



Garfield Bell

February 2019

February 6

100th Day of School
Board Meeting 4:00
Staff Lounge

February 13

Upper Elementary
Science Fair projects
due. Families may
view 2-5:30 in the
multipurpose room.

February 14

Valentine Exchange
Science Fair
View and Share
Board of Trustees
meet at 4:00

February 18-22

President's Week
No School

February 27

Booster Club
Meeting 8:30

March 1

County Spelling Bee
Booster Family Game
Night 5:30

March 4

1:00 Dismissal
for all grades

Garfield School

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Superintendent's Message

We've passed the middle mark of the school year and are soon to celebrate our learning accomplishments with the 100th Day of School. There are many reasons to celebrate this month. Read on!

Coats for the Cold

Last month Garfield held a coat and money drive for a local, grassroots organization known as Coats for the Cold. It was our hope to raise enough coats or money to provide at least enough coats for sixty people. We are happy to say we brought in 24 new coats and \$427.00 dollars! The money we donate will be matched by Coats for the Cold. In total, we were able to donate \$854.00 to a good cause that helps local citizens. In addition to raising money, getting involved in community service projects fosters compassion for others, a connection and a sense of responsibility to the community, and a "can do" spirit for tackling real-life problems.

Watch for future opportunities to participate in community service projects.

Coming Soon - A New Look for Garfield's Website!

We are currently adding the finishing touches to our remodeled website. We appreciate the expertise and efforts of Michael Kauffmann and Harrison Hummel in this endeavor! Be sure to take a moment this month to see our new look.

The 100th Day of School

Garfield students will celebrate the 100th day of school Wednesday, February 6th with nearly 100 learning activities including creating collections of 100, counting ingredients for 100 piece trail mix, working on some 100 themed problem solving lessons, piecing together 100 piece puzzles and so much more. It's a fun way for the teachers and children to acknowledge all the hard work each child has put into the school year so far, while keeping it educational. Each classroom has its own traditions for celebrating the 100th day of school. Please watch for classroom newsletters for more information and possible ways you can help. The 100th Day is often a time when teachers are looking for volunteer help with extra centers or shopping for ingredients. If you are able to help, please contact your child's teacher right away.

Valentine's Exchange

Garfield traditionally celebrates February 14th with a valentine card exchange. Being kind is one of our three overarching rules at school, so we view the exchange as an opportunity to extend kindness to all classmates. In the Early and Middle Primary classrooms, each child is required

to bring a valentine for each classmate, and the teachers and aides with whom your child works. Participation is optional for Upper Elementary students, however, if valentines are brought for one classmate, they need to be brought for every classmate, teachers and aides.

We have some other important rules regarding the actual valentines that are exchanged. We have found these perimeters keep the exchange a positive experience for every child.

- Valentines may be homemade or store bought
- Valentines should be school appropriate, based on friendship (non-violent)
- This is a *card only exchange*, meaning no candy, toys, jewelry, tattoos stickers, etc.
- 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.

Every classroom teacher will reserve a special time in the day to exchange and read cards, as well as engage in festive valentine activities and treats. There is no need to provide treats, as they will be provided. Again, watch for classroom newsletters for more details about ways to support this tradition.

Warm Welcomes

We are happy to welcome back Upper Elementary's Friday teacher, Ms. Jenna Young. Ms. Young has been the Friday teacher in past years, but took leave when her second son was born last June. Jenna has also team taught in Middle Primary and she has substituted in all of the classrooms, and for our administrative team! She's a wonder woman and a wonderful member of the team. We're happy to have Jenna back. We are also pleased to welcome three new Direct Field Experience students from HSU's Child Development program, Ms. Jasmine Phillips in the Early Primary classroom and Nancy Torres and Ashley Hutomo in the Middle Primary classroom. The DFE students gain valuable classroom experience and observation hours as they pursue careers working with children. We also benefit tremendously from the additional support they provide to our students. We take this opportunity to welcome these members of our team and express our appreciation for what they bring to our school. Thank You.

Garfield Spelling Bee

The Upper Elementary class held a spelling bee this Thursday. Alejandro Gonzalez and Kai Macdonald were the finalists with Jonathan MacCallum as the alternate. Alejandro and Kai will compete at the county level March 1st. Congratulations on your hard work and good memory skills under pressure.

Science Fair Judges Needed (Parents need not apply)

We are looking for *non-parent*, science oriented volunteers who are interested in judging projects this year. If you know a local scientist who would be interested in judging, please have them contact Alaina Kelley at akelly@garfieldschool.org. Judging will take place on February 13th from 9:00 AM- 2:00 PM. It takes approximately 2 hours.

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 13th. Families may view the projects the same day from 2:00 PM-5:30 PM. Early and Middle Primary students will take a break from their Valentine's Day activities on the 14th to visit the Science Fair and hear explanations from the students who worked on them.

Independent Studies

If your child needs to be absent for a period of time, we recommend seeking an independent study. Independent studies help keep your child up to speed on the work they're missing while away and it may also help the school. The school continues to receive funding for the days your child misses, but completes independent study work *if the days missed are five consecutive days: Monday through Friday*. For families who are requesting an independent study, it is most helpful to the classroom teachers if you give them at least one week of advanced notice. This gives teachers the

time needed to put together the lessons from each subject area for the number of days being missed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Coming Soon in March – Booster Club's Family Fun with Games Night

Garfield Booster Club is hosting a family fun night on March 1st from 5:30-7:00. Bring a potluck dish and your favorite board game to share. This evening will provide an opportunity for parents and children to socialize while trying out or sharing board games. It's a great way to get to know families and to try out some new games. When everyone brings a potluck dish to share, no one goes away hungry!

The Foggy Bottom Milk Run

Though we don't traditionally run as a team, Garfield students and families have a long history of participating in 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 10th. To guarantee a t-shirt for yourself or your child, pre-registration on-line is highly recommended. In addition, if you register early, your t-shirt, bibs and time chips 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 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 four and ten mile races, held prior to the Fun Run. Strollers, baby joggers, dogs, skates, or shoes with wheels are not allowed in the race. Register online at 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.

