



# North Gem News

*"Insuring our future by developing Character, Confidence and Competence"*

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May 2017

## Dates to Remember

### May 5

Make-Up School Day

### May 9

School Board Meeting - 7:00

### May 10

Last day Pre-School

### May 11

Secondary Spring Concert - 7:00 p.m.

### May 16

School Board Trustee Elections

### May 17

Elementary Spring Concert - 6:00

### May 23

Kindergarten Graduation - 7:00

### May 24

High School Graduation - 8:00

### May 25

School Day/Check Out

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North Gem Patrons,

Well, the weather is starting to warm up and only four weeks stand between us and the end of the school year. However, those four weeks are going to be busy. We will be having some field trips, concerts, track meets, golf tournaments, and awards ceremonies, just to name a few of the things that are going on this month. Just a reminder: **we will have another Friday make-up day this month, on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Graduation will be Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The last day of school for the 1<sup>st</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> graders will be Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.**

We want to thank all those who attended our high schoolers' production of "Larceny and Old Lace" last month. We want to thank Mrs. Rindlisbaker, Mrs. Reed, the actors, and the stage crew for all of their hard work on that entertaining play. We also want to thank Mr. Bean and Mrs. Rowe for administering the ISATs during April and the students who worked hard on those state tests. **ISAT results will be sent home with students with their end of the year report cards on the last day of school.**

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, there will be some contested races for school board trustees in North Gem. In Zone 1, Taylor Askew, Darlene Delbridge, and Raini Hayden are running for the open position, which was formerly held by Rondo Crossley. George Millward will be running for re-election in Zone 3, with Jason Perkins and Kathy Wistisen also running for that position. Royce Hatch is running unopposed for the trustee position in Zone 4, which is where Carl Hatch is currently serving. (The two trustees whose terms are not up for re-election this year are Dennis Reed, from Zone 2, and Tanya Delbridge, from Zone 5.) **Elections for the three trustee positions will be held on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Great things are going on at North Gem School District! Please check the North Gem Events Calendar on our website for up-to-date information about the things going on at our school. We express our appreciation for all of your support as we work to make our district even better.

Sincerely,

Dave Sotutu

Superintendent/Principal

## Employment Opportunities

The North Gem School District is looking to fill the following positions:

- Secondary English Teacher
- Certified K-12 Music Teacher
- Part-time Lunchroom help
- Bus Drivers
- Part-time Kindergarten Aide
- Part-time Speech Therapy Aide

Extra Curricular Activities: Jr. High Cheerleader Coach, High School Cheerleader Coach

All positions are open until filled. Applications are available online at [www.sd149.com](http://www.sd149.com) or at the main office. If you have any questions you may call Kari Lish at the school at 648-7848.

**Yearbooks** - Order your 2016/2017 Yearbook now for \$42.40 (includes tax).

**Dress Code** - Shorts cannot be more than 4" above the knee. Skirts cannot be more than 2" above the knee. Tight or sheer clothing, or that is revealing in any manner cannot be worn. Leggings must be worn with a shirt, dress or other top that extends below the waist and hits at thigh length. Any clothing that shows the back or the shoulders is not allowed.

**School Board Trustee Elections** - On May 16, 2017, the North Gem School District will have elections for three (3) trustee zones: Zone 1 (Ron Crossley), Zone 3 (George Millward), and Zone 4 (Carl Hatch).

## Make-Up Days Scheduled

Friday, May 5th

Thursday, May 25th



### A Fond Farewell

*After forty years, it is time for me say goodbye to the North Gem School District. I have immensely enjoyed my career here, teaching many of you and your children. The times have sometimes been interesting, but I will take away many great memories of the people I have taught and worked with. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to raise my children here as well as teach. The North Gem community is a great place to be and I will miss my association with you as a teacher. I thank you for forty wonderful years. I wish all of you the best in the future.*

*Ralph Peterson*

# NORTH GEM ELEMENTARY NEWS



As we finish off this school year, there are a few activities that we want to make you aware of! First of all, the Elementary Spring Concert will be at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. You should also be aware that the cut off day for our AR reading will be Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Although we hope that your child will continue to read every day, that will be the last day that they will be able to earn any AR points this quarter. This will give us a week to figure out which library books are missing and to get them turned in before the end of the school year.

The last week of school, we will have our Elementary Field Day on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 1:00 pm. The Elementary Awards Assembly will be in the auditorium at 11:00 am on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, and our AR Goal Party will be that afternoon. The last day of school will be Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you for your continued support!

## MUSIC NEWS

Gem Street Edition, High School Choir, went to 5th district large group music festival in Snake River on Tuesday, April 25. The students performed three numbers, "This Little Light of Mine", "Siyahamba," and "Witch Doctor," for the judges and audience.

The choir performed very well; with the judges given comments of wonderful and fabulous. As a special tribute to Deanne Casperson, Snake River's choir director, Gem Street Edition sang, "God Bless America, Again," which was composed by Mrs. Casperson. She was very appreciative and grateful for the performance

### Spring Concerts coming up:

Secondary (grades 5-12) - Thursday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Elementary (grades K-4) - Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium

**REMEMBER:** All North Gem alumni (students and staff) are invited to come sing the school hymn, "Hail to North Gem High," at the secondary concert on May 11!

# *Child Find*

*North Gem School District #149*

*Contact the North Gem Early Childhood Education Center for an appointment at (208) 648-7848.*

*The primary purpose of the North Gem Early Childhood Education program is to provide early intervention for children with disabilities. If you have questions about your child's development, please contact us for assistance.*

*North Gem School District will sponsor a Free Screening*

*May 18, 2017*

*12:30 p.m.—4:00 p.m. Call (208) 648-7848 for an appointment*

*This screening is for Children ages 3-5*

*Does your child have trouble in any of these areas?*

*Thinking or Academic skills, Social or Self-Help skills*

*Speech/language skills,*

*Behavior problems, Motor skills or physical conditions.*

## Kindergarten/Preschool News

Kindergarten registration packets are available to anyone who needs to register their Kindergartener . (Testing will be done when school begins in August.) Preschool ends on May 9th and the preschool/Kindergarten field trip is on the 11th.

**Kindergarten Graduation** will be on **May 23rd at 7:00.**

## Middle School News

The middle school will be going to Lava on the last day of school (May 25th). We will leave around 8:40 a.m. and return in time to catch the bus home. The school will cover the entrance, but lunch will not be provided. As it is a full school day you will want to send a lunch with your child or some money to purchase food there. If you have questions or would like to chaperone please contact Emily Appgood.

eappgood@sd149.com or 208-648-7848 ext 19

### North Gem Parental Consent Form

My Student \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the following School activity. Lava Hot Springs Swim Trip taking place on May 25, 2017.

I understand that my child will travel by bus and will be leaving at approximately 8:40 a.m. on Thursday, and returning at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Thursday.

I hereby give my consent to have \_\_\_\_\_, my child, treated and /or hospitalized as needed in the event of injury or sickness If I am unable to be contacted, and I authorize North Gem personnel to act in my stead to see that proper medical treatment is obtained and instigated.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency phone numbers where parents might be reached if not at home:

\_\_\_\_\_

Person to contact if parents cannot be reached:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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School Board Meeting  
Tuesday, March 14, 2017  
Vo-Ag Classroom  
Regular Session 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Chairman Carl Hatch, Vice Chairman Tanya Delbridge, Trustee George Millward, Trustee Dennis Reed, Superintendent David Sotutu and Clerk Kari Lish.

Trustee Crossley excused.

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m. Chairman Hatch called the meeting to order and expressed appreciation for the many years of service Rondo Crossley contributed to the North Gem School District as Trustee.

**Public Session -- 7:00 p.m.**

Others Present: Hailey Perry, Lacy Whiting, Bridger Jensen, Randall Apgood, Logan Strong, Ralph Peterson, and Raini Hayden.

**II. REGULAR SESSION - 7:00 p.m.**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Hatch

**B. Prayer:** David Sotutu

**C. Consent Agenda**

Trustee Delbridge moved to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Millward seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**D. Reports/Information**

1. What's Right With North Gem

Mr. Sotutu reported on what the leadership team feels is right with North Gem. Some of the things identified include: the elementary are "in the swing of things" and going well, some of the middle school teachers attended the Idaho Middle Level Teachers conference and are implementing a "Culture of Kindness" in the middle school, the high school is going well and the students are engaged, the high school seniors have almost all passed the civics test that is required for graduation, and the spring testing has been scheduled.

Superintendent Sotutu then reported on the Federal Programs review, the School Lunch program review, and the safety inspection. The visits went well and the findings for Federal Programs and School lunch have already been corrected and the findings from the safety inspection should be available next week..

2. Student Counsel Report

Logan Strong reporting on the student body activities. Some of the items Logan covered included: the elementary is doing a new program this year, where they "spotlight" students each week. The student's picture and information is hung on the wall by their classroom, the elementary hopes to recognize every elementary student by the end of the school year, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade recently attended a symphony at the Stephan's Performing Arts Center in Pocatello, the middle school is having a dance during the last makeup day, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are competing in a Quiz Bowl, the high school spring sports have begun, there was a suicide prevention assembly last week, and this month's trait the student council is focusing on is grit.

3. Senior Trip Report

Senior Class President, Bridger Jensen, presented a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed senior trip scheduled for April 16-April 19. The class will be renting a house in St. George and will be visiting Zions Nations Park, Nellis Air Force Base, Mandalay Bay shark reef, the M&M and Coke-Cola factories, and a dinosaur museum.

4. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Sotutu reported on the Day on the Hill meetings that he attended and the ISEE training he received on calendar and staff reporting. He has begun working on the school calendar for next year and will be organizing a committee with teachers, parents, and students to assist him. Mr. Sotutu then updated the board on the policy of employing board members spouses, and showed a plastic chain that the science department had printed with the 3-D printer they have received, thanks to a grant for the Idaho Stem Action Center.

**E. Action**

1. FFA State Convention Trip  
FFA advisor, Randall Appood, requested permission for him and approximately 18 students to attend the State FFA Leadership Conference on April 5<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Reed moved to approve the FFA trip. Trustee Millward seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
2. 2nd Reading of Policies
  - a. 566-Student Suicide Prevention  
Trustee Millward moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of policy 566-Student Suicide Prevention. Trustee Delbridge 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
  - b. 633-Advanced Opportunities  
Trustee Millward moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of policy 633-Advanced Opportunities. Trustee Reed 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
  - c. 673-Reading Assessment and Intervention Program  
Trustee Delbridge moved to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of policy 673-Reading Assessment and Intervention Program. Trustee Millward 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

**F. Call to the Public**

None

**IV. ADJOURN**

Trustee Millward moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Delbridge seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Time 7:35 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman Carl Hatch

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recorded: Clerk Kari Lish

North Gem Events

May 2017 (Mountain Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
		FFA SE Idaho Dist.	9 am - Golf @ 4 pm - JH Track @ WS 7 pm - FFA Banquet		Make up school day Track @ Grace 5 pm - Downey HS Rodeo 8:30 am - Cheerlead!	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		9 am - Golf Districts 7 pm - School Board	District Track @ Preschool Last day	Secondary Spring 8 am - Kindergarten 1 pm - Middle School	5 pm - Bear Lake HS Rodeo	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	9 am - State Golf @ Rigby, ID 83442, USA		FFA Black & White 6 pm - Elementary	Middle School 5 pm - Malad HS Rodeo	State Track	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		7 pm - Kindergarten 8 pm - FFA Closing	Graduation	Make up school day	Teacher Work Day	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
						State High School



# May

North Gem School District #149....."Improve Health  
And Enhance the Ability to Learn Through Better Nutrition"

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>
<b>1</b> Malibu Chicken Burger Sloppy Joes Turkey Deli Sandwich Green Beans Peaches	<b>2</b> Hamburgers Spaghetti Turkey Deli Sandwich Baked Squash Fresh Apple Slices	<b>3</b> Super Nachos Italian Dunkers Turkey Deli Sandwich Brocc./Caul. Bake Pineapple	<b>4</b> Meatball Sub Sandwich Chicken Fajita Wrap Turkey Deli Sandwich Baby Baker Potatoes Pears
<b>8</b> Taco Salad Chicken Philly Sandwich Turkey Deli Sandwich Seasoned Black Beans Mandarin Oranges  <b>BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION</b>	<b>9</b> Bbq Pork Sliders Burritos Turkey Deli Sandwich California Spinach Salad Peaches	<b>10</b> Hot Beef n Cheese Taco Soup w/ Corn Muffin Turkey Deli Sandwich Sweet Corn Fresh Oranges	<b>11</b> Chicken Burger Sandwich Mini Corndogs Turkey Deli Sandwich Sunshine Carrots Applesauce Pudding Cups
<b>15</b> Italian Dunkers Sloppy Joes Turkey Deli Sandwich Baked Beans Mandarin Oranges	<b>16</b> Malibu Chicken Burger Soft Shell Taco Turkey Deli Sandwich Fresh Baby Carrots Apricots	<b>17</b> Chicken Fajita Wrap Eggroll w/ Rice Turkey Deli Sandwich Brocc./Caul. Bake Pears	<b>18</b> French Dip Corndogs Turkey Deli Sandwich Sidewinders Fresh Apple Slices
<b>22</b> Meatball Sub Sandwich Chicken Nuggets Turkey Deli Sandwich Green Beans Strawberries	<b>23</b> Chicken Salad Croissant Smothered Burritos Turkey Deli Sandwich Peas w/ Carrots Applesauce	<b>24</b> Super Nachos Italian Beef Sandwich Turkey Deli Sandwich Brocc. w/Cheese Fruit Sundays	<b>Make up Day 25</b> Hamburgers Ham Bagel Turkey Deli Sandwich Roasted Carrots Orange Wedges
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Choice Bar and Milk Offered Each Day</div>		<b>Make up Day 5</b> Friday May 5 <sup>th</sup> Mac n Cheese /Gr.Beef BBQ Chicken Pizza Turkey Deli Sandwich Chuckwagon Corn Blueberry Smoothy	<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 20px; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2017</div>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider</div>			

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**SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES 2016-17**

MONTH	5-12TH				
	REDUCED	K-4TH GRADE	GRADE	ADULT	
<i>Day rate</i>		\$0.40	\$2.55	\$2.75	\$3.85
<b>August</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>\$3.60</b>	<b>\$22.95</b>	<b>\$24.75</b>	<b>\$34.65</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$6.40</b>	<b>\$40.80</b>	<b>\$44.00</b>	<b>\$61.60</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$6.40</b>	<b>\$40.80</b>	<b>\$44.00</b>	<b>\$61.60</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$6.40</b>	<b>\$40.80</b>	<b>\$44.00</b>	<b>\$61.60</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>\$4.80</b>	<b>\$30.60</b>	<b>\$33.00</b>	<b>\$46.20</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$7.20</b>	<b>\$45.90</b>	<b>\$49.50</b>	<b>\$69.30</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>\$38.25</b>	<b>\$41.25</b>	<b>\$57.75</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>\$5.60</b>	<b>\$35.70</b>	<b>\$38.50</b>	<b>\$53.90</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$6.40</b>	<b>\$40.80</b>	<b>\$44.00</b>	<b>\$61.60</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>\$38.25</b>	<b>\$41.25</b>	<b>\$57.75</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>58.80</b>	<b>374.85</b>	<b>404.25</b>	<b>565.95</b>

The North Gem School District #149, is requesting that the parents please be aware of the balances of your students accounts. The state requires that the district keep the balance of a students account with a positive balance.

Please, do not ask the Child Nutrition Department, to break the rules of the USDA. The district will ask you to please make a reasonable effort to pay any negative balance that you may have. Please do not let the accounts go into the negative.