



Garfield Bell

March 2020

February 24th

Parent-Teacher Conference
sign-ups begin

March 1

Pancake Breakfast
Freshwater Community Hall

March 2

Minimum Day
Celebrate Dr. Seuss

March 6

End of the 2nd Trimester

March 8

Daylight Savings Time
Foggy Bottom Milk Fun Run
2:00 in Ferndale

March 9-13

Parent-Teacher Conferences
1:00 dismissal all week

March 12

Board Meeting 4PM
Staff Lounge

March 16

Booster Club Meeting 3:15

March 18

Spring Concert 5:30
Freshwater Guild Hall

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Superintendent's Message

Dear Garfield Families,

During the Month of March we will be focusing on "Helpfulness." Please take some time to talk to your child about the benefits of being helpful. We all need help at times, whether we are learning something new and we need someone to teach us, or we are doing a hard job and need someone else's help, strength or ideas. Other times we just need a friend to talk to.

Best regards,
Michael

Report Cards and Conferences

Second trimester report cards will be ready Monday, March 9th . Be sure to check with your child's teacher, or ask your child for their report card. Parent-teacher conferences begin March 9-13. If you have not already signed up with your child's classroom teacher, check your schedule and sign up for a conference now.

Conferences are an important time to work with your child's teacher and it is expected that all parents will attend conferences. Teachers are pleased to have the opportunity to work with parents on all aspects of progress, including academic, social and emotional, work habits, and physical development. You may sign up for a conference directly in person, sign up on the schedule posted at the door of your child's classroom, or through email. Remember to plan for 30 minutes: 10 minutes in the multipurpose room for a portfolio preview of your child's work followed by 20 minutes of collaboration with the teacher. The conferences run in 20 minute increments beginning at 1:20 with the latest sign-up starting no later than 5:00. Some conferences requiring additional resource staff may take scheduling precedence due to the need to coordinate multiple schedules. Conference week also means every day is a 1:00 dismissal for the whole school for the whole week. Garfield After School Program will run from 1-5:30 for all grades Monday through Friday.

End of March, Spring Concert Showcase

We are proud to offer music classes under the instruction of Ms. Teresa Walker. Ms. Walker has made a career of music training and teaching using the Orf and Sol – fa methods especially geared for teaching music to children. She has been working hard with all of the classes to bring out the best in each student. Research is conclusive that music education and appreciation help young brains develop more complex neural pathways that improve learning in other academic areas. Please support our students with your attendance March 18th at 5:30 PM, in the Freshwater Guild Hall on Grange Rd. (across from Garfield School).

Celebrate Reading with Your Child March 2nd and Everyday

March 2nd was the birth date of famed children's author, Dr. Theodore Geisel aka Dr. Seuss. Read Across America Day was organized to promote literacy and to honor Dr. Seuss for his contribution to early literacy with his humorous, whimsical and highly motivating books for developing readers. Beyond the basic readers, Seuss also took on challenging topics including altruism, deforestation, racism and the nuclear arms race. But most of us remember him because he made learning to read fun. Dr. Seuss published under the names Theodore Geisel, Theo LeSieg (Geisel spelled backwards) and finally as Dr. Seuss (Seuss was his mother's maiden name). To honor his work, students will enjoy partner reading and teacher read-alouds of favorite Seuss stories on Friday, March 2nd. We hope you will take some time to read with your child, visit your local county library and participate in the festivities they have planned. Of course, celebrating a love of reading can happen every day. Reading with your child not only strengthens their reading skills, but your shared time is bonding time your child will never forget.

History Day

This year we witnessed some exceptional projects and presentations by students. The projects reflected a group of students that not only care about history and how it relates to them, but the excellent work and presentations spoke volumes about our students' confidence and pride in a job well done. Projects conducted by Addyson Knife, Petra Bunz, Alejandro Gonzalez, Bryson Burns, Eliza Grummert, Kyla Benzinger, Brooklyn Burns, Maximus Sanzaro, Leah Stevens, Raymond Edwards, Charlotte Wright and Kai Macdonald were selected to represent Garfield at the County History Day. Congratulations to all for a job well done!

Foggy Bottom Milk Run

Garfield School encourages running as an excellent form of cardiovascular and bone strengthening exercise. The Six Rivers Running Club is a local organization that sponsors a number of seasonal runs. Possibly one of the most popular runs is the Foggy Bottom Milk Fun Run and Walk. The Fun Run and Walk follows a two mile milk delivery route from the early to mid-1900s. The event is one that kids can successfully run by themselves, as a team, or as a family. As always, the FBMR will be

held the day we return to Daylight Savings Time, Sunday, March 18th. You can register right up through the day of the race. For more information, or to register online, please visit <http://www.foggybottommilkrun.com/>