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The Newsletter of Goshen Elementary School

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P.T.A News

PTA will be having a 5K run and breakfast this year instead of the Fall Carnival. **It will be held on Oct. 11th.** Watch for more information about this upcoming event.

Great Start

The 2014-15 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.

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.

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 student's 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.

Dates to Remember

Vision Screening	September 18
Midterm 1 / Progress Report	September 19
Dental Varnishing	September 23
NED Show	September 24
SEP Conference #1 (2:30-9:30)	September 24
School Pictures	September 26
Book Mobile	September 30
School Community Council (3:30 pm)	September 30
Red Ribbon Week	October 6-10
PTA 5K Run/Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser	October 11
Fall Break	October 16-17
End of Term 1/ Report Card	October 23
P/C Comp Day (NO SCHOOL)	October 24
School Community Council (3:30 pm)	October 28
School Picture Retake Day	October 30
Halloween Parade	October 31

Student Illness

We want students to come to school every day as long as they are healthy. We are encouraging students, faculty and staff wash their hands frequently. This will help limit the spreading of germs.

We have several students with asthma and upper respiratory concerns. It is important that we work together to help ALL students remain healthy. If your child is ill, you please keep them home until they are no longer contagious. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Dental Varnishing – September 23

Oral health is the number one need identified by the Utah County Health Department nurses who work with the children in Utah County schools. Utah is a state with minimal water fluoridation, and the rate of dental caries, or tooth decay, is relatively high. Utah County has one of the highest incidences of dental caries in the state.

Each year, Intermountain Healthcare, Community Health Connect, the Utah County School Nurses, and volunteers from Brigham Young University, Utah Valley University and the MATC Dental Assisting Program work to improve the oral health of elementary school students in our valley. **This free dental campaign provides a dental kit to each student including a toothbrush and toothpaste.** These kits ensure that each child has the necessary tools to care for their teeth and use the skills they learned from the program volunteers.

All children having prior parental consent are then given an application of fluoride varnish. This FDA approved treatment is simply painted onto the teeth and helps prevent cavities from occurring. It is free, quick, and painless. While varnishing teeth, student's oral health is assessed and children without dental insurance who require further assistance are referred to Community Health Connect, where if they qualify, are linked with a volunteer dentist. If you want to participate in this program, watch for a permission slip and informative flyer being sent home with your student this fall.



Ways To Keep Informed of Events at Goshen School

- **School Web Calendar**

Goshen School 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

- **Magnetic Calendar**

This calendar is the one that you received at registration. It is a good reminder of the events that are coming each month. Take a look at the beginning of each month to review what will be happening at Goshen School each month.

- **School Marquee**

If you are driving past the school, or coming to pick up your child, take a glance at the marquee to see what events are happening.

- **Parent Link**

We will continue to send email as well as voice messages through Parent Link. This is only as effective as the information on SIS. **PLEASE make sure that we have a current parent email address and telephone numbers on the Student Information System (SIS).** At the present time, we showed that only 40% of our parents received the messages that we have sent out, due to incorrect email addresses and telephone numbers.

- **Student Handbook**

On the last page of the Student Handbook that you received at registration, there is a calendar of events for the 2014-2015 school year. This may also be helpful to get an overview of the entire school year.

- **Newsletters**

Many of our teachers send out a weekly newsletter with their students. This will give additional information about what is happening in the individual classrooms

***We hope that this will be helpful to parents as we try to keep you informed of what is happening at our school.**

***If you have not yet gone online to the Nebo School District web page to **create your 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).**

