



# Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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## Celebrations!

### GHS students shine at Skills Competition

Students from Gladstone High turned out in force to compete at the Clackamas Regional Skills Competition. The event provides an opportunity to showcase the skills and knowledge in career-technical classes.

Gladstone winners included:

- Sasithorn Xu: First Place, Graphic Design
- Olivia Black: Second Place, Journalism Photography
- Morghan Rash: Third Place, Theater Monolog
- Kristina Price: Honorable Mention, Amazing Race Drawing Contest

### Wetten students celebrate reading

Dr. Seuss characters like the Lorax, Yurtle the Turtle, and the Sneetches came to life in the imaginations of children as John Wetten students participated in Everybody Reads Day.

Staff members dressed up as their favorite story book characters, from Cinderella and the Cat in the Hat to Miss Frizzle and Pinkalicious.

Guest readers included Timber Joey, Representative Mark Meek, Senator Alan Olsen, and Gladstone Police Chief Kim Yamashita.

One of the highlights of the day was the green eggs and ham lunch prepared by the school cooks.



### School Board approves resolution for stable, adequate school funding

The Gladstone School Board approved a resolution urging the Oregon Legislature to provide stable and adequate funding for K-12 schools.

Approved by the Gladstone Teachers Association, the resolution urges full funding for the Quality Education Model, a bi-partisan, research-based plan to meet the state's education goals.

### District adds Employee Assistance Plan [EAP]

All Gladstone District employees are now covered with an Employee Assistance Program [EAP] provided by Reliant Behavioral Health.

The EAP provides a variety of free employee and family supports, including counseling, legal services, child-care and elder care resources, identity theft support, mediation, 24-hour crisis support, and more.

"We all face family and personal challenges from time to time," said Superintendent Bob Stewart. "I'm pleased we can offer these supports to our team to help them through a rough patch.."

EAP services are available to all regular classified, certified, confidential, and administrative employees, and anyone living in their household, related or not.

Information on how to access EAP services is available in the employee section of the district website.

## Calendar

**Spring Break**  
March 25 to 29

**Progress Reports/Staff Training**  
April 29

### GCCF wins grant to add dental clinic

A partnership between CareOregon, Clackamas County Health, and the Gladstone School District will bring on-site dental services to the Gladstone Center for Children & Families [GCCF].

CareOregon donated \$310,000 to outfit the facility, which will be staffed by dentists from the Clackamas County Public Health Department.

Besides providing dental treatments, the facility will also provide oral health education for preschool and kindergarten students.

### Kraxberger to host Screenagers film

Kraxberger will host a Screenagers film night and discussion about the impact of social media, online gaming, and screen time on teens.

The event, open to all families, will take place at 6 p.m. on April 18 in the Gladstone High School cafeteria. Teens are welcome.

The event is sponsored by the Gladstone Education Foundation and Kraxberger's Parent and Families Organization. Small group discussions will take place after the film.

# School Board update & other news

From the [March 13 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 the Gladstone Education Foundation.
- Discussed student work from John Wetten on display in the Board room.
- Heard about happenings at Gladstone High from student representative Kelley Grant.
- Discussed the adoption of new elementary math curriculum based on the recommendation of a teacher team. The materials will be available for public review at the district office through April 10.
- Approved extending contracts for probationary licensed staff, and approved moving third year probationary teachers to permanent status.
- Extended contracts for permanent licensed staff by two years.
- Extended probationary administrator contracts and approved moving three year probationary administrators to initial three-year contracts.
- Approved the calendar for the 2019-20 school year and a framework for the 2020-21 school year.
- Discussed updates from the administrative team.
- Discussed the monthly financial report.
- Discussed a legislative update from the Superintendent.
- Discussed a joint meeting with Gladstone City Council.
- Discussed graduation and 8th grade promotion.

## **Board honors Head Start**

The Gladstone School Board presented a Growing Great People Award to Sue Elder and Debbie Steadman of CCCC Head Start in thanks for their decade of partnership at the Gladstone Center for Children and Families [GCCF].

“From the time the GCCF opened, Head Start has worked to help Gladstone children get ready for kindergarten while supporting parents in child development strategies,” said GCCF Director Jere Applebee. “Their work impacts not just children’s education, but their health, family stability, and access to social services.”

## **April 6 Dinner & Auction to support Gladstone schools, kids**

The Gladstone Education Foundation [GEF] plans the Growing Great People Dinner & Auction to raise funds for education and youth programs across Gladstone.

“We hope our community will turn out in force to have some fun and show kids how much we care,” said GEF President Terry Marsh. Last year GEF donated over \$30,000 in local grants, most to classrooms.

The event starts at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 at the World of Speed Motorsports Museum, 27490 SW 95th Avenue in Wilsonville. Two Girls Catering and Barbecue will provide dinner. The cost is \$75 per person or \$600 for a table of 8. Table sponsorship is \$700.

To donate items or purchase tickets, contact Executive Director Tammy Tracy at [tracyt@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:tracyt@gladstone.k12.or.us).

## **Gladstone opens doors to out-of-district transfers**

The Gladstone School District will welcome transfer students for the 2019-20 school year, and invites families outside the district to apply.

Spots are available for students in grades K-12. Admission is on a first-come, first-served basis. Once enrolled, students can remain in the district through graduation.

“Families appreciate our small school community because this gives teachers a better opportunity to build a personal connection with each student,” said Superintendent Bob Stewart.

“From career technical programs to college credit courses, Gladstone High offers choice and opportunity comparable to much larger schools, and our graduation rate is among the best in the state,” he added.

Elementary education includes weekly physical education, technology, music, and library, all taught by specialists. Kraxberger Middle School’s AVID program helps build academic and leadership skills for long-term success.

To apply or find out more, contact Natalie Weninger at 503-496-3935 or email [weningern@gladstone.k12.or.us](mailto:weningern@gladstone.k12.or.us).