



FALCON TIMES

The Newsletter of Goshen Elementary

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Welcome Spring!

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P.T.A NEWS

Thanks to all members of this year's PTA board for your time and efforts spent in helping our school.

*If you are interested in volunteering, please talk with Mechelle Cowan 801-754-5586.

**We have Goshen Cookbooks available in the office. The cost is \$5.00 per book. Please make checks to Goshen PTA.

SCHOOL LUNCH

*During the month of **April** students will only be allowed to charge lunch a **MAXIMUM of 3** times.

Students and Teachers will **NOT BE ABLE TO CHARGE lunch in the month of **May**. Please bring your accounts up to date. If you have any questions, check with Debbie Hudson (801-667-3476) from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

STUDENT PLACEMENT FOR NEXT YEAR

Each spring, some parents request a specific teacher or special student placement consideration for the following school year. Although this practice is not encouraged, I recognize the desire many parents have to be involved in this aspect of their child's education. Parent input is one of several factors I consider when creating classes – I balance classes academically, behaviorally, and socially making sure **all** students have an optimal environment. I take my responsibility of student placement very seriously and will spend a great deal of time this summer on this task. If you desire to request a specific teacher or special student placement for next year, please come to the office between **APRIL 29 – MAY 10** to fill out a request form. We **will not** send one home with your student(s). **I do not deal with requests on a first-come, first-serve basis; I consider all the requests together.** The form will not be available until April 29 in the front office.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next School Community Council Meeting will be held on April 22th at 3:30 p.m. at Goshen School. The public is invited to attend.

SCC SPRING PROGRESS REPORT

As of April 8, 2013, we have spent \$14,330.00 of our \$24,356.00 budget for this school year. Approximately \$12,281.00 has been spent on technicians to help with our Guided Reading Power Hour, Nebo Plus and Early Steps Tutoring. We have spent \$1,100.00 on substitute teachers for Reading Benchmark Assessments and professional development for grade level teams to work collaborative on "I Can Statements" and Common Assessments.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR 2013-2014

The School Community Council is developing a timeline for elections. This is in compliance with a new Utah State Law. (Elections were held last fall for the current school year.) The council will meet on April 22 to complete the timeline. It will be posted on Goshen Elementary's website and included in the May Newsletter.



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1-5: SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL

April 10: Education Fair projects displayed by 4 pm

April 11: Education Fair Awards Presentation 7 pm

(Public invited to view projects at 6:30 pm)

April 10: 2nd Grade Field Trip

April 12: Foothill Cloggers Assembly

April 12: Kindergarten Graduation Pictures

April 15-May 17: End of Year Testing Window Grades 1-6

April 15 – Shadow Mountain Orientation (5th Grade only)

April 15: Goshen Safety Kids 3rd Grade Program Mrs. Parkin's Class (2:30pm)

April 15: 6th Grade Field Trip

April 17: Great Utah Shakeout Earthquake Drill

April 18: PTA Meeting 2:00

April 18: Goshen Safety Kids 3rd Grade Program Allinson/Lott Class

April 19: Mid term

April 22: SCC meeting 3:30

April 23: 6th Grade Track Meet

April 25: 5th Grade Track Meet

April 29-May 3: Teacher Appreciation Week

April 30: 4th Grade Hershey Track Meet

May 1: Shadow Mountain Registration @ Taylor Elementary (8-10 am)

May 2: 3rd Grade Track Meet

May 4: Shadow Mountain Deadline for 5th Grade at Goshen School

May 10: 4th Grade Field Trip

May 13: 5th Grade Field Trip

May 14: 5th Grade Parade of States

May 16: PTA Meeting 2:00

May 17: Kindergarten Graduation /Last Day of Kindergarten

May 20-23: Kindergarten Assessments (As scheduled by teachers)

May 20: May Festival

May 21: Awards Assembly

May 22: Payson High School Graduation 6 pm

May 22: Talent Show

May 23: It Pays to Read Assembly/Field Day

May 24: Last Day of School (12:00 Noon Early Out)

CITIZENS THE MONTH FOR MARCH

(March's theme was Respect)

Daniel Morales	Kennedy Hunter	Wyatt Baxter	Jacob Steele
Seth Kropf	Gracie Savage	Alex Bravo	Kayden Walters
Evan Laker	Kaden Staheli	Colin Dozier	
Cole Walters	Easton Boothe	Alexis Waters	
Carson Taylor	Emily Sexton	Brinlee Black	

TESTING TIME

End-of-level testing will be April 15 through May 17. Due to computer based testing; rigid schedules must be followed to maximize our computer labs. **All students need to be on time for school. Please schedule appointments after school.** We encourage students to give their best effort during testing.

Eight Ways To Be A Test Taking STAR

1. Get plenty of sleep the night before the test.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast and wear clothes that are comfortable.
3. Pay close attention to test directions.
4. Answer the easy questions first.
5. Read every answer before you choose one.
6. If you're not sure of the answer, rule out the choices that you know are wrong. Then pick the best answer that's left.
7. If you have time, check over your answers before you turn in the test.
8. If you start to feel stressed, take some deep breaths to relax.

Believe in Yourself and Do Your Best!

QUICK REMINDERS

We encourage parents to bring non-food items or healthy foods to celebrate a child's birthday at school. However, if you choose to bring treats to class activities, remember not to bring chewing gum. It is not allowed because of the mess that it causes with its misuse.

Students should not consume sugary drinks anywhere except in the cafeteria, if it is part of their home-made lunch. We have had problems with spills on the carpet that attract dirt and ants, and spills on clothing that leaves the student sticky.

Candy can be consumed in the classroom, if it is part of a class treat. If it is given in Skills then it should be consumed in the Skills room, or if it is given on the bus it should be eaten on the bus. Students may "pocket" their treat and eat it at home. We have seen students running with suckers in the mouths on the playground, and even "bragging" about the candy in front of other students. We also expect students to dispose of wrappers in garbage cans.