



Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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Celebrations!

Gladstone High athletes learn CPR

This fall, athletes from Gladstone High received hands-on CPR instruction from the Gladstone Fire Department.

The goal of the effort was to ensure that each team has students trained to respond in the event of a medical emergency during practices or games.

"We teach a lot of life skills in Gladstone Schools," explained Athletic Director Ted Yates. "CPR could save a life, and it reminds our students that taking care of each other is one of the most important parts of true teamwork."

John Wetten shares music, raises funds

The auditorium was packed with dancing children, who thronged around the stage during a recent Culture Crew performance.

The acoustic soul pop band performance for John Wetten students carried their message of love, happiness, and acceptance.

Concertgoers filled a truck with donations of clothing and household items for the thrift shop Value Village, raising \$500 for science and technology programs at the school.

Northwest Family Services honored for school partnerships

Northwest Family Services received the *Growing Great People Award* from Gladstone Schools for their long-term partnership with the district.

"The non-profit provides several services in Gladstone Schools," said Lennie Bjornsen, director of student and family supports. "Their focus is stabilizing families, providing support and enrichment to at-risk middle school students, and reducing teen drug use."

The organization provides two grant-funded Family Resource Coordinators -- one at the GCCF and one at Kraxberger Middle School. They serve as social service navigators, helping families connect with resources for housing, jobs, education, and health care.

Their PreventNet program at Kraxberger provides group sessions for at-risk girls and boys as well as the KAOS school year and summer enrichment programs, including a soccer camp.

Northwest Family Services also funds an alcohol & drug counselor that works one-on-one with secondary students during the school day.

Apply for Education Foundation grants by October 31

All district employees seeking resources for classrooms, programs, and schools may apply for grants from the Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF].

Fall proposals are due October 31 and will be awarded in November. Spring proposals are due February 28 and will be awarded in March. A total of \$15,000 will be awarded this fall, and \$10,000 this spring.

The application form is available at www.gladstone-foundation.org. For more information, contact Leslie Robinette at robinettel@gladstone.k12.or.us.

Calendar

October 24
Evening Conferences, GCCF, JWE, WLK

October 26
Evening Conferences, all schools

October 27
Conferences, all schools

Kraxberger celebrates Pillar of Peace

Students joined school leaders this fall to dedicate a Pillar of Peace in Kraxberger's garden courtyard.

Last year's 8th grade advanced art students designed the colorful monument thanks to funding from the Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary.

"This stands as a reminder of the importance of peace and kindness," said Rotarian Linda Neace. "Bullying must end."

GCCF hosts training for preschool & child-care providers

GCCF hosted a professional development conference for preschool and childcare providers serving children four and under.

Topics included Oregon guidelines for early learning and kindergarten, strategies to communicate with young children, improving parent communications, and how to build responsive relationships.

School Board update & other news

From the October 11 Board meeting:

Board Members :

Sharon Soliday, Chair
Kristin Eaton, Vice Chair
Nicole Vera-Vera Couzens
Tracey Grant
Greg Lind
Jay Schmidt
Steve Stewart

The Board:

- Honored Northwest Family Services with the Growing Great People Award.
- Met this year's foreign exchange student.
- Heard a presentation by the Gladstone High Girls Robotics Team.
- Discussed the Board Room art display from GCCF students.
- Discussed District plans for Measure 98 funds.
- Discussed the new teacher mentor program.
- Approved a Gladstone High drama/English department trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.
- Approved a resignation request.
- Approved a revision to the 2017-18 School Board meeting calendar.
- Approved regular and alternate Budget Committee members.
- Approved policies regarding staff/student/parent relations, whistleblowers, family medical leave, animals in district facilities, admissions, and homeless students.
- Learned about Homecoming, the blood drive, and other happenings at Gladstone High from student Alex Lue.
- Heard reports from district administrative staff.
- Discussed the monthly financial report.
- Reviewed administrative regulations regarding sexual harassment complaints, FMLA/OLA, requests for family and medical leave, certification of employee health care provider, certification of family member health care provider, military family leave, FMLA/OFLA eligibility notices to employees, designation letters to employees regarding FMLA/OFLA leave, designation notices of FMLA/OFLA, fitness for duty certification, hiring procedures, animals in district facilities, and homeless students.
- Heard comments from community member Seth Watts.



Kraxberger students and staff celebrate installation of a Pillar of Peace. Created by Kraxberger advanced art students last spring, the project was funded by Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary.



Each month, families from Sherwood Forest Preschool donate food and clothing to the Gladstone Food Pantry and Clothes Closet.

Rotary donates to Gladstone Clothes Closet

The Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary Club has donated \$1,400 to the Gladstone Kids Clothes Closet. The funds will be used to purchase socks and underwear for youths 18 and under.

Located behind Gladstone High School off Nelson Lane, the Clothes Closet provides free clothing to youths 18 and under. The facility is open for customers and donation drop-off on Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.

The program is run by volunteers from the Gladstone Ministerial Association, a partnership between Gladstone First Baptist Church, Gladstone Church of the Nazarene, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, and Gospel Fellowship Community Church.



The GHS office staff celebrates Homecoming.