



# Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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## Celebrations

### John Wetten jog-a-thon raises \$29,000

Rather than a continual series of fundraisers, John Wetten has just one -- the jog-a-thon this year's event netted over \$29,000 for the school.

"The jog-a-thon is a fun event that encourages physical fitness," said Principal Wendy Wilson. "We are proud of our students and excited because this year we raised \$6,000 more than last year."

The funds will be invested in school programs. Event sponsors included Chariot Limousine, Flying Pie Pizza, Burgerville, Baskin Robbins, JJ Jump, and the North Clackamas Aquatic Park.

### Kraxberger event spurs interest in afterschool programs

Some 300 students attended the KAOS Kickoff, a fun event to showcase afterschool opportunities for Kraxberger students.

Students had the chance to find out about teen clubs at the Gladstone Public Library, the Board Game club, the KAOS afterschool program, and more.

Research shows youths in afterschool activities connect with adult mentors, find a positive peer group, and are more likely to succeed in school.

## GHS students help their neighbors

In October, 130 athletes and student leaders from Gladstone High turned out in force for *Gladstone Gives Back*, the school's annual day of service.

The students spent five hours helping seniors and others across the community by raking leaves, mowing lawns, stacking firewood, and pulling weeds.

"Our community supports kids in so many ways, from volunteer work and attending sports events to supporting our fundraisers," said Athletic Director Ted Yates. "This is a chance for our students to pay it forward."

"Our family saw at least three groups doing yard work and taking care of outdoor community spaces we drive by every day," said Gladstone resident Kecia

## Kraxberger and GHS launch season of giving

To support struggling families, Kraxberger is holding a food drive the week of November 17 in support of the school district's Adopt-a-Family holiday giving program. Most-needed items for the Kraxberger food drive include:

- pancake mix & syrup
- peanut butter & jelly
- healthy breakfast cereals
- pasta and sauce
- boxed meals
- canned tuna or chicken
- stew, chili, canned ravioli, or hearty soups
- oatmeal
- minute rice
- canned beans
- biscuit or muffin mixes
- raisins, trail mix, nuts, or granola bars

Gladstone High begins their Adopt-a-Family drive on December 1, with students and staff gathering donations of new coats, hoodies, jeans, and toys, as well as items requested on gift tags available at the school. Items from the ASB's Homecoming Food Drive and the Key Club's recent toiletry drive will also supply the holiday effort.

## Calendar

**Thanksgiving Break**  
No School Nov. 26-28

**School Board Meeting**  
@ 6:30 p.m. December 10

## Volunteers needed for GCCF SMART reading program

The GCCF's newest partner is SMART (Start Making A Reader Today). The program will provide volunteers to read with Head Start students one-on-one twice a week.

Over a dozen volunteers are needed for the program, which hopes to expand to kindertarten or John Wetten in time. To volunteer, call Nathan Buck at 971.634.1607 or email nbuck@getsmartoregon.

## Veterans celebrated at GHS event

Over 50 veterans and enlisted military personnel turned out for the annual Veterans Celebration at Gladstone High.

Students had the chance to meet veterans from World War II and other conflicts.

The GHS choir, band, and jazz band performed songs honoring each branch of the military. Guest speaker Dr. John Scheck, a history professor, spoke to students about community service and voting as ways to honor and support veterans.

# School Board News

## From the November 12 Board meeting

### **Board Members present :**

Kristin Eaton, Chair  
Sharon Soliday, Vice Chair  
Rod Cole  
Nicole Couzens  
Susan Cronin  
Jay Schmidt  
Bruce Wadsworth

### **The Board:**

- Discussed progress of English Language Learners in English proficiency and academic achievement.
- Approved the 8th grade band and choir trip to visit the Experience Music Project in Seattle in May.
- Approved OSBA Resolution 1 -- legislative priorities and policies.
- Approved OSBA Resolutions 2 and 3 to amend the OSBA constitution.
- Approved the OSBA candidate for Position 7.
- Approved Steve Stewart as an alternate for the Budget Committee.
- Approved policy changes on sexual harassment, academic achievement, personal electronic devices, and use of restraint and seclusion.
- Approved the budget calendar for 2014-15.
- Approved an employee request for unpaid leave of absence.
- Approved an employee resignation and release from contract.
- Approved an employee request for retirement and release from contract.
- Approved a post-retirement contract.
- Approved a temporary hire for two licensed positions.
- Approved the hire of an Interim Coordinator at the GCCF.
- Approved Open Enrollment for the 2015-16 school year.
- Discussed the monthly financial report.
- Discussed the fall enrollment report.
- Discussed a report on class sizes.
- Discussed scheduling a joint meeting with the City of Gladstone.

## **Link your Fred Meyer card to benefit Gladstone Schools**

Before you start your holiday shopping, take a few minutes to link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to Gladstone Schools at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). Enter Gladstone Education Foundation #80945.

You will STILL get your fuel points and rebates, and our schools get a donation from Fred Meyer. Funds will be used for Gladstone Education Foundation classroom grants and other school needs.

In the past 3 months, 137 families participated, bringing our schools over \$1,000. Just imagine if we had twice as many folks signed up!

## **Family Resource Coordinator serves families with kids**

Families facing difficulties can get free help and support in navigating the maze of community services, health programs, and government agencies, thanks to the Family Resource Coordinator at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families.

To refer the family of one of your students, call Katrina Navarrete at 503-496-3943 or email [knavarrete@nwfs.org](mailto:knavarrete@nwfs.org). Another source of help, resources, or advice is to text or call 211, the social services hotline. (Like 911 for family needs.)



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