



Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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Celebrations!

Wetten students raise funds for Somali schools

John Wetten's Leopard Leaders joined some JWE elementary classes in the Healing Classrooms Challenge through Students Rebuild.

Together, the children made 292 pinwheels, raising \$584 to fund schools for children in Syria.

"We are proud of our students for stepping up as global citizens," said Principal Wendy Wilson.

Kraxberger expands elective options

To increase school engagement and connections with teachers, Kraxberger will expand middle school elective options next year.

Sixth graders will continue rotations, including Art, Music, Health, P.E., Technology, and AVID, which teaches success skills for high school and college.

All 7th and 8th graders can choose year-long or trimester-long classes. Choices include Choir, Band, Spanish, AVID, Online Comics, Building, Chinese, Advanced Art, Business, Digital Media, Family & Consumer Studies, and Bike & Skateboard Repair.

Gladstone Education Foundation awards grants

The Gladstone Education Foundation awarded \$4,775 to support youth programs across the community. Winners included:

- All-district concert \$275
- 3 Year GHS coach training to build character \$1,500
- Gladstone Library summer programs \$1,500
- Gladstone Clothes Closet \$1,000
- Kraxberger Track Uniforms \$500

Kevin Taylor named Gladstone High principal

The Gladstone District chose Kevin Taylor as the new principal of Gladstone High School. With 20 years in education, he holds a master's degree in teaching and a master's in business administration from Oregon State University.

"Kevin has a big heart for students," said Superintendent Bob Stewart. "His experience improving attendance, building cultural competency, and mentoring new teachers will be an asset to our team."

Taylor was Assistant Principal at Cleveland High School for nine years and at David Douglas High School for three years. He succeeds Interim Principal Nancy Bailey.

Education Foundation plans golf tournament

To raise funds for Gladstone students, the Gladstone Education Foundation plans a Golf Tournament on Friday, July 29, at Stone Creek Golf Course.

Check-in starts at 12:30 p.m. with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Lunch, dinner, and golf carts are provided.

A raffle and silent auction will add to the fun. To buy tickets or to donate items, call Tammy Tracy at 503.655.2777, ext. 577.

Calendar

Memorial Day Holiday

May 30

School Board @ 6:30 p.m.

June 7

Kindergarten students plant butterfly garden

Science students at the GCCF celebrated Earth Day by planting milkweed seeds, part of the school's butterfly garden.

The garden will be used for science lessons in the life cycle of butterflies later this spring.

Other Earth Day lessons included worm science, planting vegetable starts, and planting beans.

GHS Chinese program takes first at PSU talent show

The new Mandarin language program at Gladstone High made a big splash at a spring competition sponsored by the Confucius Classroom program at Portland State University.

The group performed a pop song they learned in class, "I'm sorry My Chinese is Not Good."

Next year GHS will add a second year Chinese class, as well as a Chinese Culture Club after school.

School Board News & other news

From the May 11 Board meeting:

Board Members present :

Sharon Soliday, Chair -- absent

Nicole Couzens, Vice Chair

Carlos Castañeda -- absent

Rod Cole

Kristin Eaton

Jay Schmidt

Bruce Wadsworth

The Board:

- Recognized the GHS Valedictorians & Salutatorians.
- Honored students who performed in the spring play.
- Admired student work from Gladstone High.
- Discussed a report on the Star 360 math assessment used at John Wetten Elementary. There are plans to expand use of the assessment to GCCF and Kraxberger in the next school year.
- Approved an agreement with Property and Casualty Coverage for Education.
- Approved the hiring of Kevin Taylor as the new principal of Gladstone High School.
- Approved the retirement of Joan Kintz after a 30 year career with the District.
- Approved the schedule for Board meetings in 2016-17.
- Heard about happenings at Gladstone High from student representative Eli Bliss.
- Heard program updates from District leaders.
- Discussed the monthly financial report.
- Reviewed policy updates and revisions regarding Board Member ethics, conflicts of interest, and nepotism; staff ethics; criminal records checks and fingerprinting; drug, alcohol, and tobacco prevention and health education; graduation requirements; flag displays and salute; compulsory attendance; admissions; and public complaints.
- Discussed personnel matters.
- Discussed the summer Board Workshop date.
- Discussed attendance at OSBA's Summer Board Conference.
- Discussed Board participation at 8th grade recognition and GHS graduation.

Oregon Rising survey: What's your vision for K-12 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.

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.