



Garfield Bell

February 2020

Feb 2

Freshwater Hall
Pancake Breakfast

February 3

1:00 Dismissal

February 5

100th Day of School

February 7th

Regional Spelling
Bee

Family Game Night

5:30-7:00

February 11

Booster Club
Meeting 3:15

Garfield History Day

February 13

Board of Trustees
Meeting 4:00

February 14

Valentines Exchange

February 17-21

President's Week

No School

February 29

History Day HSU

★★★★★

Garfield School

Board of Trustees:

Kathleen Moxon

Nancy Frost

Alison Talbott

Superintendent's Message

We are officially half way through the school year. Time certainly seems to be flying by. We are looking forward to the month of February, with many special events and celebrations planned. I hope this time finds you well and happy.

The 100th Day of School

Garfield students will celebrate the 100th day of school Wednesday, February 5th. It's a fun and festive way for the teachers and children to acknowledge all the hard work each child has put in to the school year so far. Each classroom has its own traditions for celebrating the 100th day of school with a variety of fun and educational activities. Please watch for classroom newsletters for more information and possible ways you can help as The 100th Day is often a time when teachers are looking for volunteers to help with extra centers or for parents to provide ingredients for special snacks or activities. If you are able to help, please contact your child's teacher right away.

History Day

Because Garfield School has multi-graded classrooms, Science and History standards are met using themes that rotate year to year, keeping it fresh while also ensuring our students are taught required subject matter. This year Ms. Kelley's students are focusing on History Day Projects. Students have been working very hard on a project of their choice, focusing on a specific event or period in history to learn more about it. Students will create an informative presentation on their topics. The projects will be graded on February 10th and on display in the multipurpose room on February 11th for the younger classes and parents to view. Ms. Kelley will take time to provide feedback to each student regarding his or her project. Unlike the competition of the science fair where only the grade level winners are allowed to compete at the county level, any students willing to use the feedback from Ms. Kelly to revise and strengthen their projects, will be invited to submit their projects at the county level for Humboldt County History Day. This has been a positive option for our students and will provide a more well-rounded approach to in-depth research projects for our older students.

Valentine's Exchange

Friday, February 14, Garfield students will have a valentine 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, 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 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 homemade or store bought
- Valentines should be school appropriate, based on friendship
- This is a ***card only exchange***, meaning no candy, toys, jewelry, 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. Again, watch for classroom newsletters for more details about ways to support this tradition.

Garfield Spelling Bee

Recently the Upper Elementary held their District Spelling Bee to determine who will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee. The finalists are Lila Beale and Kai Macdonald with Bryson Burns as our alternate spelling contender. Lila, Kai and possibly Bryson will next compete with students from Eureka, Freshwater, South Bay, Kneeland and Cutten School Districts. The Regional Spelling Bee, hosted by Eureka City Schools this year, will take place at Lafayette Elementary School Cafeteria on February 7th at 9:00 AM. Congratulations to our outstanding spellers!

Advanced Notice is Much Appreciated

For families who are requesting either an independent study or classroom assignments for students who will be out of the classroom for five days or more, we would like to request that you give classroom teachers at least one week of advanced notice. This will give teachers the time they need to put together meaningful assignments for your child while they are absent. Thank you for your cooperation.

Warm Welcomes

We are pleased to welcome two new employees to Garfield school. Alanna Dolan who served as an HSU Child Development intern earlier this year is now working as an instructional aide in our Middle Primary Classroom. Haley Doshier is now serving as an aide in our after school program. Both are exceptional people and we feel very fortunate to have them as part of our team. We are also pleased to welcome two new Direct Field Experience students from HSU's Child Development program, Mollie Townzen in the Early Primary classroom and Ms. Miranda Iacopetti 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!

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 8th. 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 after 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.