

The Goshen Link

Connecting Home and School

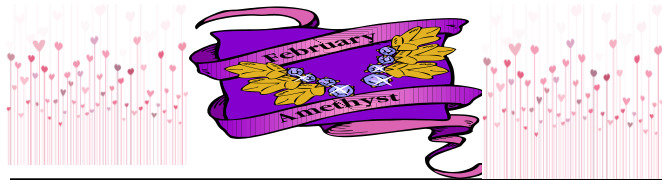
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Goshen Elementary School

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Goshen's Vision

We, the staff, students and parents of Goshen Elementary School, will work together to provide a respectful and equitable education that prepares every student to be lifelong learners and successful citizens.



February

- 1 Report Cards Distributed**
- 3 Awards Assemblies**
3rd-5th 9:30
K-2nd 10:30
- 6 Pennies for Patients Drive begins through 2/24**
- 14 Valentine' Day – times on next page**
- 16/17 Vision/Hearing Screening- Kindergarten Students**
- 20 President's Day Holiday-No School**
- 21 Cultural Arts Assemblies**
- 23 Mad Science – Grade 3**
- 28 Grade 2 to Imagination Stage**

Our Mission

At Goshen Elementary School, we come to school every day the Grizzly Bear way. We show our:

- B:** Best Behavior
- E:** Effective Effort
- A:** Awesome Attitude
- R:** Respect and Responsibility

From Your PrincipalLinda King

The Promethean Boards are here!!! They arrived last week and were installed immediately. Our staff is being trained this week and some classes have even started to use them. Excitement is in the air as we utilize this new technology.

Thank you again to all of you who made the purchase of the promethean boards possible. Through the fundraising activities of PTA and Goshen staff and through YOUR generous participation, our PTA was able to purchase these two boards. The Goshen staff joins me in thanking you – these boards will help us to implement Curriculum 2.0 as well as helping us to prepare our students for using the technology of the 21st century.

Stop by the lab between 6:30 and 7:00 on Tuesday, February 7 – right before our PTA meeting which will start at 7:00 in the Media Center. We will hold a mini “Open House” so you can see the board and see how it works.

We are in the third quarter of our 2011-2012 school year. We will be celebrating our second quarter achievements at our Awards Assemblies on Friday, February 3: Grades 3-5 at 9:30 a.m. and Grades K—2 at 10:30 a.m. We invite you to celebrate with us.

Report cards were sent home on Wednesday, Feb. 1. Please review them with your child. This is a great opportunity for your child to set goals—both academic and behavior—for the third quarter. As always, please encourage your child to put forth his/her **BEST EFFORT.**

As another reminder, please remember the very important MSA (Maryland School Assessment) testing period for grades 3, 4, and 5. Students will be involved in testing from March 12—21. Please do not schedule doctor's appointments or family trips during this time. We need every student in school—on time—on the testing days. Thank you for your support.

NEWSWORTHY

Goshen Friendship Week: February 13- 17

Spirit Days:

Monday: Crazy Sock Day – “Sock It To Bullying And Be A Good Friend”

Tuesday: Valentine’s Day – Wear Red, White, and/or Pink

Wednesday: Jersey Day – “Team Up Against Bullying”

Thursday: Twin Day – “United Against Bullying”

Friday: Pajama Day “Cozy Up To A Friend”

School-wide activities:

- Friendship Chain
- “Caught Being Friendly”
- Reading friendship/anti-bullying books each school day

Our Valentine Parties will be held at 2:00 p.m. on February 14th for grades 1, 2, 3, and 5.

Kindergarten parties will start at 2:20 (after specials).

Fourth grade parties will be 1:40 – 2:20 p.m. (so students can attend specials at 2:25)

Reminders from the last LINK

Cell Phones

Just a reminder that MCPS policy states that “elementary school students are not permitted to possess or use portable communication devices on MCPS school campuses during the instructional day.” In order for a student to be able to carry a cell phone, the parent must submit a written request which must be approved by the principal. Waivers to this MCPS regulation are only approved if there is a question of safety, if a student needs to communicate with the parent after school, or if there is a medical concern. The bottom line is that many students use them inappropriately during the school day and cell phones are a distraction to learning. Please, no cell phones at school.

Winter Weather

It is very important that you, your daycare provider and your children have a plan for school delays, early dismissals and school closures. I urge you, and your daycare providers, to sign up for MCPS Alerts. You will receive a text message with the latest decisions regarding school closures, not only very early in the morning, but throughout the day when parents are at work. Please remember that on **2 hours late opening days, students should not arrive before 11:00 a.m.**

