



# Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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## Celebrations

### Wetten jog-a-thon raises over \$28,000

This year's jog-a-thon fundraiser at John Wetten, The Mustache Dash, was one of the most successful in recent years, raising \$27,888 for programs at the elementary school.

"Kids and staff had some outlandish mustaches, and we all had a fun day," said Principal Wendy Wilson. "We are so grateful for the generosity of the Gladstone community in supporting our kids."

Funds raised will support field trips, school events, and student programs for grades 1 to 5.

### Kraxberger Gearheads recycle electronics

To learn about technology while raising funds for their robotics club, the Kraxberger Gearheads seeks old electronics to recycle.

The group accepts flat screen TVs, audio equipment, computers, printers, cords, cables, chargers, server racks, servers, and routers. In addition, they also take donations of metal and recyclable cans and bottles.

To schedule pickup of your donations, email mentor Shawn Price at [shawn.price@gladstonerobotics.com](mailto:shawn.price@gladstonerobotics.com).

No microwaves, old TVs, or CRT monitors can be recycled.

## School staff invited to apply for grants

School staff and community groups supporting Gladstone youths are invited to apply for grants from the Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF] during the month of October. This year the group plans to fund \$20,000 in grants.

Grant applications are due October 31, with funds awarded in November. Printable applications and guidelines are available on-line at <http://bit.ly/1U5sZLW>. Or apply on-line at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/GEFgrants](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GEFgrants).

Grant projects could include:

- innovative classroom projects
- technology
- supports to families
- after school clubs and activities
- professional development
- academic support programs
- health & well-being
- athletics
- community building

Two categories of grants will be offered: grants under \$1,000, and grants over \$1,000.

"If you've never written a grant before, you'll be surprised how easy it is," said GEF Executive Director Tammy Tracy.

## Auction to benefit Gladstone schools

To raise funds for education and youth programs, the Gladstone Education Foundation plans an auction and dinner on Saturday, February 20, at the Clackamas County Fairgrounds.

Those interested in event sponsorship, donating auction items, or purchasing tickets should call GEF Executive Director Tammy Tracy at 503.655.2777.

The last GEF auction raised over \$56,000 for classroom grants, athletic programs, and support of the district's Food Pantry and Clothes Closet.

## Calendar

**School Board Meeting**  
November 4 at 6:30 p.m.  
**Veteran's Day Holiday**  
November 11

### GHS holds blood drive

The Key Club at Gladstone High School organized a blood drive at their school last week.

Eighty donors participated, including 37 first time donors. In all, 71 units of blood were donated, enough to benefit as many as 221 patients.

"It was a wonderful drive! We couldn't have asked for better organization," said Jeanne Greisser of the American Red Cross. "If I had to recommend a high school that provides a perfect sponsorship model, Gladstone High School would be one of those at the top of the list."

### WIC office serves moms and children at GCCF

The GCCF has a new resident partner, the Women, Infants, & Children program [WIC].

WIC is a nutrition program designed to provide food to pregnant women, new mothers, and small children who need food assistance, education, and support.

Hours for the new office are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on designated days each month. For more information or to make an appointment, call 503.655.8476.

# School Board News & other news

From October 14 Board meeting:

Board Members present :  
Sharon Soliday, Chair  
Nicole Couzens, Vice Chair  
Carlos Castañeda  
Rod Cole  
Kristin Eaton  
Jay Schmidt  
Bruce Wadsworth

The Board:

- Awarded a diploma to Veteran Anthony Allen
- Met the new foreign exchange students.
- Heard presentations from GHS clubs.
- Admired the board room artwork from GCCF.
- Approved a leadership trip for ASB leaders from GHS.
- Approved a Spanish department trip to Peru.
- Approved a Future Business Leaders of America trip for GHS students.
- Discussed happenings at Gladstone High School.
- Discussed the financial report
- Discussed the need to appoint regular & alternate Budget Committee members.
- Discussed the OSBA fall conference.
- Discussed the NSBA national conference.

## Students, staff invited to join Gladstone Gives Back day of service

For the third year, Gladstone High students and staff will team up to help seniors and home-bound neighbors with yard work and outside chores on Gladstone Gives Back day, October 24.

This Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., GHS athletes will join student leaders from the Key Club, Honor Society, and Student Senate to rake leaves, mow lawns, pull weeds, and prune hedges.

If you know someone who could use free help with yardwork, contact event organizer Lynnda Prom at [proml@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:proml@gladstone.k12.or.us) or phone 503.655.2544, ext. 414.

"Any staff member or student who'd like to help is welcome to join us," said Prom. "It's a fun day, and such a positive experience for all involved."



Staff from Providence Willamette Falls Hospital donated a dozen bags of food and three boxes of school supplies to to the Gladstone Backpack Buddies program.



Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary donated \$1,000 to the Story Hour program at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families. The program provides a free book to each child attending.