



Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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Celebrations

JWE Grant to launch book clubs

John Wetten 4th and 5th graders will have the opportunity to participate in book groups this winter and spring, thanks to a \$600 grant from First Book.

The grant will provide each participant with six books the group can read together. Each child will keep the books at the conclusion of the club.

"This is a fun way to reinforce the reading skills we teach in class," explained Principal Wendy Wilson.

Kraxberger offers class for parents

Parents hoping to improve family communication, boost student motivation, and build effective discipline strategies will learn that and more at a free 4-week parent course offered this winter.

Parenting Teens without Losing Your Mind will be offered at Kraxberger from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday nights: February 3, 10, 17, and 24. Free childcare will be provided.

To register, visit www.lastingrelationships.org or call 503-546-6377.

Open Enrollment application begins

Gladstone Schools will again open its doors to students from outside district boundaries, accepting applications for Open Enrollment through April 1.

"A small, close-knit community, Gladstone offers an innovative, caring education experience," said Superintendent Bob Stewart.

Kindergarten: The well-established full-day program is part of a state-of-the-art early childhood center. Students get weekly instruction in art, music, Chinese, physical education, and technology.

John Wetten Elementary: This K-5 school offers weekly music, P.E., technology, Chinese, and library. Afterschool programs and child care are offered.

Kraxberger Middle School: This small school serves grades 6 to 8. All sixth graders attend the 5-day Outdoor School program. The school offers electives, intramural sports, and clubs, including robotics and choir.

Gladstone High School: This small college prep school serves grades 9 to 12, offering 66 electives, 15 career-technical programs, and 23 AP or college credit classes. Competitive sports and music programs and 13 clubs are offered.

Applications are on the district website. For information, call Sandi Frohnert at 503.496.3935.

Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary helps students

Winter is a hard season for kids without a warm jacket. That is why the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary club stepped up to provide \$1,530 in grant funds to John Wetten Elementary, Kraxberger Middle School, and Gladstone High.

The funds will provide students in need with everything from eyeglasses and clothing to coats and shoes.

Earlier this fall, the group also provided dictionaries to all 150 third graders, \$1,000 for Story Hour at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families, and \$400 to purchase a new computer for the Kraxberger Robotics Club.

Calendar

Progress Reports, No School
January 26

School Board Meeting
February 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

GCCF offers Science Hour for age 3 to 8

The Gladstone Center for Children & Families will offer a special event, Science Hour, at 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, which will focus on colors and patterns in our world.

This event, for ages 3 to 8, helps parents, grandparents, and caregivers encourage and support science learning at home. Each child will take home a fun science project.

GHS AP History students to visit Historical Society

AP United States History students at Gladstone High School will travel to the Oregon Historical Society this spring, thanks to a \$700 field trip grant from Target.

"The field trip will kick off a local history research project, giving students the opportunity to choose their own topic," said teacher Matt Misely. "I am excited about the opportunity to use the document room at the museum."

School Board News

From the January 14 Board meeting

Board Members present :

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

The Board:

- Approved the local service plan with the Clackamas Education Service District [ESD].
- Approved members to serve on the District Budget Committee.
- Approved the 2016 East Coast Trip for GHS.
- Approved the hiring of a teacher.
- Discussed the Division 22 report for the Oregon Department of Education.
- Discussed Business Office roles and responsibilities.
- Heard about Gladstone High events from student Eli Bliss.
- Heard updates on schools and programs from each district administrator.
- Discussed the monthly district financial report.
- Discussed the child count data for the district's Special Education program. Currently 14.6% of students are identified as having special needs.
- Discussed the proposed district staff health and safety policy.
- Had a second reading of policy updates on pest management, transportation, wellness, nutrition services, school meals, electronic communications, and student medications.

School Board supports Promise of Oregon campaign

The Gladstone School Board believes in the effort to raise awareness of the importance of investing in public education across the state.

The Promise of Oregon information campaign uses photos, stories, and videos of students to exemplify the long-term benefits of supporting education for Oregon's greatest resource -- children.

Gladstone High seeks alumni success stories

Gladstone High School is seeking stories of successful GHS graduates in an effort to motivate and inspire current students as they consider their own future. A display with graduate background information and photos will be featured in the school to showcase the success of GHS alumni and the range of education and career options open to today's students.

To be included in the alumni display, an individual must be a graduate of GHS who has gone on to any successful career. Self-nominations, family nominations, and teacher nominations are welcome.

Nominations can be submitted by January 30 via an on-line form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NominateAlum>.

Job Postings

Early Learning Director: Gladstone Schools seeks an innovative leader to direct the Gladstone Center for Children and Families. The high profile role includes planning and development of kindergarten and other early childhood programs, collaborative ventures with Head Start, partner schools and agencies, and connecting early learning with K-12 education.

Principal, Kraxberger Middle School: Gladstone Schools seeks a collaborative leader for Kraxberger, a small middle school serving 500 students in grades 6-8. Focus areas include student support, parent involvement, staff development, curriculum planning, student engagement, proficiency-based grading, building a Culture of Care, and afterschool programs.

Applications for both positions are posted on EdZapp at <https://applicant.edzapp.com/login.aspx>.



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