



Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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Celebrations!

Oregon Symphony visits John Wetten

Students at John Wetten Elementary were treated to a performance by a string quintet from the Oregon Symphony.

"The musicians answered questions and shared information about the violin, viola, cello, and double bass," said Principal Wendy Wilson.

"They performed a variety of classical pieces and other music to demonstrate the wide range of music stringed instruments can play."

Kraxberger to host Screenagers film

Families concerned about the impact of screen time, social media, and video games on children and teens may find some answers at a Screenagers film night sponsored by the Kraxberger PTO.

The award-winning documentary is about helping kids find balance and safely navigate the digital world.

The free event will take place Thursday, April 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria at Gladstone High School, 18800 Portland Avenue. All are welcome, including students. A discussion will follow the film.

GEF awards spring grants

After awarding more than \$21,000 last fall, the Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF] awarded nearly \$10,000 in spring grants to a variety of projects in Gladstone Schools.

Projects supported include:

- Screenagers film night for parents
- Disc golf course at Kraxberger Middle School
- Zoo field trip for 8th graders
- Sensory path at John Wetten Elementary
- Update of childcare facilities at John Wetten
- Classroom sound system for John Wetten

"The Foundation supports a variety of education and enrichment needs that fall outside the District's limited operating budget," said GEF President Terry Marsh. "There is no better investment than the education and personal growth of the children in our community."

In addition, the Gladstone School District invested \$7,370 in Measure 98 funds to support projects at Gladstone High:

- Supplies for the History and Culture of Foods
- Welding equipment for the robotics team
- Wellbeing and happiness studies
- Ultrathrow interactive display projectors for the graphic design program



Gladstone teachers rallied in Portland for adequate and stable school funding.

Calendar

Regular School Day
April 19

Progress Reports/Staff Training
April 29

Schools Closed
May 8

GHS partners with Oregon Shakespeare Festival

Gladstone High School is launching a new three-year, grant-funded partnership with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival [OSF].

The school will receive opportunities for teacher training, school performances, student workshops, and travel to watch performances in Ashland.

Teachers Emmett Pearson-Brown and Siri Carlson will attend a weeklong workshop in Ashland to discover new ways to make Shakespeare exciting and accessible for students.

GCCF wins grant to buy T-shirts

The Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary Club donated \$600 for t-shirts to GCCF kindergarten students.

"The Little Leopard shirts will be used as incentives for our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program," said Principal Jere Applebee.

School Board update & other news

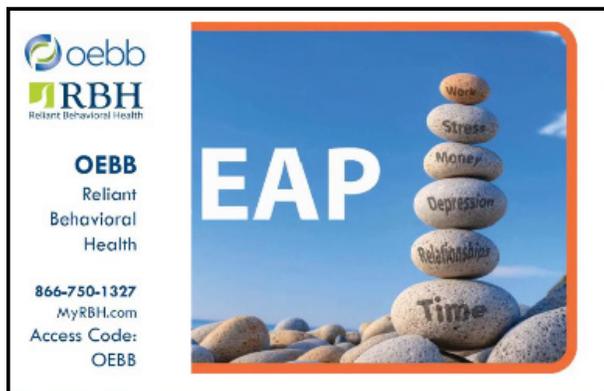
From the April 10 Board meeting:

Board Members:

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

The Board:

- Presented the Growing Great People Award to Sylvania Quick of Western Psychological for providing mental health services to John Wetten students.
- Celebrated winter athletes who participated in dance team, swimming, basketball, wrestling, and cheer.
- Heard a presentation about Gladstone High's Costa Rica trip.
- Discussed the student work on display from Kraxberger Middle School.
- Heard an update on happenings at Gladstone High from student representative Aleisha Kerr.
- Discussed the Special Education report card. 91.7% of Gladstone's Special Education students were competitively employed or enrolled in higher education within one year of leaving high school.
- Approved the adoption of Bridges mathematics curriculum for grades K-5.
- Approved requests for retirement/release from contract.
- Approved hiring of licensed staff.
- Heard updates on schools and programs from district administrators.
- Discussed the monthly financial report.
- Discussed the hiring of classified and coaching staff.
- Discussed the Legislative update from Superintendent Bob Stewart.
- Discussed the April 24 planned joint meeting with the Gladstone City Council.
- Set a date for the July School Board meeting.



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Rotary pancake breakfast supports scholarships for Gladstone grads

A pancake breakfast will raise scholarship funds for 2019 graduates of Gladstone High, Rex Putnam, and New Urban High School. Gladstone/Oak Lodge Rotary sponsors the annual event.

The event is Saturday, April 20 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria at Gladstone High, 18800 Portland Avenue. Admission is \$7 for adults and \$6 for children and seniors. Forty raffle prizes, Chris Cakes' famous flying pancakes, and live music will add to the fun.

"The Gladstone Rotary Club is proud to celebrate the achievement of our students by providing college scholarships," said event organizer Leslie Robinette. "This is a fun stop for families before the Gladstone Easter Egg Hunt."

Gladstone High stages Legally Blonde, the Musical

Legally Blonde, the Musical is getting rave reviews at Gladstone High.

"I don't know that I have ever laughed as hard as I did Saturday night. Seriously. In the fetal position, crying with laughter," said GHS counselor Heidi Sause. "The cast is a revelation and there are so many stand out performances, it's mind-blowing."

The show, appropriate for ages 12 and up, tells the story of Elle Woods, who battles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dream, learning about herself in her journey through law school.

The final two performances in the Gladstone High School auditorium will be at 7 p.m. on April 19 and 20. Tickets are \$7 at the door.