



Falcon Times

The Newsletter of Goshen Elementary School

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P.T.A News

***BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** was held on August 30 we voted on the PTA budget.

***ROOM MOTHERS TEA** will be held on Sept 4 at 3:30. Room Parents are invited to come and meet with teacher to plan the class parties.

***REFLECTIONS:** Unleash your artistic talent! Enter the Reflections contest. The theme for this year is "The magic of a moment...." Categories are: visual arts, photography, dance choreography, 3D, Literature, Film Production, and musical composition. You may pick up an entry form and packet in the office. Entries are due Monday, October 1st.

* **SCHOOL T-SHIRT orders** are due Friday, September 7th. The cost will be \$10. If you haven't ordered yet, please hand the order form with payment to the office. The t-shirts will be navy blue with either a yellow or pink Goshen Falcons logo on them. We will have adults sizes available for parents, teachers or older students.

***FALL CARNIVAL** will be held on Sept. 21 from 5:30 to 8:00.

***FALL BOOK FAIR** will be held Nov. 5 – Nov. 9, 2012 Watch for more information.

***SPIRIT DAY** will be the last Friday of each month. If this falls on a holiday, it will be the Friday before. Let's all remember to wear yellow or blue on Fridays to show our school spirit.

*We will be collecting **Box tops, Campbell's soup labels** and **Cream of Weber milk caps** again this year. Watch your local store ads for great sales on box tops and labels for education products.

***Campbell's and Smith's** grocery stores have teamed up with E-labels for education. Go to www.smithsfoodanddrug.com enter your fresh values card number and our school automatically receives 1 point for each item purchased. You may **take the attached form into Smith's** along with your **fresh value card** and they will register your card to earn money for our school each time the card is used.

Great Start

The 2012-2013 school year is off to a fantastic start. Our students have been excited and motivated to begin another year of school. The teachers have worked very hard to make the beginning of school a success. With such great staff members and students, we can't help but have a successful school year. Please know that partnerships with parents in every classroom are essential to have a successful school. We want parents and patrons to feel welcome as they enter the doors of our school. Your input is valued and appreciated.



New Teachers to Goshen School for the 2012-2013 School Year

We have a few new changes to our faculty this year. We are excited about the job that each of them is doing at Goshen School. Let us introduce them to you:

4th Grade: Teachers: Joanie Burningham

6th Grade: Teacher: Rex Bailey

Speech: Marie Mitchell

Constitution Day

Constitution Day has been designated as September 17th. We will be learning more about the constitution during the day at Goshen School.

Summer Review Packets

This year there will be a celebration held as a reward for completing the summer packet. It will be held on September 12th at the school. Those students that have satisfactorily completed their summer packet, and turned them in to the school on time, will be allowed to attend. The greatest reward however, is the fact that the students who completed the program were better able to retain and improve those skills that were practiced during the summer months.

Check Out Procedures

Goshen School Policy for checking out students is as follows:

*Check in at office and they will call student/students down

*Sign student out on the clipboard provided in office

*If you need to go into the hallways or classrooms you must sign in at the office and wear an ID badge that will be provided at the office.

*If you are having someone else come to check your child out of school, you MUST call the office and inform us who they will be leaving with.

ILLNESS

We want students to come to School every day as long as they are healthy. In order to help keep the students healthy, we ask that if your child is ill, you please keep them home until they are no longer contagious. We also encourage students to get into the practice of washing their hands frequently. We feel this will help limit the spreading of germs. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Utah County Health Department along with the school nurses will be holding a flu and immunization clinic on September 7, 2012 at Goshen Elementary School from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. for further information please call 801-851-7043.

Read To Succeed

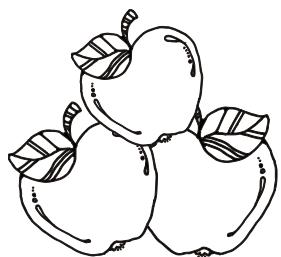
From the Parents Institute: How to Get Your Child to Read

Asking questions motivates children to keep reading and finding answers. It's also a skill that improves school performance. You can ask your child these questions or she can use them herself.

- What might happen next?
- Why did a character behave in a certain way?
- What else could a character have done?
- If you were in a character's shoes, what would you do?
- What would be the result if a character did something different?
- What do you like best about the story?
- Does anything bother you about the story?
- How do you think the book will end?
- What can you learn from the story?
- What are the characters learning from their experiences?

Dates to Remember

- Sept. 3:** Labor Day Holiday—no school!
- Sept. 4:** PTA Room Mother's Tea is at 3:30 in the library
- Sept. 4:** Hearing screening for grades K, 1, 3, 6 at 1:00
- Sept. 7:** Due date for ordering school t-shirts
- Sept. 11:** Vision screening for the whole school
- Sept. 12:** Summer Packet Celebration
- Sept. 14:** Picture day (student portraits)
- Sept. 16:** Constitution Day
- Sept. 21:** PTA Fall Carnival from 5:30 to 8:00.
- Sept. 24:** Goshen School Community Council is at 3:30 in the Reading Room.





Early Out Day

Just a reminder that Wednesday has been designated as a District Wide Early Out Day. Students at Goshen Elementary School are dismissed at **2:30 each Wednesday**. This decision was made in order to give teachers more time in the classroom with students and still allow them the needed time to collaborate as teams of teachers. This year we will focus on math and Language Arts. Teacher teams are focusing on student learning and how to meet each of their students needs. Teachers have mapped out the Math and Language Arts curriculum for their grade level to assure that all students will learn the State Core Standards. If you would like any further explanation or have any questions please feel free to contact Mrs. DeGraffenried.

Road To Success

This year we will once again be participating in the Road To Success Program. Every student can earn a ticket for a chance to win a new bike, as well as other fun prizes. More information will be coming home soon with your student.

Fantastic Falcons

As part of our Positive Discipline plan students are earning tokens in their classrooms that are redeemed in our Treasure Tower for a small reward. Students can also earn Fantastic Falcon notes from any teacher or staff at the school. After they have earned 10 Fantastic Falcon notes they bring them to the office and receive an additional token. They also turn in their Fantastic Falcon notes and are entered into a weekly drawing. Please encourage your students to participate in this activity.

School Web Calendar

Goshen School now has an online calendar of events that can be viewed. Go to www.nebo.edu click on:
Schools
School Web sites
Goshen
School information
Calendar

We hope that this will be a helpful tool in keeping the parents informed of what is happening at our school.

*If you have not yet gone online to the Nebo School District web page and **created you user account**, please do this as soon as possible. This will be the way you are able to **check on your student grades**, as well as **update any information changes** throughout the school year. If you need help with this process or have any questions please contact the school. **(801-667-3361)**.

Principal's Corner

We are off to a great start to our new school year. It has been so great to be at Goshen and work with an awesome group of dedicated teachers and students who work hard every day. Thank you for sending us such great kids. I have enjoyed the first few weeks of school so much. It was wonderful to have Novell employees participate in a Day of Caring for our school. We have several new, bright games and activities that have been painted on our sidewalks and blacktop because of their unselfish gift of time. Please stop by and see what has been added.

I have an open door policy. If there are ever questions or concerns with something here at Goshen I am happy to discuss them with you. We also like to hear when we have done something right as well. Our goal is to help every student be successful at Goshen.

We are going to be using our website to post our school newsletter and current events. I hope that you will find it informative.

Robert Fulgum taught us that all we really need to know, we learned in Kindergarten. "Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them...it is best to hold hands and stick together." I am excited to be a part of a rich tradition of educational excellence at Goshen Elementary. It is truly a school community that holds hands and sticks together.

