

The Goshen Gazette

October 2009

Goshen Elementary School
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Mark Your Calendar!

Monday, October 12

No School – Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 13

ECUSD 7 School Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. at Woodland Elementary

Friday, October 16

Half Day of Student Attendance - 12:15
Dismissal
End of First Quarter

Saturday, October 17

PTO Fall Festival 12:00-4:00

Tuesday, October 20

PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 22

Market Day Orders Due

Friday, October 23

Report Cards Go Home (1st and 2nd Grade)
Spirit Day – Wear your GREEN AND GOLD!

Saturday, October 24

PTO Family Portrait Day

Monday, October 26

ECUSD 7 School Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. at Woodland Elementary
RED RIBBON WEEK BEGINS

Thursday, October 29

Market Day Pick Up

Friday, October 30

Classroom Halloween Parties 2:30-3:30

Sunday, November 1

Daylight Savings Time – Fall Back an Hour!

Principal's Notes

Dear Goshen Families,

The beginning of the 2009-2010 school year has been smooth and successful! Our students are respectful, cooperative, and enthusiastic as they start each day!

The Goshen staff and I are very proud of our students for taking on the individual responsibility of making Goshen a great place for all children to learn.

All of our students have proudly accepted their roles as Goshen Gators, and they are busy every day, learning and following school and classroom expectations and becoming active and respectful members of our Goshen family. Thank you so much to all of our families for providing support and positive encouragement at home.

It was wonderful to see so many families at Parent Orientation in September, and we welcome parents and grandparents to visit and volunteer in the building each day.

The strong partnership between our teachers and parents is evident in the many committees and volunteer activities that are up and running at Goshen. We look forward to building on this partnership with you!

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail your child's teacher, or to contact me with any questions you may have about your child's education at Goshen Elementary School.

It is by working together that we create a positive and productive learning community!

Warm wishes!
Mrs. Wells



Red Ribbon Week at Goshen

Red Ribbon Week was established nationwide in 1988 as a memorial to honor an undercover agent from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, and his battle against illegal drugs. Goshen Elementary School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 26-30, by participating in a number of educational activities including guest speakers who will be presenting preventative messages.



Monday – *Saying No To Drugs Is No Sweat!*

Wear sweat pants and shirts

Tuesday – *Join The Fight Against Drugs!*

Wear camouflage

Wednesday – *Don't Monkey Around With Drugs!*

Wear crazy socks

Thursday – *Together We Stand for a Drug Free Land!*

Wear red, white, and blue

Friday – *Say Boo to Drugs!*

Wear Halloween costumes during classroom celebrations

Calling All Ghosts and Goblins! It's Time to Celebrate Halloween!

On **Friday, October 30**, we will be having our school-wide Halloween parties. The parties will begin around 2:30 p.m. Please watch for details in your classroom teacher's newsletter.

While we want it to be a safe and fun day, we do have specific guidelines regarding the festivities.

- Students wishing to participate may **bring** their costume with them. Please do not wear costumes to school.
- **All** visitors **must** sign in with Ms. Canuel, the School Safety Officer.
- Costumes that include blood, guts, and weapons should not be worn.
- Masks must not be worn over students' faces (they obscure vision).
- Be sure that the material for the costume does not get caught under your child's shoes.
- Costumes should be comfortable and easy for students to manage.
- Face paint should not be a part of the costume. There simply is not enough time to apply it or remove it.
- Food items must be pre-packaged from the store. For sanitary and safety reasons, we cannot accept home-made goods.

We understand that not all families participate in Halloween festivities. If your child does not, let the teacher know, and we will make arrangements. Please call if you have questions or concerns.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on November 23, 24, and 25. If you have not yet signed up for a conference, please contact your child's teacher. We are looking forward to discussing your child's progress this school year!

Recycle! Gators Helping Planet Earth

The students and staff at Goshen Elementary School love to recycle! We now have a recycling station in the front lobby where Goshen Families can recycle tab tops, glasses, printer ink jet cartridges, and keys. Remember to save your juice pouches as well – The next collection date is October 21!

