



THE GRIFFIN

INSIDER

A Newsletter for the Families & Friends of Gladstone Elementary School

AUG/SEPT 2014

WELCOME BACK, GRIFFINS!

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AUGUST 2014

- 18 1st Day of School
- 22 PTA Ice Cream Social
- 27 Back to School Night
- 29 Kids Can Recycling

SEPTEMBER 2014

- 1 Non Student Day**
- Labor Day Holiday
- 2 SSC 5:15, PTA 6:30
- 3 Pride Stride Kick Off
- 5 LA County Fair
- 12 Fall Picture Day
- 24 **PRIDE STRIDE**
- 26 Kids Can Recycling

We are already off to a wonderful start at Gladstone Elementary! I hope that you have had a terrific summer full of fun times, lots of friends, and maybe an adventure or two. And now that we are back to school, I wish you the very same - with a lot of learning thrown in as well!

It's been a busy summer at Gladstone as we prepared for the new school year. Let's all make sure to thank Mr. Fidel and Mr. Greg, our custodians, for their hard work in cleaning the school and classrooms for the new year. And let's not forget our teachers that put in a lot of hours decorating and planning to make sure that our Griffins were ready to get to work the very first day. And finally, thank you to Ms. Sandie, Ms. Janine, and Ms. Susan for their work in the office to get students registered and enrolled in classes. You may have noticed the patio behind the office got a "facelift" with some new planters/benches added. This addition is already a hit with our Griffins who enjoy the shade during break and lunch.

Over the summer, Gladstone was still buzzing with students as well. Students continued their learning by participating in the summer reading program in the library. We had many students reach their summer AR goals and continue their academics working on the summer workbooks. We also had the school age care program with hosted 200+ students each week, providing lots of fun activities and games throughout the summer.

I hope the new school year is already proving to be a great one for you. I am excited for all the learning and fun that is to come! Congratulations on a fantastic 2013-14 school year. We have a lot to celebrate, but I know that 2014-2015 will be even better! See you on campus!

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Hey, Parents!! Your kids had their chance to head back to school on Monday, now it's your turn!! Gladstone's Annual Back to School Night for parents is on Wednesday, August 27th. This is your chance to visit your child's classroom, meet his or her teacher, and hear all about what will be happening at Gladstone this year. Teachers will present important information about Gladstone's curriculum, classroom procedures and policies, and upcoming dates to look forward to. The evening is meant for parents to learn about Gladstone, there are no activities for students.

The classrooms for Grades 1, 2, and 3 will open at 5:30 for an hour. Then please plan to join us for a PTA/Parent Meeting on the patio at 6:30. Then at 6:50, the Grade 4 and 5 classrooms will open for their presentations. Kindergarten parents, your back to school night took place before the school year started, so you will not need to attend on the 27th.

Thanks, and we will see you all at Gladstone on Wednesday, August 27th!!

The Gladstone App

The Gladstone APP is live and available for free for your mobile phone! This is a helpful tool you can use all year! Here are some of the informational options you can get in the palm of your hand:

- Event Calendar
- School and PTA Staff Member List and Contact Info
- Submit Photos for the School Yearbook
- Newsletter
- Lunch Menu
- Bell Schedule for All Grades
- And much more...

Also, the Gladstone APP offers Push Notifications, important news and updates that can be sent as alerts to your phone so you can have the information right when you need it.

Download the APP for your Apple or Android phone. Just search for Gladstone Elementary School and download today!

PRIDE STRIDE IS COMING!

Did you know that last year we raised \$46,260 in just one fundraiser? Our annual walk-a-thon, is our primary PTA fundraising event of the year! Join us on Wednesday, September 3rd at 9:30 a.m. for our Kick-off Assembly to be held in the Kindergarten playground area. We will reveal this year's theme, our goal and the awesome prizes that can be won when you participate in this event.

We are currently gathering corporate sponsorships for this year. If you have a business or know a business owner, ask them if they would like to be a sponsor. Contact Maria Sanderson at for more information.

We are excited and look forward to another successful Pride Stride to be held here at Gladstone on Wednesday, September 24th! Please watch for information about volunteering to help make this event the best one yet!