



Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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Celebrations

GETFIT Walk & Run boosts fitness program

Gladstone Schools is sponsoring a 1K/5K walk and run to promote wellness for employees and community members.

The event will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 28 starting at the GHS track.

Advance registration is \$25 for adults and \$15 for seniors/youths, plus \$5 more the day of the event. Sign up at www.eclecticedgeracing.com/GETFIT_5K.html.

Proceeds and sponsorships will support health and fitness programs in Gladstone Schools. To sponsor, call Trey Mott at 503.780.9681.

Robotics Club invites teens, mentors to join

The Gladstone Robotics Club invites high school and middle school students to join the group.

The group meets two evenings per week in the old woodshop behind the Gladstone High batting cages.

Students interested in programming, electrical or mechanical fabrication, leadership, or marketing will find a niche.

The group competes regionally. Teachers and parents interested in serving as mentors are welcome to participate. To join, call 503.989.0372.

Common Core, report cards bring change

Gladstone schools are joining districts across the nation in 45 states in adopting the Common Core standards, which have refocused classroom learning in English Language Arts and Math.

The timeline for implementing Common Core State Standards in Gladstone is as follows:

Elementary teachers are fully implementing the new standards in language arts and math this year. They will also use new standards-based report cards this year to support parents' ability to see what their child is learning.

Middle School teachers fully implemented the new math standards during the 2012-13 school year. The language arts standards are being phased in during the 2013-14 school year with full implementation set for 2014-15. Teachers of science, social studies, P.E. and health received training on the new literacy standards.

High school teachers will be working this year on how to apply Common Core standards in language arts and math this year. A team will begin work on the development of standards-based report cards with the goal of having a standards-based report card by spring 2014.

Church volunteers spruce up schools, prepare clothing bank

August 17 and 18, more than 125 people from churches across Gladstone joined forces as part of the annual "Church Out Day," tackling a variety of projects to ready the community's schools for the arrival of students in September.

A group of 25 people worked to repaint the interiors of two modular classrooms at the high school, preparing the rooms to house a community clothing bank that will open later this fall. The new clothes closet will serve Gladstone students of all ages, and families who are clients of the Gladstone Center for Children and Families.

More than 100 volunteers worked on weeding, maintenance, and bark dust spreading in planters and grounds around Gladstone's four school buildings.

Participants included families from Gladstone Christian Church, Gladstone Church of the Nazarene, Gladstone First Baptist Church, Gospel Fellowship Community Church, and St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

Calendar

GETFIT Walk & Run
September 28

School Board @ 6:30 p.m.
October 9

Statewide Inservice
October 11

Progress Reports due
October 14

Free classes support parents with little ones

Family Stepping Stones will offer 4 different classes for parents of children from birth to age 6.

Incredible Infants is a 10-week course for new moms with babies under 6 months. Monthly drop-in classes include Beautiful Babies (up to 18 months), Terrific Toddlers (up to age 3), and Growing Up (3-6). Free meals & childcare provided. To register, call Chelsea at 503.496.5764.



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Board News & Employee News

From the September 11 Board meeting

Board Members present :

Kristin Eaton, Chair
 Sharon Soliday, Vice Chair
 Denise Browning
 Rod Cole
 Susan Cronin
 Jay Schmidt
 Bruce Wadsworth

The Board:

- Heard a presentation on 504 plans.
- Approved the hiring of new staff members and a staff resignation.
- Heard reports on the start of the school year in each school.
- Reviewed the 2012-13 financial report.
- Discussed enrollment, now 2,199 students, up from 2,163 students last year.
- Discussed the procedure to fill regular and alternate positions on the Budget Committee.
- Heard a presentation on implementation of the new Synergy student record system.
- Held a first reading of policy updates to ensure compliance with state and federal mandates. Policies discussed are listed here:
<http://tinyurl.com/policies0913>.
- Discussed updates to the Personnel Handbook.
- Discussed the opportunity to run for OSBA office.
- Discussed whether to attend OSBA's 2013 Convention and whether to send representatives to NSBA's 2014 Convention.



Several new teachers joined Gladstone Schools this fall.

Gladstone School District welcomes new employees

Kindergarten students aren't the only new faces in Gladstone Schools. Also new this year are 31 employees.

New teachers include:

BJ Abe	Math	Kraxberger
Ashley Aldridge	5th grade	Wetten
Christine Stephen	1st grade	Wetten
Daniel Myers	Math	GHS
Heather Weigel	3rd grade	Wetten
Kaitlyn Gillies	3rd grade	Wetten
Kelly Jacobs	Music	Wetten
Kelsey McFall	3rd grade	Wetten
Kristine Straw	Health	GHS
Lauren Thompson	1st grade	Wetten
Macie Kingsley	English	Kraxberger
Matt Misley	Social Studies	GHS
Megan Holter	5th grade	Wetten
Michelle Keizer	Business/Math	GHS
Ryan Browning	Social Studies	GHS

Other new employees & new roles include:

Amanda Forester	Learning Spec.	WLK
Annette Chapware-Ware	Receptionist	District Office
DeAnne Nelson	Speech Therapist	Wetten
Debera Knetzger	Cook's Helper	Kraxberger
Don Brown	Director, Curriculum	& GCCF
Jessica Oransky	Psychologist	District
Lennie Bjornsen	Director of Student & Family Supports	
Leslie Robinette	Communications Coordinator/Grant Writer	
Lisa Melady	Speech Therapist	GHS/WLK
Natalie Osburn	Principal	GHS
Patrick DeHart	Learning Specialist	GHS
Rhonda Bertholet	Learning Specialist	Wetten
Sandi Reynolds	Payroll Lead	District
Sharon Wadsworth	Secretary	Wetten
Vicki Baker	Counseling Secretary	WLK
Shaun Southmayd	Head Secretary	WLK
Ted Yates	Athletic Director	GHS