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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### Gladstone Elementary to Celebrate Families with Car Parade *Thursday, May 21 event will wind its way through historic Northeast Neighborhood*

**Kansas City, May 20, 2020:** Don't be surprised if you see a bunch of bears driving through Kansas City's historic Northeast Neighborhood.

Gladstone Elementary School, home of the Grizzlies, will be celebrating its families and the end of the 2019-2020 academic year with a parade of cars driven by school leaders and staff and Kansas City Public Schools Superintendent Mark Bedell from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 21.

Parade participants will gather at 4 p.m. at the school to start decorating their vehicles in school colors (royal purple and silver). Gladstone Elementary is located at 335 N. Elmwood Ave. in Kansas City, Mo. The parade will begin by heading north on Elmwood Avenue to Gladstone Avenue, then one block east to Lawn Avenue and south to Independence Avenue.

The entire parade route will wind its way through the school's attendance area, including a pass by Northeast High School. The goal of the parade is to give Gladstone Elementary staff the opportunity to see as many of their families as possible along the way, according to Principal Dana Carter.

"Even with having to close our school building due to COVID-19, we've still had a great year and we miss our families," Ms. Carter said. "We see this as a chance to close out our school year in a really positive way by celebrating our students, families and staff!"

Family members are encouraged to wave, make noise and show their school pride, while staying on their own property and adhering to safe social distancing guidelines. The parade's progress can be tracked in real-time on the day of the event by downloading the Glympse application and searching for the ID tag "GladstoneParade."

Visit [www.KCPublicSchools.org/Gladstone](http://www.KCPublicSchools.org/Gladstone) to learn more about Gladstone Elementary School.

