# GEMS ATHLETIC CENTER

JANUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER



#### COMPETITION

GEMS team gymnasts will be heading into their competition season starting the second weekend in January! We had a great mock meet and are looking forward to a wonderful season!

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THANK YOU for being a part of our gym and for your support! We appreciate all of our families and want to wish you all a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!



# James James

#### **CALENDAR**

CLOSED January 1- Regular classes start January 2.

Open gym January 26 ages 5.

Open gym January 26 ages 5-12 from 7-830. \$10/child.

Team competition Kalispell, MT January 12-14.



#### **GEMS**

GEMS stands for Grace, Energy, Movement, Strength. At GEMS Athletic Center we believe that children are true gifts from God. We strive to create an environment where they not only grow physically and mentally, but also to facilitate in building their character. We believe in a growth mindset and are committed to each athlete and believe that gymnastics should be fun and affordable. We believe that it is not CAN you do something, but rather HOW you do it.

#### REMINDER

Starting January 1, 2024 GEMS Athletic
Center will be requiring a card on file in our
I-classpro system for monthly tuition. If no
payment has been received by the 10th, then
GEMS will charge the card on file and a \$10
late fee will be added. Please reach out to us
if you would like to make other arrangements
for payment. All accounts must be current for
your child to participate. THANK YOU for
your understanding.





## BRAIN BASED MOVEMENT CLASS & OPEN GYM

Our Brain Based Movement and open gyms are amazing! This was in collaboration with the Bain Blossom program! Please be on the lookout for information on the next one coming up in January.

#### CHART WEEK!



Our next chart/testing week will be January 22-27. During this week, coaches will determine whether their kids are ready to advance to the next level. Coaches not only look at gymnastics skills, but also the ability to follow directions, how they treat their peers and coaches, as well as how they respond to the challenges of the next level.

#### LOST AND FOUND

Please check our lost and found and make sure you grab any items that belong to you. We will be donating items soon. THANK YOU!



#### FOOD DRIVE AND MOCK **MEET**

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that came out to the mock meet and showed their support. We had a great turn out and the food drive was amazing! We dropped all the food off at the food pantry at Canvas Church and it was an unexpected extra in a time of need!

### Meet the Owners of GEMS!



**Meloney and her husband Jeff Butcher** (a fire fighter at Cd'a Fire), have two kids ages 8 and 11. Meloney has been coaching gymnastics for 25 years. She started gymnastics at the age of 6 and competed through level 10 in this area and then earned a full ride Division 1 gymnastics scholarship to compete for Sacramento State. **After competing for Sac State and** winning three conference championships, she was chosen to be in the gymnastics movie 'Stick It'. She has coached at numerous gyms clubs in many different states and has had the pleasure of learning from many top national level coaches from all over the country. She has been coaching since she was 16 years old and is looking forward to this new adventure of owning a gymnastics club! Meloney is also a certified FOCUS coach who works with children

with neurdeflective disorders in Cda.

Ashley, along with her husband, Luke Ferguson, are parents of 4 beautiful girls ranging from ages 6-14. Ashley grew up in this area and currently resides in Rathdrum with her wonderful family. She cheered at Timberlake High School and was on the original All Star Cheer Team in CD'A, Idaho, which is where her love of gymnastics began. Her senior year in high school she qualified for the UCA cheer team! Currently, her and her husband own 3 local businesses. Ashley is loving this opportunity to follow a dream she's had of owning a gym that will support kids through this sport.