



Garfield Bell

May 2021

May 6

All School BBQ

May 11

Parent Advisory Council
Meeting 4:00

May 12

Booster Meeting

May 13

School Board Meeting 4:00

May 20-28

CAASPP Testing grades 3-6

May 31

No School: Memorial Day

June 1

Visitation Day

June 3

Garfield Gallop

June 9th

Graduation 5:30

June 10th

Last day of school
Ice cream Truck

Garfield School

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Superintendent's Message

Now that students are back on campus we are looking forward to many of the culminating events of the school year. As we continue to focus on the health and safety of our students, families and staff we look forward to celebrating their many wonderful accomplishments. We appreciate the partnerships with our parents and care providers. Without you, much of what we do would not be possible.

Kind regards,
Mr. Quinlan

All School Barbeque

In acknowledgment of our Garfield students working together to maintain a safe learning environment while at school, we will hold an all school barbeque for lunch this **Thursday, May 6th**. Please make a note of this as you plan. Children will need to bring morning and afternoon snacks, but bringing lunch is optional.

CAASPP - State Testing

Students in grades 3-6 will be participating in the CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) test from **May 20 – May 28**. The language arts and math tests are computer-based. To help students gain confidence with test taking skills using the computer format, students will have opportunities to take practice tests the week prior to the actual test. The CAASPP test results help students and teachers identify their strengths and areas in need of support. This in turn, becomes one factor that helps us determine goals for our school plan, known as the Local Control Accountability Plan or LCAP.

You can help your child approach testing week with a positive attitude in a number of ways:

- Be sure your child gets adequate sleep each night, starting Sunday night.
 - Because testing takes more energy than the usual day, provide good nutrition in the morning as well as extra snacks to supplement lunch.
 - Plan on down-time for relaxation and play in the afternoons and evenings.
 - If your child gets a little jittery, use a calm tone with encouraging words.
- Remind your child to use positive self-talk. Positive self-talk is when we encourage ourselves with affirming and positive statements: "I'll do my best. It will be okay." If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to check in with your child's teacher, Mr. Quinlan, or Kathy.

Sixth Grade Graduation

The end of the year will be here in the blink of an eye and that means graduation for our sixth graders. We are very excited to celebrate our 6th grade graduates with an outdoor, in-person, graduation ceremony! It is a wonderful celebration of the students' achievements and it provides students with closure as our sixth graders move on to their next great adventure.

This year graduation will take place on **Wednesday, June 9th at 5:30 PM.**

This year's ceremony will follow the California Department of Public Health Outdoor Public Events and Graduation Guidance.

[CDPH Outdoor Public Events](#)

[CDPH Graduation Guidance](#)

Following the CDPH guidance, only those who live with the graduate are invited to attend the in-person graduation. All attendees must wear masks that cover their nose and mouth. All family members attending the graduation ceremony must RSVP so that seating with 6 feet of distancing between family groups can be created. Please RSVP by **Friday, May 28** A recording of the ceremony will be available for friends and extended family!

Please contact Mr Quinlan if you have any questions about the event. We are really looking forward to celebrating our 6th grade students!!

Lunch

If your family would like to order lunch for the day, please contact Kathy at kblair@garfieldschool.org before 8:00 AM. Lunches are being prepared by the Arcata School District. The cost for lunch is \$3.50. This includes milk. Milk purchased by itself is \$.50 The menus for both May and June are shared with families at the beginning of each month and can also be found on our website at <http://www.garfieldschool.org/> .

Spring Homework

Garfield teachers always strive to promote a love of reading and mathematics in our classrooms through science, social studies, and art. We believe that a key step to instilling a love of learning is through play, connection, and engagement. As we go back to full day in-person learning (Mon-Thurs and Friday Independent Learning), we would like to shift our homework approach from previous years to a family centered approach for the remainder of the year. It is our hope that after school, quality family time and love of learning continues to grow in two ways: Positive Reading Time at home and Positive Math Game Playing at home. Teachers will be working with students this week about this shift in homework practice. They will also be sharing additional information with families toward the end of this week.

Teacher Visitation Day

On **Tuesday, June 1st**, students who will be changing classrooms next year can look forward to a visit from the teacher they will be working with next year. Mrs Kelley and Mrs. Brady will visit classrooms to share a little bit about what students can expect when they begin school next year. This is a great opportunity for students to learn about their soon to be new classrooms, their new teacher and to ask any questions that students may have.

Garfield Gallop

The Garfield Gallop is an annual lap running event that focuses on fitness, fun and fundraising for and by our students. This year's Gallop will take place **Thursday, June 3**. We have modified the schedule so that we have fewer runners and supporters on campus at any one time. The Garfield booster Club will be sending out additional information over the next few weeks.

Parent Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council will be holding a Focus Group regarding the reopening of Garfield School for in-person instruction. **Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, 11th at 4:00 P.M..** The Parent Advisory Council members and I look forward to having this opportunity to hear your perspectives. Link to the meeting: [Parent Meeting Advisory Council](#).

School Board Meetings

We have a scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, May 13 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.