use of tobacco products, alcohol, drugs or inhalant delivery systems.
- Learned about activities at Gladstone High School from student representative Emily Hunt.
- Discussed the monthly financial report.
- Discussed policy updates and revisions regarding Board member ethics, staff ethics, criminal records checks and fingerprinting, health education & drug/alcohol/tobacco prevention, graduation requirements, flag salute, compulsory attendance, admissions, public complaints, reimbursable school meals & milk, and special education.
- Discussed a proposal to suspend GHS spring conferences.
- Discussed the CEDS Superintendent search announcement.
- Discussed staff appreciation week.
- Discussed OSBA's 2016 Summer Board Conference.

Fun run to support district health & wellness program

District employees and their families are invited to participate in the Tonkin Challenge on Sunday, June 5, a fundraiser for health and wellness programs across the Gladstone District.

The 5-mile run begins at 8 a.m., the 5K run/walk begins at 8:30 a.m., and the half mile Mascot Dash begins at 10 a.m. All races start and end at Audi Wilsonville, 26600 SW 95th Ave.

Online registration is available at www.tonkinchallenge.org/.

Entry fees for district staff will be paid for by the District Wellness program. 100% of those fees plus the fees paid by any friends and family you bring along will benefit the participating school district of your choice. Entry fees are:

- **5-Mile Run:** \$45 adults/\$15 youths [14 & under]
- **5-K Run/Walk:** \$35 adults/\$15 youths
- **Half-Mile Mascot Run:** \$20 adults/\$10 youths

Following the race, the after party will have live music by Kurt Van Meter and refreshments sponsored by The Ram Brewery and No Ka Oi Catering.

Oregon Rising survey wants your input on a vision for education

The Gladstone District is participating in Oregon Rising, a statewide conversation with parents, students, educators, and community members about their hopes and dreams for K-12 education.

To share your priorities and ideas, visit <http://www.oregon-rising.org/>

The survey will be open through June 1. The information gathered will be used during the next Legislative session as state leaders make budget decisions for the next biennium.