



# Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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## Celebrations!

### Kraxberger band excels at Festival

The 8th grade band from Kraxberger Middle School competed in the Baker Prairie Band Festival against performance groups from across the region, finishing in second place.

"I am proud of our band for scoring three superior ratings and representing Gladstone so well," said Band Director Seth Arnold.

### Gladstone High wins bronze award

Congratulations to the staff at Gladstone High School, honored with a 2017 Bronze Award from U.S. News and World Report.

The award recognizes college preparedness and state test achievement well above expectations from a student body that includes 40 percent low-income students and 26 percent students of color.

"We're proud that students beat the state average on standardized tests by 15 percent in math and 14 percent in English," said Principal Kevin Taylor. "Our goal is to do even better next year."

## Education Foundation supports classrooms, kids

Teachers and staff are invited to support classroom learning and youth programs through two fun events to raise funds for the Gladstone Education Foundation. For more information, visit [www.gladstonefoundation.org](http://www.gladstonefoundation.org).

### GEF Golf Tournament:

The annual event is set for noon on Wednesday, July 26, at Stone Creek Golf Course in Oregon City. Event check-in starts at noon with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Lunch, dinner, and golf carts will be provided. A raffle and silent auction add to the fun.

### GEF Dinner & Auction:

The Foundation's biggest event will be at 5 p.m. Saturday, October 21, at the World of Speed in Wilsonville. The evening features a silent auction, dinner from Slick's Big Time Barbecue, an opportunity to explore the car museum, and an oral auction.

### Get involved!

To sponsor either event, donate raffle and auction items, or buy tickets, email Tammy Tracy at [tracyt@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:tracyt@gladstone.k12.or.us). All proceeds will support education and youth programs in Gladstone.

### GEF awards spring grants to Gladstone classrooms:

This school year GEF has funded over \$26,000 to help Gladstone kids. Spring grants totaled over \$5,500, funding projects in each school:

\$500	Literacy Night for Struggling Readers	JWE
\$794	Math manipulatives for grade 2	JWE
\$967	Summer Lunch enrichment activities	GCCF
\$967	Flocabulary for grade 4	JWE
\$1165	Maglev vehicles for elective class	WLK
\$702	Kindle Fire Tablets for grade 1	JWE
\$900	Baseball Bullpen Renovation	GHS

## Calendar

**Memorial Day holiday**  
May 29

**School Board Meeting**  
June 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

**Last day for staff**  
June 16

## JWE students celebrate reading

John Wetten students celebrated the love of books and reading at the school's annual Literacy Carnival.

Children got to choose a free book donated by First Books, a non-profit organization.

Games and fun for families were organized by parents and staff.

## GCCF student celebrate mothers & others with tea party

Kindergarten students shared an afternoon tea with mothers and mother figures in their lives.

The children performed songs, and presented a special handmade gift to their mothers while they shared cookies, juice, and tea.

"This event shows students and parents the benefits of parent involvement in school," said GCCF Director Carol Kemhus.



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# School Board News & other news

From the May 10 Board meeting:

**Board Members :**

Sharon Soliday, Chair

Nicole Vera-Vera Couzens, Vice Chair

Rod Cole

Kristin Eaton

Jay Schmidt

Bruce Wadsworth

The Board:

- Recognized GHS students for their work on Unity Week.
- Got an update on a long-term student research project from GHS senior Abby Bender.
- Discussed student art work on display from Gladstone High School.
- Heard a report from Outdoor School coordinator Jill Cone.
- Heard a report from the counselors professional learning committee.
- Approved new science curriculum for Gladstone High School.
- Approved a baseball team trip to Bend.
- Approved the substitute pay rate for 2017-18.
- Approved a request for retirement and release from contract.
- Approved an application process for Position 3 on the School Board.
- Approved the 2017-18 School Board meeting calendar.
- Approved policy on staff development for licensed staff.
- Heard an update on happenings at Gladstone High from student representative Emily Hunt.
- Heard updates from administrative staff.
- Discussed the monthly financial report.
- Discussed personnel issues.
- Discussed the summer School Board Workshop.

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## Take the Wellness Program survey!

The Employee Wellness Committee invites all staff to participate in their annual survey, reflecting on this year's program and looking ahead to the future.

Whether or not you participate in Employee Wellness activities, it's important to weigh in and share your thoughts in hopes the program evolves to better meet your needs.

The survey is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WellnessGSD>. Responses are due by May 29.

## Run to support scholarship fund for GHS grads

This spring, a fun run is planned to raise scholarship funds for a runner graduating from Gladstone High School. This is the 29th annual run to honor the memory of Gladstone School District employee Winterhawk Semler, a groundskeeper and courier who loved running. Semler died in a car crash in 1987.

The relay event, at Gladstone's Dick Baker Stadium, will take place at 8 a.m. on Saturday, June 3. The format is for student and adult teams of five, with each person running or walking for 30 minutes in succession, and the final person running for 40 minutes. In addition, a solo walk event is included, with individuals walking the full 2 hours and 40 minutes.

To register, visit the event website at <https://hawkrun.racedirector.com/>. Registration costs \$200 per running team or \$50 per walker for those who register by May 23, with a \$25 discount for student teams. Those who want to donate to the scholarship fund can do so at <https://hawkrun.racedirector.com/donate>.

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## District announces key dates for next school year

**School start and end dates:**

- September 5, 2017: first day of school, grades K-9
- September 6, 2017: first day of school, grades 10-12
- June 14: Last day/Graduation -- half day for all students

**Key non-school days for students:**

- October 13: statewide staff inservice events
- November 10: Veteran's Day holiday
- November 22 to 24: Thanksgiving holiday
- December 18 to January 1: Winter break
- January 15: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 19: President's Day holiday
- March 26 to 30: Spring Break
- May 28: Memorial Day holiday

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## Retirement party for Diane Bauldree

Diane Bauldree, attendance secretary at John Wetten Elementary, will retire from the Gladstone District after 30 years of service.

Colleagues, retirees, and friends are invited to a retirement party at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 9 at Round Table Pizza, 16550 SE McLoughlin. R.S.V.P. to Linda Alberico at [bauldreeretirement@gmail.com](mailto:bauldreeretirement@gmail.com).