



# The Garfield Bell

October 2019

## October 4

Chalk on the Walk

## October 5

Pastels on the Plaza  
9-12:00

## October 7

\*Minimum day 1:00  
dismissal

## October 8

School Pictures Day

## October 10

Board Meeting 4:00

## October 14

Pumpkin Harvestival  
(pumpkins stay at  
school the whole  
week).

## October 17

California Shakeout  
earthquake drill  
Author visits

## October 19

Author's Festival 10-  
2:00 HumCo. Library  
Eureka

Booster Barn Dance  
4:30-7PM at Guild Hall

## Oct. 21-25

Red Ribbon Week

## Oct. 25

Booster Club Meeting  
8:30

Wear Red Day

## October 31

Morning Meeting  
Halloween Costumes  
Parade and Carnival

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## Superintendent's Message:

As mentioned in the September Bell, we are looking forward to emphasizing core character values over the course of the year. Each month we will highlight one core value and the school will participate in awareness activities to help develop mindfulness regarding the core value. Safety will continue to be our focus for the month of October. We will implement a safety recognition program to help make safety a priority for everyone. Students who are demonstrating safe behavior in areas outside of the classroom, such as walking safely to lunch down the hallway; exiting a swing when it comes to a stop; sliding down the slide feet first, etc. will be given the opportunity to add a gem to our gem collection jar. When the jar is full, we will celebrate with a whole school BBQ, complete with ice-cream sandwiches. How cool is that? Thank you Garfield Families for your support in making Garfield School a safe place for children to learn and grow

**Chalk on the Walk and Pastels on the Plaza** – Each year, Northcoast Children's Services raises funds for child care with a festive celebration of art on the Arcata Plaza. Businesses, schools, and individuals pay to have an artist design and decorate a square in chalk pastel. The proceeds go toward children's medical services, child care, and other important services for young children. Garfield will once again participate through a Booster Club donation. This year Ms. Nicole Beauregard, aka Ms. Beau, will work with students to produce Garfield's pastel based on student provided ideas. The event takes place Saturday, October 5 from 9-12:00. As a warm up to the event, weather permitting, Garfield students will experiment with chalk on the walk around our grassy area the Friday before.

**Pumpkin Harvestival** – A wonderful tradition we have at Garfield is to pick pumpkins in the fall that we planted ourselves on the last day of school. Over the last three years, this event has morphed into a delightful harvest festival we call Harvestival. Every classroom will have a moment in the garden for picking pumpkins, pressing apples for cider on Kathy's cider press, eating festive fall snacks, singing Halloween songs and coloring fall pictures in our beautiful garden space. The pumpkins we pick will stay at school for the week, or as requested by your child's teacher, to be used for a variety of math centers and art projects.

**Booster Club Barn Dance and Chili and Cornbread Dinner** – A fall favorite at Garfield is kicking up our heels at the Booster Club Barn Dance at the Freshwater Guild (formerly the Grange). This fundraising and fun-raising event takes place Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-700. Admission is \$7.00 for participants 13 and older. **Children 12 and under are free!** A beef chili or vegetarian chili dinner with cornbread will also be available for purchase for \$5.00. Cider will be available for \$1.00 and dessert prices at the bake sale table will vary depending on the goody. You can also try your luck at the cake walk.

Garfield students have already had an introduction to the Virginia Reel, but even if you don't know how to dance, caller Lindsey Battle, will teach and call the dances so everyone can be successful. Many volunteers are working hard to bring this fun event to our community, **but volunteers are still being sought to help. Please sign up on the clipboards outside the multipurpose room.** The most pressing need is at least one adult food server downstairs from 5:15-6 and a volunteer for the bake sale table at 6-6:45. When we work in shifts, it allows all of our hard working volunteers to have a chance to dance.

**Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult while attending this event. Children are expected to adhere to school rules during this and any other school event.**

**Author Festival and Visiting Author**— Every two years Humboldt County Library hosts a multitude of children's authors from around the nation for The Author Festival. Authors visit schools, presenting talks and slide shows about the challenges and rewards of being an author. We are excited to have author Michael E. Ross join us for two presentations. Michael Elsohn Ross is the award-winning author of the *Happy Camper Handbook*, *Salvador Dali and the Surrealists*, *Cricketology*, *What's the Matter in Mr. Whisker's Room?* and *Snug as a Bug*. He lives at the entrance of Yosemite National Park, CA on a bluff overlooking the wild Merced River. Both his wife and his son Nick are poets and avid outdoors people. For over 30 years Michael has been teaching visitors to Yosemite about the plants, animals and geology of the park. He leads classes and backpack trips for the Yosemite Association. This work, as well as his lifelong interest in art and travel, have inspired him to write over 40 books for young people.\*

<https://www.author-illustr-source.com/michael-elsohn-ross.html>)\*

The county library will host 25 authors, including Michael Ross, for book sales and signing from 10-2:00. Just enough time to visit the library, get home and put on your country duds for the Barn Dance beginning at 4:30. For more information about the Author's Festival, please visit [www.authorfest.org](http://www.authorfest.org).

**Great Shake-Out Earthquake Preparation at Garfield** — All Garfield Students and Staff will participate in an earthquake drill on October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Great Shake-Out. Students will drop, cover and hold for 1 minute. Afterwards we will evacuate to the yellow safety zone along the eastern fence. Staff will review our emergency operations plan and supplies so everyone can be prepared in the event of a big one, or even a small one. Do you have a plan and supplies at home and in the car?

**Red Ribbon Week** is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the country. Schools across the nation participate in anti-drug education during the week of October 23-31. At Garfield we primarily focus on healthful lifestyle choices as alternatives to substance abuse when faced with boredom, stress, or other strong emotions. This year's theme is, 'Send A Message, Stay Drug Free.' Students will decorate bags for Three Corners Market with illustrations that promote positive lifestyle alternatives to drugs. Staff and students are encouraged to wear red on Friday, October 25th.



**Halloween Celebration** — Fall traditions are piling up as we, once again, celebrate Halloween with a costume parade and carnival. Students are invited to wear costumes to school on Halloween. As you plan your costume purchases or home created costumes, please remember costumes must be school appropriate (no gore, weapons, or revealing costumes). Hand-held accessories and masks should also be left at home for safety purposes and to prevent loss or damage. In keeping with Garfield tradition, we will parade around the neighborhood at 12:30 followed by a Halloween carnival, created and hosted by the Upper Elementary students for the younger students. The school will provide all prizes and treats. Younger siblings are welcome to

attend.

**Many Thanks to Miller Farms** — Many thanks to Miller Farms for a recent donation of flower and vegetable seeds and supplements for our garden. We are grateful for their generosity and look forward to winter crops of carrots and cruciform vegetables and more next spring.

**Many Thanks to Ray and Kathy Blair**- Many Thanks to Ray and Kathy Blair for dedicating their time to help plan and build our new Resource Room. The project took several days to complete and has made for a big improvement in the way we are able to meet the needs of our students and staff here at Garfield School. We would not be half of what we are without the kind of commitment you both demonstrate every day!