



Garfield Bell

September 2025

Thursday, Sept 4

Booster Club Meeting
8:45
Back to School Potluck
5:00

Monday, Sept 8

Cross country Practice
1:00

Thursday, Sept 11

School Board Meeting
4:00

Monday, Sept 15

Cross country Practice
1:00

Tuesday, Sept 23

Track Meet Arcata
Marsh

Thursday, Sept 25

Track Meet Blue Lake

Tuesday, Sept 27

Track Meet Clam Beach

Garfield School

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Greetings Garfield Families,

Thank you Garfield Families for a great start to the 2025-26 School Year. We are looking forward to all that the year has to offer.

Kind Regards,
Michael Quinlan

Back to School Night and Potluck

Mark your calendar now for our Back to School Picnic-Style Potluck and Teacher Presentations: **Thursday, September 4th starting at 5:00**. The start of the year is exciting and questions often arise as children begin new grade levels and enter new classrooms. It is our hope that the potluck and teacher presentations will offer you a time to meet and reacquaint with Garfield families while receiving information about expectations for the coming school year from your child's teacher.

For this event, we ask all families to provide a potluck entrée or side dish. The school will provide dessert. In addition to your potluck dish, this year we are requesting and thank you in advance for taking an eco-friendly approach by bringing your own reusable plates, utensils, cups, and a blanket for picnicking on the grass. (Back-up paper and plastic products will be available if you forget or are unable.) The potluck will be held for the first hour, followed by informative presentations given by our classroom teachers. Each teacher will provide an overview of their grade-level programs, student expectations, and finish with a question and answer session.

Booster Club

The Garfield Booster Club welcomes all Garfield parents, grandparents and staff who are interested in becoming involved in our fun-raising and fundraising events. Our first Booster Club Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, September 5th at 8:45AM**. Watch for Booster Club events, sign up and show up. You will meet new families, make new friends, join a wonderful community, and make a difference for our school.

Cross Country

It's cross country running time! Looks like it's going to be a great season. Practices will be Mondays, September 8 and 15th right after school. Meets will be every Tuesday and Thursday starting September 23. Your child is not required to go to all the meets. If they run in at least two regular meets, they qualify to run in the championship meet at the end.

The season will be similar to last year. The kindergarteners to 2nd grade students will run in the first and shortest race, starting at .5 miles. The 3rd to 5th graders will run second and the race will be somewhat longer. The 6th to 8th grade race will be the last and the longest (starting at 1 mile and ending the season with 2 mile races). There will be stickers for each run and medals and a team championship at the final event.

Cross country is a fabulous experience. Please fill out the Acknowledgement of Risk form and come join the fun! You can text or call Heidi Macdonald with questions: 360-742-7076

Cross Country practices include two weeks of off campus running. Parent volunteer, Heidi Macdonald, and her assistants run with the students. They leave campus through the Grange parking lot and turn south on Grange Road. They run down Grange Road to Windmill Lane then turn east along Windmill and Apple Valley Lanes toward Kathy's House. Runners return along the same route. Runners never run on Freshwater Road.

TK students and Kindergarten students are welcome to join Garfield running practices but must be accompanied by at least one parent or parent substitute who is there to keep pace with them individually and return with them to campus as needed.

[Humboldt County Kindergarten-8th Grade 2025 Cross Country Schedule](#)

Kindercare and Garfield After School Care

Morning Care, Kindercare, and After School Care will be available everyday. This year we are excited to provide these Care Programs as part of our expanded learning opportunities for students:

- **Morning Care:** The gates will open at 7:45am. Breakfast will be offered to students who ordered it the day before from 7:45 to 8:05. Students will be dismissed for outside play at 8:10 and may enter their classrooms at 8:20.
- **Kindercare:** Kindercare runs daily from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. The fee is \$4.00 per hour. Your kindergarten/TK student will likely wish to consume a second snack at this time, parents are responsible for sending this additional snack on the days their students stay. If parents do not pick up at 3:00 their student will transition to GASP.
- **Garfield After School Program (GASP):** After care runs from 3:00pm to 5:30pm daily. The fee is \$4.00 per hour.

Each day, parents/guardians will be expected to sign their child out of GASP at the sign out kiosk using Brightwheel. It's also important to let a staff member know that your child is leaving. Parents, if you've forgotten your Brightwheel code, just ask a GASP staff member, we are happy to retrieve it for you.

Home-to-School Communication

If you need to contact your child's teacher or the administrative staff, you may do so by calling the school phone at (707) 442-5471 or through our email accounts. We do our best to respond as soon as we are able.

Superintendent/Principal: Michael Quinlan mquinlan@garfieldschool.org

School Secretary and Administrative Assistant: Kathy Blair kblair@garfieldschool.org, 707-834-6991

Grades 5-6 : Alaina Kelley akelley@garfieldschool.org

Grades 3-4: Stephanie Brown sbrown@garfieldschool.org

Grades 1-2: Marcia Brady mbrady@garfieldschool.org

Grades TK-K : Jill Wernert jwernert@garfieldschool.org

Resource: Hayley Sirrine hsirrine@garfieldschool.org

Speech Pathology: Janine Redwine jredwine@garfieldschool.org

Garfield After School Program (GASP): Bailey Moeller bmoeller@garfieldschool.org

Parent Advisory Council

The purpose of the Parent Advisory Council is to help plan, implement and evaluate the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and other state and federally funded projects. The council acts as an advisory body to the Board of Trustees, Superintendent and Curricular Team by reviewing goals for student achievement, assessing the school's ability to achieve stated goals, reviewing school programs, recognizing strengths and recommending changes.

Our next Parent Advisory Council is scheduled for **Thursday, September 18th at 3:15 PM**. The goal of this meeting is to review our Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Parents, guardians and stakeholders are always welcome to attend.

School Board Meetings

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, September 11th at 4:00PM**. The agenda for the meeting will be posted at Garfield School and can also be found on our school website prior to the meeting at <http://www.garfieldschool.org>. Parents and guardians are always welcome!