



The Goshen Link

Connecting Home and School

Goshen Elementary School

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Dates to Remember

September

- 24 Back to School Night 7:00p.m.
Grades 3—5
- 28 Yom Kippur-no school

October

- 1 Back to School Night 7:00p.m.
Grades K—2
- 2 Early Release- 1:00 dismissal
- 6 PTA meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Open House
- 13 Individual Student Photos
- 15 Flu Shot Clinic for students
- 16 No School
- 23 PTA sponsored "Dad's Night"



From Your PrincipalLinda King

It was wonderful to see so many of our families at our Back to School picnic last week. The weather couldn't have been nicer. Thanks to Bar T for donating the Moon Bounce and thanks to our PTA for organizing and funding this event.

Thank you to all of our families who participated in the learning activities at Goshen ES this summer. We had 53 families who participated in our Lending Library each Thursday, over 20 students who participated in the Goshen Grizzly Summer Reading Club, and 75 students who participated in the Books A to Z program. I want to acknowledge and thank all the teachers who helped with these program. As you know, teachers are 10 month employees and are not paid summer pay. These teachers volunteered their time to support our Goshen students through the summer:

Lending Library: Crista Horn, organized the books and schedule and manned the check-out times, with assistance from Courtney Avnaim, Judy Taylor, Julie Robeson, Kristina DeBold, Debby Torres, Andrea Meadows, Nicole Marmo, Sharon Greenwald, Kelly Jiron, and Judy Beucher.

Books A to Z: Jane Czarnopys organized, copied, packaged and mailed out all books, with assistance from Kelly Jiron and Jenni Kwon.

Goshen Grizzly Summer Reading Club: Gayle Luckenbaugh and Tammy Monarch organized the 8 week program, and then served as teachers, with assistance from Andrea Meadows, Debby Torres, Nicole Marmo, Kristina DeBold, Sarah Prather Krempel, Julie Robeson, Crista Horn, Karen Mattsen, Jane Czarnopys, Julie Robeson, Amanda Friedman, and Jenni Yoon.

Thank you also to all parents who supported your children in these programs, as well as completing the Goshen grade level math packets, and participating in the Gaithersburg Library Summer Reading program. It is this cooperation and partnership between parents and staff that makes Goshen ES the best school in MCPS!

Last week information was sent home about the flu mist vaccine that will be administered to all elementary MCPS students. This flu mist is for the seasonal flu—not H1N1 (swine flu). The date for Goshen ES is October 15. It is a nasal spray (not a 'shot') and will be administered by Montgomery County nurses. You **MUST** return the signed permission form in order for your child to receive the mist. Another form is attached if you have misplaced yours.



Back to School Nights

Our Back to School nights will be:

Thursday, September 24, for grades 3–5.

Thursday, October 1, for grades K–2.

This year, our back to school nights will be interactive—a dialog between parents, teachers, and students. We encourage you to attend with your child/children. Our students will help to explain their schedule, the expectations, and the routines. Part of the evening will include the completion of our compact: Teachers' Pledge, Students' Pledge, Parents' Pledge. Please think about YOUR wishes/expectations for Goshen ES staff and come ready to share:

What expectations do you have for your child's teacher/teachers this year?

What expectations do you have for your child this year?

We will begin the evening in homerooms and then later move to math classes. The program will be repeated at 8:00 p.m. for those families with more than one student in Grades 3–5 or K–2. As you move through the halls, be sure to check the "All About Me" posters that staff have completed.

We hope to see EVERY family at our Back to School nights.

Teacher Appreciation

A very special thank you to our wonderful PTA for the fabulous luncheon that was provided to the staff on our preservice day, Friday, August 29. We enjoyed delicious sandwiches and salads and scrumptious desserts. Thank you to everyone who donated a dessert and to Joy Copeland and Jeanette Barnes for serving the food.

Lice

I want to remind you that head lice is a fairly common condition found in elementary-age children. Information was sent home last week that provided you with facts on how to identify, inspect, and treat head lice. If you have any questions, please contact our Health Room.

Arrival and Dismissal Safety

Please use the small circle at the main entrance for dropping off students in the AM and picking them up in PM. We call it the "Kiss and Ride" drop-out. Please do NOT drop students off in the parking lot or expect them to walk to the lot to meet you at the end of the day. There are too many cars and it is too dangerous. If you choose to use the parking lot, then please park and walk your child to the entrance area (or meet them at dismissal). Thank you for your cooperation.

We want your feedback! Please tear off and return:

How are we doing? _____

How can we help you? _____

Do you have any questions that have not been answered? _____
