Falcon Times

The Newsletter of Goshen Elementary School

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P.T.A News

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT was held on August 29. We voted on the PTA budget.
REFLECTIONS: Unleash your artistic talent! Enter the Reflections contest. The theme for this year is "Believe, Dream, Inspire!" The categories are: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts and 3-Dimensional Art. You may pick up an entry form and packet in the office. Entries are due Monday, October 1st. (The PTA also sent an email with the link to download the entry forms online.)
SCHOOL T-SHIRT orders are due Friday, September 6th. The cost will be $10. If you haven't ordered yet, please hand the order form with payment to the office. The t-shirts are bright yellow with a Falcon logo on it. We will have adult sizes available for parents, teachers or older students. Hoodies are also available this year for $16.00. The order form and the money are also due Friday, Sept 6.
FALL CARNIVAL will be held on Sept. 20 from 6:00 to 8:00.
SPIRIT DAY will be the last Friday of each week. Let's all remember to wear yellow or blue on Fridays to show our school spirit.
PTA Fund Raiser is going on now. Students are selling candy bars and beef jerky. The PTA is available daily (before and after school) to answer questions, collect money and handout more candy bars and beef jerky. Thank you for your support!

Thank you PTA 2012-2013 – WE LOVE OUR NEW MARQUEE!!

Summer Packets

This year's celebration was held on August 23. All students that completed their Summer Packets received a certificate and a book. They also participated in the It Pays To Read Assembly. Logan Burrell was the grand prize winner – he won a $60.00 gift certificate to Wal-Mart! He can choose an iPod shuffle, a bike or a scooter! We are waiting to hear what he chooses! Students are also included in September's weekly drawings for more prizes.

Road To Success

We are participating in the Road To Success Program. This year the program is online so that parents, students and teachers can celebrate reading success. Every student can earn a ticket for a chance to win a $60.00 Wal-Mart gift certificate for an IPod Shuffle, a bike or a scooter, as well as other fun prizes. As part of the Road to Success Reading Program Goshen students will be participating in a school-wide reading goal. More information will be coming home soon with your student.

Box Tops

We will be collecting B**ox Tops** again this year. When your child turns in 20 Box Tops (at one time) he/she receives a token to use in the Treasure Tower. When your child turns in 50 Box Tops (at one time) he/she receives a Spirit Stick to go on their Spirit Ring. Thank you for supporting this program.

SEP Conferences

SEP Conferences will be held on **Wednesday, September 25**. Sign-up sheets are now available. Parents may call or come into the office to sign up for a time to meet with your child's teacher.

New Lunch Schedule

11:30 – 12:00 Kindergarten
11:35 – 12:05 First Grade
11:40 – 12:10 Fifth Grade
11:45 – 12:15 Third Grade
11:50 – 12:20 Second Grade
11:55 - 12:25 Fourth Grade
12:00 - 12:30 Sixth Grade

New 4-H Afterschool Program

We are excited to announce the new 4-H Afterschool Program at Goshen Elementary. We have received a 2 year grant that allows us to offer two 4-H classes five days a week after school. Cheri Tromble is the program coordinator. She has spent many days getting everything ready for the program's kick-off!

The 4-H Afterschool Program started this week. There is a $5.00 per child 4-H registration fee. Each club also has a $5.00 club fee to help with supplies. Each session runs 6 weeks, with the exception of December – it will be for 2 weeks and will cost $10.00 a club to participate.

The Club's this session are:
Monday – Babysitting Club/Sports Sampler Club
Tuesday – Leadership Academy Club (only Student Council can participate)/Arts and Crafts Club
Wednesday – Library Weekly Readers Club/Princess Club
Thursday – Art with Nature Club/Bicycle Repair and Maintenance Club
Friday – Horse Breeders Club/Board Games Club

Participants receive a snack and participate in group activities for 30 minutes before they go to their club. The clubs end at 4:45 pm. There is NOT a bus; parents are responsible for getting their student(s) home.

As part of the 4-H program Goshen is offering a **Homework Lab**. It is available from 8-8:30 am Monday through Friday's. There is no club fee for this lab but students do need to register for 4-H ($5.00 fee). **Students may attend daily or just once or twice a week.** Students receive math homework help and can complete their class reading assignment while in the lab. Mr. Holt is the club advisor.

FAB – Friends Against Bullying

Under Mr. Holt's direction the entire Goshen student body and staff has signed a banner committing to take a stand against bullying. The banner is hanging in our hallway as a reminder that we will "Stand up, Reach out and Be a Friend." Mr. Holt is also organizing **The FAB – Friends Against Bullying**. Students will be invited to participate monthly in the FAB. The FAB will help teach all students how to be more caring and kind. Each month Mr. Holt will share a friendship tip with the school.

Wednesday's 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.**

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).**

Check Out Procedures

Goshen School Policy for checking out students is as follows:

*Check in at office and we will call student(s) down
*Sign student(s) out on the form 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
*If you are having someone else come to check your child out of school, you MUST call the office and inform us whom your student(s) 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. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Flu and Immunization Clinic

Utah County Health Department along with the school nurses will be holding a flu and immunization clinic on **Tuesday, September 10, 2013** at Goshen Elementary School from **2:00 until 4:00 p.m**. for further information please call 801-851-7043.

Dates to Remember

Sept. 6: Due date for ordering school t-shirts
Sept. 11: Vision screening for the whole school
Sept. 17: Constitution Day
Sept. 18: Early Out – School ends at 12:00pm. Teachers will be attending Staff Development Day
Sept. 20: Mid Term
Sept. 20: PTA Fall Carnival from 6:00 to 8:00.
Sept. 24: Goshen School Community Council is at 3:30 in the Reading Room.
Sept 25: SEP Conference **(PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL AND SIGN UP)**
Sept. 27: Picture day (student portraits)

Principal's Corner

Welcome back to Goshen Elementary where MAGIC happens daily! It has been great to be at Goshen and work with a special group of dedicated teachers and students who work hard every day. This year brings new opportunities and challenges. (There were mechanical problems with our swamp coolers at Back-to-School Night. I am sorry for the inconvenience and the heat. The district has been and continues to work on correcting the problem.) 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.