



Garfield Bell

January 2020

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January 12

Parent Advisory
Council Meeting 4:00

January 14

Board of Trustees
Meeting 4:00

January 19

Booster Club
8:30 Multi room

January 18

No school, Martin
Luther King Birthday

Garfield School

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Superintendent's Message:

Dear Garfield Families,

We hope you all had a wonderful Winter Break. It has been fabulous to see all of your children's smiling faces this week, even if it is through a distance learning format. Please know that we continue to hope for the health and safety of our community, as we simultaneously work to have students return to school as soon as possible.

Kind regards,
Mr. Quinlan

Please Register Now for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

December and January are the open enrollment months for students in and out of our District for the 2021-22 school year. This enrollment period is in accordance with an agreement between the school districts of Humboldt County.

- Families with students who are already attending Garfield School District will need to renew each of their student's Inter-district Transfer Agreements with their district of residence by January 31, 2021.
- Families new to Garfield School District or with students who will be attending for the first time in the fall will need to submit a request for an Inter-district Transfer from their district of residence and submit a Garfield Registration Form.

Registration and inter-district transfer forms are available on our website at <http://www.garfieldschool.org/>. All materials must be submitted by January 31st. Families can drop off materials on our regularly scheduled pick up and drop off Fridays, email documents to kbair@garfieldschool.org or fax forms to 707-442-1932. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Your Plans for Next School Year

At this time of the year we are requesting updates to your own plans for your child's attendance next fall. Please take a moment to take the brief survey provided here. Knowing your plans 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 our waiting list.

Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BC82QP9>

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 things change and how easy it is to forget to let the school know. If you have a change, it can be made with a simple email to kblair@garfieldschool.org. Having the most up-to-date information is not only convenient, it is necessary in the event of an emergency.

Classroom Highlights

The Early Primary Class will begin a unit exploring science. We will learn what science is, what it means to be a scientist, learn about our five senses and then use them to make observations as we investigate light and sound.

The Middle Primary Class afternoon hangouts have been really successful this week. The students are sharing special items, playing together, and enjoying a chance to just talk freely about their interests. During the week of January 18th, I am looking forward to lessons and activities about Martin Luther King Jr. Every year students amaze me with how much they already know about him and I look forward to discussions about this special and heroic individual.

The Upper Elementary Class will be participating in inquiry-based Passion Projects this month. These projects will give students an opportunity to look at the big wide world around them and explore their own unique interests in a structured and supported way. This project based learning structure coined "Genius Hour" will replace the virtual Humboldt County Science Fair projects this year in distance learning for most students. However, any family who would like to do a traditional experiment as their passion project may work with Mrs. Kelley for specifics to participate in the virtual County fair. We are excited about these Passion Projects as a learning model that promotes inquiry, research, creativity, and project based learning.

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 **Tuesday, January 19th at 3:00 PM**. All are welcome to attend.

Parent Advisory

We have scheduled a meeting for the Parent Advisory Council for **Tuesday, January 12th at 4:00 PM**. The goal of this meeting is to review our Comprehensive School Safety Plan. A link to the meeting is attached. Parents, guardians and stakeholders are always welcome to attend.

<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81774072189?pwd%3DTVBvbWN3bXZuVzNsT0VvVVZjbUUyZz09&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1610480107403000&usg=AOvVaw3rIJXJ4tuyI9VSJECwy-3r>

School Board Meetings

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, January 14th at 4:00 PM**. The agenda and invitation to the meeting can be found on our school website prior to the meeting at

<http://www.garfieldschool.org/>. Parents, guardians and stakeholders are always welcome to attend.

