



The Garfield Bell

January 2020

January

January 6

Minimum Day
1:00 Dismissal

January 14

Storyteller
Baba Jamal

Board Meeting
4:00 Staff Lounge

January 15

Parent Information
Night 5:30 PM

January 21

No school, Martin
Luther King Birthday

January 25

Whole School Morning
Meeting



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Superintendents Message:

The New Year is a time of renewal. As students and staff return to school, we will revisit and renew our academic hopes and dreams, classroom routines and our over-arching rules of being safe, kind and responsible. With the start of the New Year, being responsible will be our theme. We will focus on what it means to be a responsible citizen, student, friend and family member.

January is also the time to apply for or renew inter-district transfer agreements for the 2020-21 school year. All students attending out of district must comply annually. I'm looking forward to seeing you in January; meanwhile I'm wishing you a happy, healthful New Year.

Warm regards, Michael

New Registration for 2020-21

January is the only remaining month of open enrollment and renewal of inter-district agreements. This enrollment period is in accordance with an agreement between the school districts of Humboldt County. We still have openings for Kindergarten and Third Grade, but we encourage anyone interested in *any* grade to apply, as openings do come available at various times in the course of the year. When this occurs we may only fill them if the paperwork is already in place by the end of January. In-district Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten students should register now as well. If you know of anyone interested in Kindergarten, please have them contact the office right away. Interested parties are invited to attend our Parent Information Night, Wednesday, January 15 at 5:30 in the Early Primary classroom. If you have questions regarding the registration process, you may call the district in which you reside, and school office at 442-5471.

Parent Information Night

Wednesday, January 15 at 5:30 Garfield will host an information night for anyone interested in learning more about Garfield's educational programs. If you know of families interested in finding out more about Garfield School, please extend the invitation to attend.

Plans for Your Child's Next School Year

Recently an email went out requesting confirmation for your child's school plans next fall. If your child will be changing schools, please notify the office right away. Knowing early allows us to assist your child with the transition to a different school next fall and it may open a spot for a child on the waiting list.

Address and Phone Changes? – We Need to Know

As the New Year rings in, it is also a good time to do a re-check on any changes to your address, phone number, email addresses, emergency contacts, medical insurance information etc. We understand changes happen, and how easy it is to forget to let the school know. Information changes can be made with a simple email to kblair@garfieldschool.org, or by dropping by the office. Having the most up-to-date information is not only convenient, it is necessary in the event of an emergency.

Baba Jamal Koram to Visit Garfield

Baba Jamal Koram is a nationally acclaimed storyteller. He specializes in multicultural stories with an emphasis on African and African American stories. We are honored and delighted to have Baba Jamal return to Garfield for a story telling sessions with our students on January 14th. He will also perform at the Humboldt County Library January 15th at 6:30.

Upper Elementary Prepares for History Day and Spelling Bee

Ms. Kelley would like to give her students and their families a little heads up for February. Upper Elementary has two big events on the February horizon: History Day, and the County Spelling Bee. Every student will have the opportunity to select, research, and present a topic for History Day. In addition, spelling lists will come home to help students prepare for spelling competitions at Garfield with the winners attending the County-wide competition held later in February. Watch for more details in Ms. Kelley's classroom newsletter. We look forward to viewing the completed results and chatting with individual students about their discoveries in the process of their research.

Poet In-Residence

We see the artist, the author, the mathematician, the scientist, historian, and the athlete in all of our students. Every so often, someone on the outside recognizes this too. Last year Upper Elementary students participated in a "Poets in the Schools" statewide program that comes around every two years. Bristahl Adams, a sixth grader at Garfield at the time, had her poem selected for publication in the program's anthology, "I'll Take This Word and Make it Mine." We are so proud to have a student's poem selected among the thousands of schools and even more student works for publication. Congratulations Bristahl! We hope you will continue to hone your talent.

Many Thanks

Thank you to our hosts, the Freshwater Guild, The Booster Club, and everyone who came out to support the Dutch Lottery and Auction last December. This event took a lot of hard work and organization. We appreciate the individuals from the Freshwater and Garfield communities who lent a hand with set-up, clean-up, donation gathering, advertising, tickets, baking, and decorating. Proceeds from the Dutch Lottery were added to the Booster Club coffers to be used towards school plays, story tellers such as Baba Jamal, fieldtrips, swim lessons, special classroom supplies and celebrations, and school events.

Foggy Bottom Milk Run

Many Garfield students have enjoyed the challenge of the Foggy Bottom Milk Run as individuals and as a family fun event. Though it's only January and FBMR is scheduled for March 8th, the organizers appreciate early registration for planning purposes. For more information and online registration, visit www.foggybottommilkrun.com.