



# The Goshen Link

*Connecting Home and School*

**Goshen Elementary School**

Linda F. King, Principal  
Monique Godfrey, Assistant Principal

**September 30, 2009**

## Dates to Remember

### September

- 24 Back to School Night 7:00p.m.  
Grades 3-5  
6:30 p.m. Parent Mtg. for  
Instrumental Music

### 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  
9:30-11:30 a.m.  
1:30-3:00 p.m.
- 12 Individual Student Photos
- 15 Flu Mist Clinic for students
- 16 No School
- 23 PTA sponsored "Dad's Night"

**Be sure to come to Back to School night -**

**September 24 for gr. 3-5**

**October 1 for gr. K-2**



*From Your Principal .....Linda King*

### Spotlight on our new addition to the Goshen staff: Colleen Duda

Hi! My name is Colleen Duda. I'm very excited to be joining the Goshen E.S. family this year as a Math Focus and Intervention teacher. I am thrilled to be teaching advanced math classes to both 4th and 5th grades in addition to supporting the 2nd grade math classes. I am coming to Goshen after having taught 1st and 3rd grades at Damascus E.S. for the past 16 years. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Maryland. Go Terps! (I am a passionate Terps fan!) I continued my studies focusing on elementary math as a graduate student at McDaniel College. I am married and have 3 wonderful daughters, ages 3, 7, and 11. My family loves soccer (we all play on teams), camping, boating and tubing on the lake, the beach, and sharing time with our wonderful friends and extended families. I am enjoying getting to know Goshen. It's a great school with awesome staff, students, and families. Thank you for having me!

### Back to School Nights

Our Back to School nights will be:

**Thursday, September 24, for grades 3-5 7:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 1, for grades K-2 7:00 p.m.**

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 made.



# Newsworthy



## Halloween Young Run

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Halloween Young Run is scheduled for October 18 in Rockville. This is a fantastic event for kids 12 and under. The cost is only \$5 and your child can choose from 3 distances:  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, or 1 mile. This is a NON-COMPETITIVE event. Parents are welcome to run with their children. Each child who runs the  $\frac{1}{4}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile will receive a ribbon. All 1 mile runners will receive a medal. Goshen hopes to have a lot of participation among students. Many Goshen staff members will be there to support our runners! Information brochures will be available at both Back to School Nights. You can also go to the website: [www.halloweenyoungrun.com](http://www.halloweenyoungrun.com)

## Attention All Families of Fifth Grade Students!

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Wednesday, October 12, 2009,	7:00 p.m.	Information meeting at Clemente MS
Thursday, October 29, 2009,	7:00 p.m.	Application Workshop at Gaithersburg HS
Monday, November 2, 2009,	7:00 p.m.	Application Workshop at Wheaton HS
<b>Monday, November 9, 2009</b>		<b>Application deadline, postmarked or delivered</b>

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