



Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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What's new?

GHS to stage off-the-wall mystery farce

With a clap of thunder, a gunshot, and a power outage, Gladstone High's production of Jack Sharkey's off-the-wall murder farce, *When the Lights Were Out* starts with a bang.

Director Katy Pearson presents a show filled with plot twists that will leave audience members breathless with surprise and laughter.

Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on November 20 and 21 at Gladstone High. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Kraxberger to add AVID elective class

As part of Kraxberger's implementation of the college-preparedness program Advancement Via Individual Determination [AVID], the school will launch an AVID elective class with a cohort of 25 sixth graders.

Students selected for the program are youths in the academic middle who have strong potential but face barriers to college attendance.

The course includes goal setting, leadership skill building, and small group sessions with college student tutors. In two years, the program will expand to grades 7 and 8.

Seven districts team on trauma-informed education practices

The Gladstone District is partnering with six other Oregon school districts this year to learn about trauma-informed school practices that help students impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences [ACEs].

Partners in the project include the Bethel, Portland, Tillamook, North Wasco, Phoenix-Talent, and Umatilla School Districts.

Thanks to substantial grant funding from MODA and CareOregon, the group is working to build trauma-informed school environments and interventions with the goal of increasing student attachment, attunement, self-regulation, affiliation, tolerance, and respect.

The group will build trauma-informed relational teaching strategies that help students learn self-regulation skills. In addition, they will establish common practices for trauma-informed interventions in schools.

Building collaboration with health care, insurance, social service, and mental health partners in each community will be an important strategy.

Workshop series helps job seekers

Whether just entering the workforce, or looking for a better position, job seekers will benefit from a series of workshops in Gladstone. Participants may take any class, or all three.

Classes include:

- November 16: Job Search Success
- November 17: Resume Ready
- November 18: Acing the Interview

The workshops run from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, 18905 Portland Avenue.

Calendar

Veteran's Day Holiday

November 11

Thanksgiving Break

November 26-27

GCCF launches Story Hour, hands out books

The GCCF will offer two monthly Story Hour events with the goal of building school-readiness skills.

First Thursdays, story sessions will include educational activities tied to the story theme.

On third Thursdays, Bilingual Story Hour will share stories in both Spanish and English.

Children attending either event will receive a free book.

JWE students get free dictionaries

Thanks to the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary Club, every third grader at John Wetten now owns a dictionary.

"Students are excited to have their own dictionaries, and are already busy looking up strange new words," said Principal Wendy Wilson. "We are so grateful to Rotary members for this annual tradition."

Teachers appreciate the gift because teaching dictionary skills is easier when each student has the same edition.

School Board News & other news

From the November 4 Board meeting:

Board Members present :

Sharon Soliday, Chair

Nicole Couzens, Vice Chair

Carlos Castañeda

Rod Cole

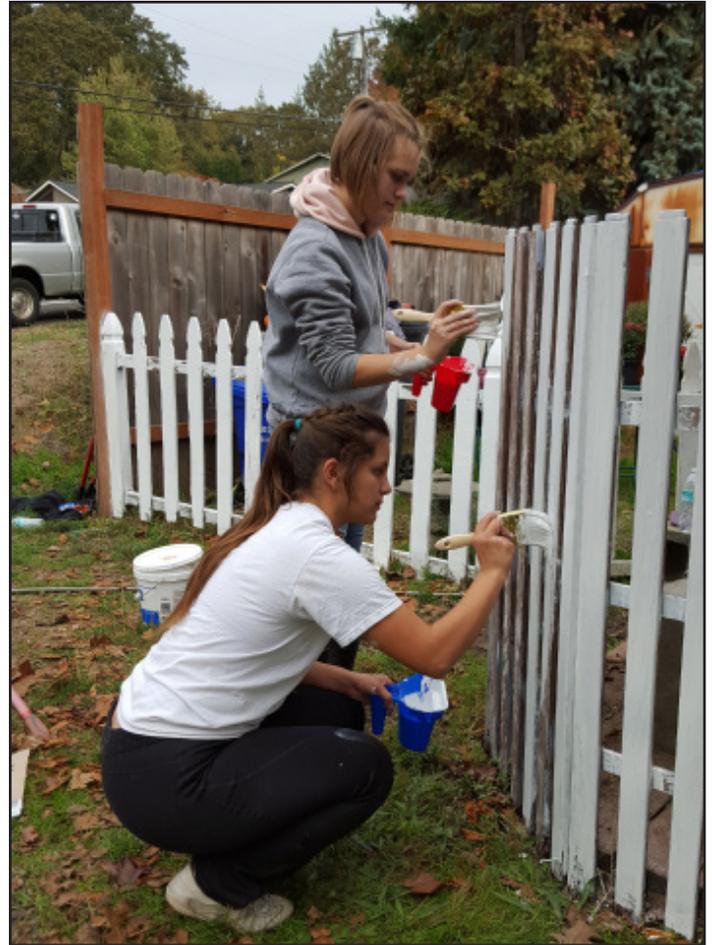
Kristin Eaton

Jay Schmidt

Bruce Wadsworth -- absent

The Board:

- Heard a bond update from Dave Hunt of the Clackamas Community College Board.
- Heard presentations from the GHS Gay-Strait Alliance.
- Approved candidates for OSBA's LPC position 7 and OSBA Board position 8.
- Approved a trip for four JWE 5th grade music students to perform as part of an all-state choir.
- Approved the GHS varsity boys basketball trip.
- Approved the 2016-17 Budget Calendar
- Approved a request for resignation/release from contract.
- Approved an administrator election.
- Approved regular and alternate Budget Committee members.
- Heard an update on happenings at Gladstone High from student representative Kennedy Coy
- Heard updates from district administrators.
- Discussed the monthly financial report.
- Had the first reading of policies about nondiscrimination; discrimination complaint procedures; the local wellness program; prohibited use, possession, distribution, or sale of tobacco products and inhalant delivery systems; criminal records checks/fingerprinting; admission of nonresident students; request for non-resident transfer admission/inter-district transfer; truancy; use of tobacco products, alcohol, drugs, or inhalant delivery system; and student discipline.
- Discussed fall enrollment.
- Discussed the class size report.



GHS juniors Kylee Schassen and Elissa Carbanal paint a fence for a neighbor at one of 22 project sites served by 131 volunteers on the third annual Gladstone Gives Back day of service.



GHS volleyball players pack lunches to share with homeless people in Portland.