

iPad ... iTouch ... iLearn



Alex Echavarría and Wynne Carrera familiarize themselves with the new iPad technology being introduced in Gladstone schools.

A Federal technology grant is being used to obtain iPads and iTouch technology for the Gladstone School District. The iPads have been set up in the special education classrooms; and the iTouch equipment is currently being placed in the pre-special education intervention classes. The technology will enable students to access applications for their specific educational needs.

Interactive reading books, skill-building activities, and interactive writing activities will enhance literacy skills while motivating educational games will improve students' math skills. Students needing assistance with improving their organizational skills or taking notes will benefit by having the ability to record lectures and instructions. Specialized applications to improve communication skills for students with severe disabilities will also be available. The devices have a voice-over option which enables students to listen to text on the screen and has a voice memo feature so students can monitor their reading fluency, zoom text, and read close captions.

This technology has potential the staff is only beginning to examine. Over the course of this year a number of training opportunities will take place, including visits to school districts using the technology.

If you are familiar with an iPad or iTouch application that is being used by a student with disabilities, please share it with either **Petra Hoghova** or **Ed Simmons** at 503-656-6564.

Gladstone High School girls' soccer team wins State Championship

The girls' soccer team finished the season with a 17-2 record and finished with a 1-0 overtime win against Sisters for the state championship. Throughout the season and into the playoffs, the team scored 84 goals and gave up only six. The girls scored 17 goals in the playoffs and were the only team in the state at any level to not give up a single goal throughout the playoffs. Coach Steve Thomas said the girls exceeded his expectations of any team he has coached in his 14 years at Gladstone High School. The team's success was attributed to their defense, even though many of their defensive starters graduated last year. Twelve players scored and received assists throughout the season. **Amber Jensen** (junior) was voted Offensive Player of the Year for the Tri-Valley Conference, and **Rylee Jones** (senior) was voted Defensive Player of the Year.

1st Team All Conference

Amber Jensen	Junior
Kelsey Hathaway	Sophomore
Ashley Beykovsky	Senior
Molly Webster (goalie)	Freshman

2nd Team All Conference

Rylee Jones	Senior
Taylor Plunkett	Junior
Haleigh Murrell	Senior
Madison Cronin	Junior

Honorable Mention All Conference

Meagan Bartz	Senior
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GLAD NOTES

Wetten joggers lap it up

Under the leadership of parent volunteers, **Melissa Kuhn** and **April Karp**, more than \$22,000 was raised from the annual John Wetten Elementary School Jog-A-Thon. **Hanna Shaw** was the top fundraiser with \$712 in donations. Other top producers included **Taylor Kolibaba, Madison Diggs, Brian Anderson, Cassidy Stoffers,** and **Monelle Lumpas**. Top joggers were **Matthew Kuhn** (68 laps), **Spencer Boyd** (67 laps) and **Mitchell Kuhn** (63 laps).

Band participation crescendos

The Gladstone High School bands have grown by more than 42% over the past year under the direction of **David Kays**. **Ryan Mellmer** and **Kaity Maley** were accepted into the Western International Band Clinic Honor Band. Kaity was also accepted into the Oregon All-State High School Honor Band. In November, Ryan and Kaity traveled to Seattle where they rehearsed with six renowned conductors and performed with world-famous trumpeter, Allen Vizzutti. For information on the band program, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/gdsbands/>

Senator Merkley visits



Fall visitors to the Gladstone Center for Children & Families included Senator Jeff Merkley whose tour of the facility also included the Family Stepping Stones relief nursery and the Gladstone Community Health Clinic.

Students become champions

In November, the NED traveling show mesmerized students at John Wetten Elementary. NED is an acronym for:

- N**ever give up
- E**ncourage others
- D**o your best

Students were entertained with yo-yo tricks and story telling as performers focused on promoting positive attitudes, appropriate behavior, and academic achievement. The students left the assembly feeling like champions! Please visit <http://www.thenedshow.com/> to learn more.

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Girls' Generation

On October 29th the girls on the high school robotics team competed in "Girls Generation," an all-female event which puts the girls in the pit crew and the robot's driver's seat. This annual event is hosted by Catlin Gabel and inspires girls to become involved in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education and careers.



The girls exercised every function of the robot and embraced their troubleshooting skills, as technical problems arose.

Alycia DeMars, team captain, said *"It was a fun and interactive competition that allowed us to show how awesome we are!"*

L to R back row: **Jennifer Lara, Alycia DeMars, Aria Colewater.** Front: **Deanna Woodley.**

T-shirts given out at the event included slogans such as, *Girls like boys who like girls who build robots!*

18,657....and counting

That's how many times Gladstone High School students have refilled their reusable water bottles this year. In its continuing sustainability efforts, the District strives to teach students to be good caretakers of the earth and to understand how one's actions can impact the environment. Additional H₂O refill stations will be installed throughout the District in the future. Reusable aluminum bottles are sold at the high school.

Going once, going twice....SOLD

The Gladstone Education Foundation auction netted \$18,225 to support activities, educational services and programs for youth in the area served by the Gladstone School District. With help from eighth grade student, **Roberto Ruiz**, who charmed auction patrons with his presentation, an additional \$7,800 was raised to purchase books for Kraxberger Middle School. The event was chaired by **Tammy Tracy** and **Angela Johnson**.

Members of the Gladstone Education Foundation include:

Bill Kemnitzer
Dan McFarlane
Darwin Dittmar
Bob Stewart
Terry Marsh
Mark Baker
Rod Cole
Walt Fitch
Scott Guptill
Bruce Hildreth
Marilyn Shrum
Bill Stewart



Roberto Ruiz charmed auction patrons into raising their paddles for books.

Red Ribbon Week



Students, **Joshua Conner** and **Baylee Ellis**, plant tulip bulbs as part of the Red Ribbon Week activities.

PreventNet staff employees, **Tracy Gilbert** and **Amanda Takish**, planned the Red Ribbon activities for students at Kraxberger. A kick-off assembly presented by the National Guard helped educate students on the history of Red Ribbon Week. Students were given a tour of the National Guards Humvee and a 25-ft. trailer containing information on drug and alcohol awareness. **Tauna Tattam's** class planted red tulip bulbs, provided by Clackamas County Children Youth and Family Division, on the campus. The tulips will bloom in April, which is Alcohol Awareness Month.

Sticker Shock

The Gladstone Youth Coalition and several community partners are sponsoring The Sticker Shock Project.

Designed to capitalize on community activism, cooperative efforts, and collective responsibilities to combat underage drinking and its related problems – including adults providing alcohol to minors, the project educates the community on the problems associated with underage drinking. The coalition ensures that everyone receives a consistent message about the law and the community efforts being made to bring about positive change. For information on the Sticker Shock Project, contact **Kim Sieckman**, 503-310-7729. To learn more about the Gladstone Youth Coalition, simply e-mail GladstoneYC@gmail.com



Can and bottle drive - January 7th

Gladstone High School choirs are holding a can/bottle drive to purchase platform risers. A portion of the funds will be donated to Operation Smile in honor of **Justin Love**, a Gladstone High School student who passed away earlier this year. Cans/bottles can be brought to the high school from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., January 7th.

Want to Learn English? Beginning and advanced English classes for parents of students in the Gladstone School District will be available beginning January 5th from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at John Wetten Elementary. The ten sessions will be taught by Gladstone teachers. Childcare and a homework club are provided. The fee is \$10/family and includes childcare and snacks. Contact **Pam Michael** 503-656-6564 or **Kailey Dieker** 503-655-3636 (Spanish/English); or **Petra Hoghova** 503-655-3636 (Russian/English) for class dates, application form, or other information.

Opportunity knocks

The **cafeteria** at Wetten Elementary is looking for volunteers to help move students through the salad bar line once a week from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Help is also needed from 7:30 to 8:05 a.m. at the oatmeal station.

Library: With more than 600 students checking out books every day, volunteers are needed to restock books in the library for approximately one hour a week, during school hours. **Mentoring:** Make a difference in a child's life by volunteering one hour a week for one-on-one mentoring, having lunch with a student and playing board games. The **Clothing Closet** at Wetten needs volunteers to stock and manage donations. Hours are flexible. Please contact **Angela Johnson** at 503-656-6564 ext. 265 or johnsona@gladstone.k12.or.us. All volunteers are screened.

An historic commitment to wood, water, wildlife, education and recreation

If you've lived in Gladstone for more than ten minutes, you've probably heard of **Wenda and Kent Lloyd**, Gladstone residents for fifty years. Their good works have reached every corner of Gladstone and much of Oregon. Kent taught at John Wetten Elementary from 1962 - 1969 and then moved to Kraxberger where he taught U.S. History until he retired in 1992. Busier than ever, Kent and Wenda now cook at a homeless shelter once a month, buy clothes at thrift stores for needy families, chop and haul wood to those without heat, bring books to Rose Villa and homeless shelters, fund raise for the Gladstone Historical Society and so much more.

Wenda is a retired hospital administrator and daughter of Wendell and Florence Harmon, Clackamas County timberland owners. Today, Wenda and Kent help manage the Harmon family partnership timberlands. But their timberland is unlike most forests - so unique, in fact, it was in the running for this year's Oregon Tree Farmers of the Year Award. The Harmon family honors are many. Most recently they were named 2010 Woodland Farmer of the Year by the Clackamas County Farm Forestry Association; and this year they received an award from the Clackamas River Basin Council for their work in fish habitat improvement.

The Lloyds, however, manage to devote much of their 'spare time' in ways that benefit the children in the Gladstone schools. Every year, Kent attends Kraxberger's Outdoor School on the Oregon coast and talks to students about Oregon history. Next year he will speak to them about ethnobotany, which is the scientific study of the relationship between people and plants. As a well-known speaker throughout Oregon, since 1980 Kent has presented more than 500 of his "Oregon talks" - *and in true Kent Lloyd fashion, donates any fee he receives back to the organization he serves.*



L to R: **Michael Rowe**, **Dianna Estudillo**, **Shyanna Ellis**, **Daniel Amato**, **Tim Dye** and **Elizabeth Foster**.

Adopt-A-Family benefits from wreath sale

Tim Dye's senior project involves working with students in the Life Style class to create fresh holiday wreaths.

Money raised from the sale of the wreaths benefits

Gladstone High School's Adopt-A-Family project as well as a number of student projects.

Gladstone School District school closure and snow route information

If the weather is questionable, please refer to local media stations, or visit www.gladstone.k12.or.us. You can also register at www.FlashAlert.net to receive instant email alerts or text messages for up to three e-mail addresses or cell phone numbers regarding school closures or emergency information posted by the school district.

To register, navigate to www.FlashAlert.net and click on the "Subscribe" icon at the left side of the screen. Click on Portland, Clackamas County, and Gladstone, and follow the directions. This is a free service and not a solicitation site.

SAVE THE DATES

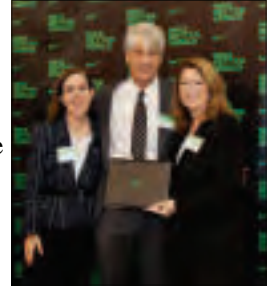
- December 15** Winter Concert – GHS Dorothy Sawyer Performing Arts Center, 7 p.m.
GHS Chorale, Jazz Choir and WLK Choir
- December 18 Zoolights – Oregon Zoo, 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.
GHS Jazz Choir
- Dec 19 – Jan 2 No school
- January 3** School resumes
- January 5 Paying for College Night, GHS auditorium, 6 p.m.
- Jan 5 – Mar 22 Beginning and Advanced English classes, John Wetten Elementary, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Pam Michael 503-656-6564 or Kailey Dieker 503-655-3636 for Spanish/English or Petra Hoghova 503-655-3636 for Russian/English.
- January 7 Can & Bottle Drive, GHS, 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
- Jan 9 – Mar 12 Free Parent Empowerment Program, Eastham Community Center, 1404 Seventh Street, OC, 6 – 8 p.m. (dinner 5:30 p.m., childcare provided) 503-953-5329
- Jan 11 – Mar 31 Driver Education, GHS, 5:30–8:30 p.m. 503-650-2570
- February 7 & 9** John Wetten Elementary music performance (grades 2 and 4), GHS, 7 p.m. Families and community welcome.
- March 13 & 15** John Wetten Elementary music performance (grades 3 and 5), GHS, 7 p.m. Families and community welcome.
- Mar 16 – May 28 Parent Empowerment Program, Eastham Community Center, 1404 Seventh Street, Oregon City, 6 – 8 p.m. (dinner 5:30 p.m., childcare provided – all free) 503-953-5329.
- April 4 – June 6** Driver Education, GHS, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. 503-650-2570
- June 7** Graduation – Peter Stott Center (PSU), 7:30 p.m.

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GRANT UPDATE

The Gladstone Center for Children & Families received a \$17,000 grant from the Nike Employees Grant Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation. Funds will be used for the Physical Activity (PLAY) program which will soon be launched to serve the hundreds of families served by the Center. PLAY is a program which focuses on educating the community on ways to incorporate PLAY as a means to promote a healthy lifestyle. By focusing on PLAY and nutrition, the Gladstone School District will provide adult education classes in English and Spanish as well as opportunities for building stronger families by learning and practicing proper nutrition and incorporating PLAY into their daily routines.



Oregon Secretary of State, Kate Brown and Kathy Webb, Nike, present a plaque to superintendent, Bob Stewart, at the OCF "Winner's Circle" press event.

Fred Meyer answers SOS

The Fred Meyer Foundation presented the Gladstone School District with a check for \$1,000 to support SOS - Saturday Opportunity School. Held at Gladstone High School, teachers provide students with the extra help they need to improve their grades.

ODE supports FIRST

The Oregon Department of Education has provided \$2,700 to support Gladstone High School's FIRST Robotics Team. In January the team begins its "build" season which will culminate with a competition in March.

Maloney Lauersdorf Reiner, PC

New supporters, Maloney, Lauersdorf Reiner, PC, Attorneys-At-Law have donated \$1,000 to Gladstone's Community Family Literacy Program. The program, coordinated by Petra Hoghova, meets once at week at Wetten Elementary to provide ESL education and activities for adults and children.

Safeway employees have, once again, made the holiday season much brighter for many of our needy and homeless families. Their check for \$5,000 will be used to provide food and clothing. Safeway continues to give back to the Gladstone community each year with a generous donation.

The Parker/United Finance Foundation is welcomed as another new donor to the Gladstone School District. Their gift of \$1,000 will be used to advance the PLAY program at the Gladstone Center for Children & Families.