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The Newsletter of Goshen Elementary

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P.T.A News

- * Cook Books- We still have Goshen School Cook Books available in the office. They make a great Christmas gift. They are on **SALE** for \$5.00 per book.
- * Reflections- We had a wonderful turn out this year. Thank you to all those who participated and to the parents who encouraged their children.
- * Thanks to all of those who volunteer in the school. You help make our school a great place.

School Christmas Program

The Story of Rudolph will be presented as our school Christmas Program this year. It will be held on Wednesday, December 19th. We would like to invite the public to the program. It will be held at 1:15 p.m. We know the students will do an outstanding job, and wish them good luck in their preparations.

A Big Thanks To Goshen School Lunch Department

Our lunch ladies really go the extra mile to give us a nutritious lunch. We want to thank the lunch department at Goshen School for their efforts. We appreciate you going the extra mile to keep us well fed.

Christmas Around The World

Our fifth grade students had the opportunity to see "Christmas Around the World" at the Marriot Center on Friday, November 30th. The program included songs, dances, and music from other nations and cultures. There were beautiful costumes and dances that are unique to different areas around the world. We are sure this was an enriching and educational experience for all who attended.

Christmas Books and Candy Canes

Goshen School invites you to join us for our 7th annual ***CHRISTMAS BOOKS AND CANDY CANES***. Please come to the school on Wednesday, December 19th at 1:45 to read Christmas books with a group of students and enjoy a candy cane.

LOST & FOUND TO BE SOLD

The mountain of coats found in the Lost & Found seems to grow and grow at Goshen School. For several weeks we have had them out on tables in the hall for students and parents to claim. Please continue to encourage your child to check with us in the office, if they are missing a coat. It really helps if the students have their name in their coats. On Friday, December 7th from 8:30-9:00 and again at 3:15 -3:45 we will be selling the items in the Lost & Found. The cost for each item will be \$1.00. The student who purchases the items will have their name written inside that item. The money collected will go toward purchasing books for the It Pays to Read Program.

OH THE PLACES WE CAN READ

We would like to invite adults to catch their students reading in various places. (Reading under a tree, sitting in a car, reading to a sibling, grandparents, dogs, dolls, etc). Take their picture and email to (brenda.oberg @nebo.edu) or bring a copy of a 4X6" picture to the office. We will be displaying them in a special showcase at Goshen School. Please know that we will not be sending the pictures back, so don't send the original picture.

Season's Greetings





Open Enrollment Important Changes to School Choice/Open Enrollment Procedures!

It is the desire of Nebo School District that all schools develop and maintain strong community loyalty, balance, equity and fairness. Accordingly, it is the district's position and preference that students should attend school within the boundaries in which they reside. Notwithstanding this preference, resident students may be able to attend another school within the district through Open Enrollment. Open Enrollment allows a student to enroll in and attend a school in the district other than the student's school of residence.

All students desiring to attend a school other than their assigned school must apply for school transfer through the Open Enrollment process. Applications for Open Enrollment transfer will be accepted beginning

December 1, 2012 through **February 15, 2013**, for initial enrollment to begin the 2013-2014 school year. Students wishing to transfer school and participate in athletics must also comply with Utah High School Activities Association eligibility guidelines.

For further information concerning Open Enrollment, please contact your school's administration or refer to Nebo School District Policy # JECB, Student Enrollment and School Transfer. The policy is available on-line at www.nebo.edu. A copy of the policy may also be obtained from any school or from the district office.



Dates To Remember

Dec 10-14	Student Council sponsored "Penny Wars"- proceeds go to local families
Dec 10-14	Food Drive at Goshen School - proceeds go to local families
Dec 4	4 th Grade field trip to Utah Symphony
Dec 5	It Pays to Read Assembly
Dec 7	Mid-term
Dec 10	SCC Meeting 3:30 p.m.
Dec 19	Christmas Program 1:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Dec 19	Candy Canes and Christmas Books at 1:45
Dec 21	Spirit Day - Christmas Character Day
Dec 21	Half day- early out at noon
Dec 21-Jan 1	Christmas Break- NO SCHOOL
Jan 2	School Resumes

Citizens Of The Month

For November

Theme: Service

Elizabeth Guzman	Maklee Larsen	Cole Carter	Raegan Anderson
Ember Davis	Lindsey Orton	Febe Bermudez	Haily Atwood
Frances Gutke	Max Kropf	Dillon Ewell	Baylee davis
Jada Hacking	Bryn Staheli	Tate Strasburg	Jose Vazquez
			Cordell Clinger



Turkey Strut & Gobble Contest

Each grade level participated in a turkey gobble and strut contest. The winners of this contest were:

<u>Gobble Category</u>	<u>Lower Grade Gobble- Strut Combination</u>	<u>Upper Grade Gobble-Strut Combination</u>
Daisy Vasquez	Joseph Caballero	Quade Valerio
Joseph Caballero	Cole Penrod	Brett Stewart
Payden Judd	Paul Caballero	Braxton Staheli



Road To Success



READ WITH A CHILD 20/30 MINUTES INITIATIVE

We would like to invite the children and their families to continue the “Read Twenty to Thirty Minutes” initiative. Our school-wide goal is 2.5 million minutes by the end of the year. We have 435,811 minutes as of December 1st. **PLEASE KEEP READING!** Here are several ideas to help us **Raise A Reader**: 1. *Ask questions as you read.* 2. *Talk about the pictures* 3. *Relate stories to your child’s life.* 4. *Reread your child’s favorite books* 5. *Run your finger along the words as you read* 6. *Select stories that use repeated phrases* 7. *Let your child turn the pages.* 8. *Subscribe to children’s magazine* 9. *Get a library card* 10. *Ask your librarian for a recommended book list* 11. *Fill your home with books* 12. *Be a reading role model* 13. *Be fun and creative.* Our first term bike winner was Bridger Eastwood in 4th Grade. In order to earn tickets for the next drawing, students in grades K-2 need to read 100 minutes per week. The students in grades 3-6 need to read 150 minutes per week. We appreciate your efforts in our local area and would like to promote a united and continuous grassroots effort. This will help our children learn to read and then read to learn.

Principal’s Corner:

November went by so quickly! I hope that you enjoyed the Thanksgiving Break with family and friends.

Just a reminder that we have camera’s in the halls by the first/second and fifth/sixth grades. We are working hard to stop the bathroom vandalism and the stealing in the coat rooms. If you have any information that will help us please call the office.

As the days turn cold please encourage your students to dress warmly. **Students may not stay in coat rooms during the winter season.** We will have outside days unless the weather doesn’t cooperate. December is one of my favorite months of the year. I love the sights, sounds and smells of Christmas. I am looking forward to sharing this month with the wonderful students at Goshen School. I love to re-read a *A Christmas Carol* By Charles Dickens each December – it helps me focus on the reason for the season.

“And it was always said of him, that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, God bless Us, Every One!”

— Charles Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*

Happy Holiday’s!
Mrs. DeGraffenried



PTA RELECTIONS CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to all who entered the PTA Reflections Contest this year. Our students all did a great job. The winners in each category are as follows: (Some categories have multiple winners, as students are grouped in Primary, Intermediate, and 6th Grade groups).

Literature

Sage Jackson
Whitney Peterson

Music

Melissa Ward

Visual Arts

Daycee Drury
Shayla Martinez

Film

Sage Jackson

3-D Arts
Kylee Ewell

Photography.
Brett Stewart
Joseph Stowe
Matthew Stowe