



THE GRIFFIN INSIDER

A Newsletter for the Families & Friends of Gladstone Elementary School

**OCT/NOV/
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**11 Non-Student Day-
Veteran's Day**
17 Toy/Can Food Drive
Begins (thru Dec.19)
21 Kids Can Recycling
**24-28 Non-Student Days-
Thanksgiving**

DECEMBER 2014

2 SSC 5:15/PTA 6:30
8 Choir Holiday Concert-
Bonita Center for the Arts
9-12 5th Gr. Science Camp
17 Gingerbread Man Nite
19 Kids Can Recycling
**22-2 Non-Student Days-
Winter Break (thru Jan 2)**

Take PRIDE in Gladstone Elementary!!

by James Ellis

What an amazing October it has been!! It's hard to believe the 2nd month of school is behind us, and we are quickly moving into the Holiday season and before we know it, a New Year!!

The Pride Stride 2014, iWalk for Tech, is just another example of what makes Gladstone the wonderful community it is. Together, we were able to raise more than \$47,100 for Gladstone Elementary – breaking another fundraising record for our school! Because of this success, we will be able to continue to expand our mobile technology on campus, while still providing funding for countless field trips, assemblies, and activities that benefit all of our students. Congratulations to Kristina Vitale, Tracy Pang, Maria Sanderson, Dena Willett, Megan Magallanes and the entire PTA for this amazing accomplishment. You put so much time to make sure everything ran great, and we appreciate all you have done to make our walk-a-thon a success!

The Pride Stride is a perfect example of what can be accomplished when people come together for a good cause. And while Pride Stride is a very public example of collaboration, there are more teams working for our students. In every classroom on campus, teachers, support staff, and parents work together to insure success for every Griffin. Whether trying to bump up a student's reading level or helping a student learn their multiplication tables, a team of caring adults work every day to support all our Griffins. We see the results when a student brings home the 'A' on an assignment, passes an AR quiz with a 100% score, and when a face lights up when they finally "get it!" So while I am congratulating the team of Pride Stride organizers, let me also congratulate the teams that help our students learn every day.

Before we know it, the holidays will be here! With Thanksgiving and Christmas growing closer, it's easy to turn our attention to friends and families that are important to us. This year, as in every year, I am thankful for the wonderful family we have at Gladstone. Gladstone Elementary is one of a kind, and I am excited every day about the work (and fun!) that lies ahead. Please have a wonderful Holiday season. I can't wait to see what 2015 has in store.

IT'S TIME TO TURN E-WASTE TO GREEN \$\$\$

Our school and the 5th Grade Party team will be hosting an e-waste collection on Friday, November 7 from 7:30am - 3:30pm. You may drop any e-waste products in the back parking lot off the Shellman gate. Do you know any businesses that are willing to donate their used cell phones, laser and ink cartridges, iPods, DVD's, GPS devices, PDA's, digital cameras and laptops?

Help us make a difference in our environment and raise funds for our students!



11 Facts About E-Waste

80 to 85% of electronic products were discarded in landfills or incinerators, which can release certain toxics into the air.

E-waste represents 2% of America's trash in landfills, but it equals 70% of overall toxic waste. The extreme amount of lead in electronics alone causes damage in the central and peripheral nervous systems, the blood and the kidneys.

20 to 50 million metric tons of e-waste are disposed worldwide every year.

Cell phones and other electronic items contain high amounts of precious metals like gold or silver. Americans dump phones containing over \$60 million in gold/silver every year.

Only 12.5% of e-waste is currently recycled.

For every 1 million cell phones that are recycled, 35,274 lbs of copper, 772 lbs of silver, 75 lbs of gold, and 33 lbs of palladium can be recovered.

Recycling 1 million laptops saves the energy equivalent to the electricity used by 3,657 U.S. homes in a year.

E-waste is still the fastest growing municipal waste stream in America, according to the EPA.

A large number of what is labeled as "e-waste" is actually not waste at all, but rather whole electronic equipment or parts that are readily marketable for reuse or can be recycled for materials recovery.

It takes 539 lbs of fossil fuel, 48 lbs of chemicals, and 1.5 tons of water to manufacture one computer and monitor.

Electronic items that are considered to be hazardous include, but are not limited to: Televisions and computer monitors that contain cathode ray tubes, LCD desktop monitors, LCD televisions, Plasma televisions, Portable DVD players with LCD screens.

Gladstone PTA

**Proudly Announces
McTeacher's Night
LET'S EAT OUT NIGHT**



McDonald's

741 W. Arrow Hwy

San Dimas, CA 91773

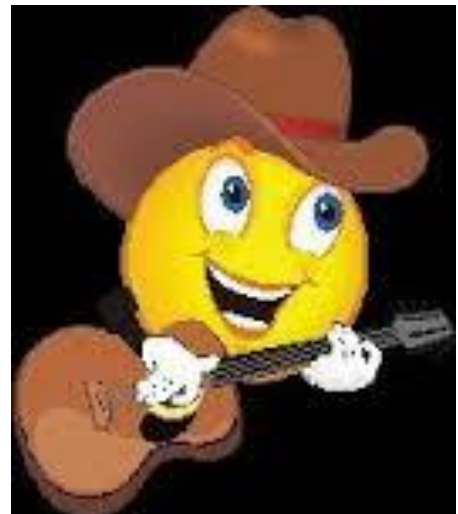
**20% of sales will be donated
to Gladstone**

Wednesday, October 22nd

5:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m

Second Grade Hoe Down

Gladstone's second grade students will participate in their annual Hoe Down, Wednesday, November 5. The Hoe Down is an event that enriches and increases the students' understanding of their unit on economic concepts which includes food production and consumption. Students also learn about the roles of farmers, processors, and distributors. Long ago, communities celebrated a successful economic season with a harvest festival of games, food, and music. Gladstone students will celebrate their own version of this harvest tradition with games, scarecrow sandwiches, and crafts. It's sure to be a fun day!!





STUDENT COUNCIL CORNER



Congratulations to our Student Council officers who were elected at the end of our last school year:

PRESIDENTS – Mary McCool and Jack Thomas

VICE PRESIDENT – Megan Ono

TREASURER – Abigail Stewart

SECRETARY – Marlen Luevand

Our officers, as well as the advisors and classroom representatives, are eager to lead the Student Council in a terrific year of activities! Our calendar of events will include:

- **Kidscan Recycling** – the next three collections will be on October 30, November 21, and December 19 – be sure to donate plastic bottles and aluminum cans to be entered into a raffle to win prizes and student store dollars!
- **Spirit Dress-up Days** – again this year Spirit Days will be celebrated with a pep rally on the blacktop following first recess - October 30 will be Black and Orange Day, November 21 will be Pajama Day, and December 19 will be Holiday Dress Day
- **Student Store** – the Student Store is open every Tuesday and Thursday during first recess. School supply prices range from 25¢ to \$2.00. Healthy snacks and water bottles are sold ranging from 25¢ to 75¢
- **Holiday Grams** - the first of which are Spook O' Grams for Halloween, and then they will be sold again for Valentine's Day
- **Charitable projects** –the first being the annual **Food and Toy Drive** starting on November 17
- **School beautification projects**
- and much more!

Funds earned from the above activities go toward the betterment of the Gladstone campus and fun activities for the students. We look forward to a great year!

Thanks in advance for your support!

Student Council Advisors,

Mrs. M^cClure, Mrs. Vitale, and Mrs. Marquez

Gingerbread Man Night

On Wednesday, December 17, from 6:00 until 8:00, Gladstone PTA will have Gingerbread Man night! Our annual tradition continues this year with fun for the whole family. The free event give kids a gingerbread man to decorate with frosting and candies. The fun happens in the Gladstone cafeteria.

Outside the cafeteria the 5th grade Party committee will be selling pizza by the slice and waters. The sales from Gingerbread night will help fund the end-of-the-year party for the exiting 5th grade class.

The Book Fair will also be available to everyone this night. The Book Fair runs all week, and the Buy One, Get One Free special will be going on.



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