



# Garfield Bell

February 2025

## FEBRUARY

### February 4

100th Day of School

### February 6

Booster Club Meeting  
8:45

### February 10-11

Garfield Science Fair

### February 13

Board of Trustees  
Meeting 4:00

### February 14

Valentine's Day

### February 17-22

President's week

### February 24 to

### March 5

Book Drive

### March 7

Bagels and Books  
8:30-9:30

### **Garfield School Board of Trustees:**

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## Superintendent's Message:

Dear Garfield Families,  
We've passed the middle mark of the school year and are soon to celebrate our learning accomplishments with the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. There are many reasons to celebrate this month.

Sincerely,

Mr. Quinlan

## The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

Garfield students will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Tuesday, February 4th. It's a fun and festive way for the teachers and children to acknowledge all the hard work each child has put into the school year so far. Each classroom has its own traditions for celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with a variety of fun and educational activities.

## Valentine's Exchange

Being kind is one of our three overarching goals at Garfield School, so we view the valentine exchange as an opportunity to extend kindness to all classmates on Friday, February 14th. We have some important guidelines regarding valentines with which we request parent cooperation. We have found these parameters keep the exchange a positive experience for every child.

- Valentines may be either homemade or store bought
- Valentines should be school appropriate, based on friendship
- If your child wants to give a valentine *to a student in a different classroom from his or her own*, please do the exchange outside of school.
- Please watch for classroom newsletters for more details about ways to support this activity.

## Upper Elementary Science Fair

Upper Elementary students participate in two Humboldt County and State-wide project-based events that rotate annually: History Day and the Science Fair. This year is a Science Fair year. Upper Elementary students have been hard at work utilizing the scientific method to complete their Science Fair projects. **Projects are due for judging February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Families may view the projects on Tuesday February 11th from 2:00 PM-5:30 PM. TK through 4th Grade students will visit the Science Fair and hear explanations from the students who worked on them.

## Being on Time Makes a Big Difference

Every classroom begins the day promptly at 8:30. Arriving a little bit early gives children time to put their belongings away and get settled in for the day. Every classroom begins the day with a Morning Meeting. Morning Meeting is an integral part of our daily program and front-loads students with information about the day ahead. Children who miss this piece enter the classroom at a disadvantage because they miss critical information about what is happening that day. Please make it a priority to arrive on time, thus ensuring a smooth morning transition and successful day for your child.

Picking up time is also important. Students often feel a sense of anxiety and concern when their parents are not on time. They really have worked hard all day and are looking forward to seeing you. Garfield Staff have limited time for preparing for the next day and/or after school meetings. Please respect their professionalism by picking up your children at the scheduled time. Your efforts in this area are greatly appreciated!

## Garfield Book Drive and Bagels and Books

We are excited for the school-wide **Garfield Book Drive!** Kicking-off on **February 24<sup>th</sup>**. We will be collecting books through March 5<sup>th</sup>. Donated books will then be offered at our book give-away. You may drop off books in the grand hallway next to Ms. Kathy's office. Please consider donating any gently used books your child may have outgrown

**Books and Bagels** will be hosted by the Garfield Booster Club at the school for both parents and students. The event will end on **Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-9:30**.

## Coming Soon – The Foggy Bottom Milk Run

Garfield students and families have a long history of representing our school at The Foggy Bottom Milk Run in Ferndale. We continue to encourage family participation for fun and fitness. This year the race will be held Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. To guarantee a t-shirt for yourself or your child, pre-registration on-line is highly recommended. In addition, if you register by February 19<sup>th</sup>, your t-shirt will be delivered to Garfield School and given to your child before the race day, saving you the wait-time in line at the race. Also, students 5-14 that register for the two mile Kid's Run (same as the Fun Run) and name Garfield School as your team, will receive the special school discount. Adults may also register for the Fun Run at full cost. If you're up to the challenge, you can register for the four mile race, held before the Fun Run. Strollers, baby joggers, dogs, skates, or shoes with wheels are not allowed in the race. Register online at [www.foggybottommilkrun.com](http://www.foggybottommilkrun.com). If you are unable to register on-line, please check with the office for hardcopy registration forms or to use school computers to register.

## Independent Study

If your child needs to be absent for a period of time, we recommend that your student participate in an independent study. Independent studies help keep your child up to speed on the teaching and learning they're missing while away and it may also help the school to receive funding for the days your child misses. ***Independent study is a good option for students who miss one or more consecutive days.*** Thank you for your cooperation.

## Garfield Booster Club

The Garfield Booster Club is a great way to get involved with Garfield School and to support students, staff, and community. Much of what makes Garfield School such a special place to be is made possible by our Booster Club. The next Booster Club Meeting will be held **Thursday, February 6th at 8:45 AM**. All are welcome to attend.

## School Board Meeting

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, February 13th at 4:00 PM**. The agenda for the meeting will be posted at Garfield School and can also be found on our school website prior to the meeting at <http://www.garfieldschool.org/>.