



Gladstone Schools Employee Newsletter

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Celebrations

JWE kids cyber chat with Chinese school

John Wetten students visited a classroom in China, thanks to two Skype cyber chats set up by Chinese teacher Miao Fan.

Children had a chance to introduce themselves in the new language they are learning.

Students then asked each other questions about school, homework, pets, sports, and favorite foods.

A talent show featured musical performances, magic tricks, martial arts demonstrations, athletic skills, dance, singing, and playground games.

Kraxberger students recycle electronics

The Gearheads Robotics Team at Kraxberger has a plan for your old electronics: recycling!

“This is a great way for kids to learn how things work by taking them apart,” said mentor Shawn Price. “At the same time, it encourages an environmental mindset.”

The club takes most items with a cord attached, but cannot take old TVs, CRT monitors, or microwaves.

To arrange pickup of your donation, email Shawn.Price@GladstoneRobotics.com.

2015-16 budget may remain at current level

Despite an improving economy, Oregon’s K-12 budget for 2015-16 remains in flux. In April, legislators set the budget floor at \$7.255 billion statewide, below the \$7.5 billion that would continue current programs. If the May forecast shows added revenue, lawmakers have promised 40 percent of it to K-12.

Next year the District will see a new grant-funded AVID college readiness system at Kraxberger and an increase in Title 1 services due to partial state funding for full-day kindergarten.

Thanks to partnerships and grants, a kindergarten readiness program will be added at the GCCF, the Culture of Care will expand at JWE and Kraxberger, a new Mandarin program will be added at GHS, and technology infrastructure improvements will be made across the District.

June 7 run to raise funds for Gladstone schools

Registration has begun for the June 7 Tonkin Challenge, a fun run to benefit local schools. Register on-line at <http://www.tonkinchallenge.org/>. Ask your school Wellness Coordinator about using wellness funds to reimburse your registration cost.

Thanks to sponsorship by the Gladstone Education Foundation and the Gladstone/Oak Grove Rotary, 100 percent of entry fees paid for by runners who select “Gladstone High School” at registration will be proportionally divided between all four Gladstone Schools.

The June 7 event starts at Wilsonville Audi, 26600 SW 95th Avenue. Volunteers arrive at 6 a.m. Check in begins at 6:10 a.m. The half marathon line-up starts at 6:30 a.m., the 10-K line-up is at 7 a.m., and the 5-K line up begins at 7:15 a.m.

- 5K Run/Walk [adults \$37/kids 14 & under \$16]
- 10K Run [adults \$47/kids 14 & under \$16]
- Half Marathon [adults \$57; \$62 with t-shirt]
- Teacher entry to any race [\$42]

Calendar

School Board

Budget Hearing June 3 @ 6 p.m.; Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

Graduation: June 11

Report Card Day: June 12

GCCF celebrates Earth Day

Students at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families [GCCF] celebrated Earth Day with books, bugs, and botany.

Children shared stories about gardening, got a close-up look at a bug display, and made art out of recycled items.

Matt Brown of Food Waves was on hand to help kids plant spinach in the school garden to provide fresh produce for the cafeteria.

GHS adds Mandarin classes next fall

Starting next year, students at Gladstone High can choose Mandarin as a world language option in high school.

Instruction will be provided by PSU’s Confucius Classroom program, funded by the Chinese government. The same program provides Chinese language and culture lessons at John Wetten and Kraxberger.

“Mandarin is the most spoken language in the world,” said Principal Natalie Osburn. “This opens a world of opportunities to our students in trade, diplomacy, and travel.”

School Board News & other news

From the May 13 Board meeting:

Board Members present :

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

The Board:

- Discussed school funding with Oregon Senator Alan Olson.
- Met the Valedictorians and Salutatorians for Gladstone High's class of 2015.
- Heard presentations from Gladstone High's drama program, ASB officers, Costa Rica trip participants, and Robotics Team.
- Approved the Board meeting calendar for 2015-16.
- Approved personnel actions.
- Heard program and school updates from the Administrative Team.
- Discussed the monthly financial report.
- Reviewed proposed policy changes on a mother-friendly workplace, the staff complaint process, student searches, non-prescription medication, and prescription medication.
- Discussed the summer Board workshop.
- Discussed OSBA's summer Board conference.
- Confirmed participation in 8th grade recognition and graduation.

Food Donations Needed:

The Gladstone Food Pantry, located at Gladstone High accepts donations in the GHS office during school business hours. Needed items include:

- peanut butter & jam
- canned meats & tuna
- canned pasta, stew, or chunky soups
- pancake mix & syrup
- pasta & sauce
- fresh produce



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Golf tournament to raise funds for Gladstone schools

Stone Creek Golf Course is the setting for the Gladstone Education Foundation's annual Golf Tournament. Last year's event raised \$7,000 for Gladstone Schools.

The tournament is scheduled for noon on Friday, July 31, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. Registration is \$125 per single or \$450 per foursome, including range balls, green fees, golf card, gift, box lunch, barbecue, and awards. The course is located at 14603 S. Stoneridge Drive in Oregon City.

Corporate sponsorships are available at \$1,000, \$750, and \$250. To register or sponsor the event, call Tammy Tracy at 503.650.2777 or Terry Marsh at 503.789.7922.

What parents say about Gladstone employees:

"Mrs. Garland is just absolutely amazingly patient she has prepared my son for first grade next year."

-- Beth Hughes

"I am super thankful for all staff and administration that have helped us these past 11 years! Special education services too!" -- Michelle Oaks

"Mrs. Fox at JWE is incredibly patient and I appreciate the genuine care she treats my son with on a daily basis."

-- Alaina Heywood

"Principal Bailey is absolutely wonderful! I appreciate all she does on a daily basis and my daughter loves her."

-- Emily Travis

"We are new to the Gladstone School District this year. We are very happy with the ENTIRE staff at JWE! Our kids' teachers, Mr. Wendling and Ms. Thompson, are so great!"

-- Scotti Shaynor

"Everyone...from the offices to teachers, subs, assistants, principals, counselors...thank you for caring for and helping our kids!" -- Kari Lewis

"Thanks for all you do!! It is much appreciated!"

-- Brian Browning