



Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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Gladstone Celebrations!



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Even 25 years after he retired as principal at the school now named for him, John Wetten still visits a few times a year.

“Three or four times a year, he comes to the school to work with a pair of students,” said Secretary Linda Alberico. “He asks students about their interests and then helps them create a bread board to surprise their parents.”

When 4th grader Carson Morrow gave the bread board to his mother, she shared her own stories about Mr. Wetten, who hosted her class field trip on his farm after retirement. Wetten also served as her mother’s 5th grade teacher.

Auction nets \$56,000

The Gladstone Education Foundation’s October 21 Dinner & Auction was the group’s biggest fundraiser to date, pulling in \$56,000 for school and youth programs across the community. More than 300 attended.

“This was one of our most successful fundraising years,” said GEF President Terry Marsh. “We are excited these funds will support classroom innovations, serve early childhood programs, and develop life-long learners.”

The auction followed on the heels of the group’s annual golf tournament in July, which raised \$12,000. Some of the funds raised will support grants awarded to teachers and community groups this school year.

GCCF hosts Thursday events for little ones

Each Thursday at 4:15 p.m., the GCCF welcomes children six and under to join their caregivers in learning and fun. Each Thursday has a different theme, and each child who attends receives a free book.

- **1st Thursdays:** Story Hour
- **2nd Thursdays:** Activity Hour
- **3rd Thursdays:** STEAM Hour
- **4th Thursdays:** Science Hour

Kindergarten readiness is the program goal.

Calendar

November 22

No school --
Compensation Day

November 23

No school -- Thanksgiving

November 24

No school -- all schools

138 Gladstone High students tackle service projects

This fall, athletes and student leaders from Gladstone High fanned out across the town, tackling outdoor projects at 22 sites.

The school’s 5th annual Gladstone Gives Back Day, they helped elderly neighbors with hedge pruning, raking, and mowing, and also helped build trail at the Gladstone Nature Park.

Kraxberger students present to Board

Four students from Kraxberger’s School Climate Committee presented to the Gladstone School Board about their work to emphasize a culture of kindness at their school.

The girls created a sculpture of a tree that will be decorated with paper leaves on which students write about acts of kindness they have seen at school.

School Board update & other news

From the November 8 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:

- Presented the Growing Great People Award to The Clackamas Bookshelf.
- Recognized students from Kraxberger Middle School.
- Recognized students from Gladstone High School.
- Discussed the Board Room artwork on display from John Wetten students.
- Approved trips for the Girls and Boys basketball teams.
- Approved a trip for Varsity Baseball.
- Approved the hiring of temporary teachers.
- Approved a staff requires for an unpaid leave of absence.
- Approved candidates for OSBA.
- Approved OSBA Resolution 1.
- Approved the Budget Calendar for 2017-18.
- Approved regular and alternate Budget Committee members.
- Learned of happenings at Gladstone High from student representative Natasia Castaneda.
- Received updates from district administrative staff.
- Discussed the monthly financial report.
- Discussed fall 2017 enrollment.
- Discussed the Class Size Report.

Community partners work on Adopt-a-Family holiday effort

Several Gladstone groups are partnering to provide a happier holiday season for over 120 low-income families by providing food boxes and toys.

Partners in the effort include the Gladstone Fire Department, Gladstone Kiwanis, Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary, and Gladstone High School.

Blue donation barrels will be placed in businesses throughout Gladstone, including Gladstone Public Library and Baskin Robbins. Those who wish to donate to the holiday effort are invited to drop off donations of food as well as new toys, blankets, hats, or gloves.

Gladstone High to stage *Somewhere, Nowhere*

Somewhere, Nowhere by Lindsay Price is the fall play at Gladstone High School, directed by Emmett Pearson & Josh Weir.

“*Somewhere, Nowhere*” is about small town life. For some, it’s a place they can’t wait to leave. For others, it’s the best place in the world. Some consider it nothing but a memory.

The characters in “*Somewhere, Nowhere*” face a dilemma: Do they stay close to home at the end of high school, or do they get as far away as possible? What if they want to do both at the same time?

Performances will be on November 17 and 18 starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Measure 98 funds to focus on graduation pathways

With funds from Measure 98, Gladstone High is focused on three areas expanding career-technical programs, raising the graduation rate, and increasing the number of students earning college credits in high school.

“One goal is to increase our graduation rate to 90 percent in the next two years,” said Principal Kevin Taylor.

To accomplish this, the school launched an on-line credit recovery program and changed the schedule to allow more time for after school help from teachers.

GHS now offers 32 different career-technical classes, but hopes to add more career pathways after gathering student input. Healthcare occupations, technology careers, and culinary arts are some options under consideration.

While Gladstone High now offers 67 sections of college-credit classes, many teens do not take advantage. The school will work to better explain the process to families and seek help with fees.