



Garfield Bell

April 1-3
Sacramento Field Trip

April 3
Booster Club
Meeting 8:45

April 14– 18
Spring Break
No School

April 17
School Board
Meeting 4:00

April 18
Shelter in Place Drill

April 19
Godwit Days
Recognition

April 22
Earth Day

April 24
Championship Track
Meet

April 26
Rhododendron
Parade

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Superintendent's Message –

Spring is finally here! The sun is shining, the trees are blooming and we have many great things in-store.

Sincerely,

Mr. Quinlan

Rhododendron Parade

Our Booster Club is planning to participate in Eureka Rotary's [57th Annual Rhododendron Parade](#). The parade will take place on Saturday, April 26th. We encourage all Garfield families to join in and show their pride in our school! The theme for this year is "Maritime Humboldt". Sounds like it's time to dust off those pirate costumes and shark fins. More information will be coming from the Garfield Booster Club.

Track and Field

Garfield School loves to encourage young athletes! This month Garfield's students have been participating in Track and Field practices and county track meets. There are two ways to participate in Garfield's program. All students are invited to stay for track practice on Mondays in March and early April. Students who wish to may also participate in county-run meets, in their age divisions, as part of a Garfield team. This year's meets have been impacted by some rainy weather but those that have not been canceled have been loads of fun and all student participants are getting adept at their chosen events. Events include 100, 200, 400, 800, and 1 mile runs, 4 by 100 relay, 100 meter hurdles, long jump, high jump, and shot put. Our program is led by parent volunteer Heidi Macdonald and her team of parent and family volunteers. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Heidi for all the passion and heart that she has shared with our students who are definitely developing a love for running!

Sacramento Field Trip

A good time was had by all on the 4th grade trip to Sacramento. On April 1st through April 3rd the fourth grade students traveled to Sacramento for a California History Field Trip. Activities included a visit to the State Capitol Building, the Sacramento History Museum, the California Railroad Museum, the State Indian Museum, a train ride, and gold panning. Thank you to all our parent chaperones and to the Garfield Booster Club for supporting this wonderful educational opportunity.

Science Fair

On March 15th, 100% of the Upper Elementary students participated in the Humboldt County Science Fair. Several students were recognized by their grade level.

The results are as follows:

Penn Kerhoulas received a 1st Place for 5th Grade

Heidi Tout received a 1st place for 5th Grade

Anika Terry received a 2nd Place for 5th Grade

Jude Vidargas received a 2nd Place for 5th Grade

Cedar Farrell received a 1st Place for 6th Grade

Callum Macdonald received a 2nd Place for 6th Grade

This is a big honor for all of our Garfield students! Congratulations!

Godwit Days

Godwit Days is a birding celebration unique to the Arcata Marsh. For 17 years, as a part of this celebration, the organizers have invited children of Humboldt County to submit bird art and writing for a juried competition. This year Ms. Kelley's class, Mrs. Brown's class and Ms. Brady's class submitted their work for review and several students were recognized:

- Sylvie Davis received an Honorable Mention for 2nd Grade
- Della Zdrzil received an Honorable Mention for 2nd Grade
- Camile Kerhoulas received an Honorable Mention for 3rd Grade
- Sylvia Tout received a 1st Place for 3rd Grade
- Emory Thoreson-Veeh received a 2nd Place for 3rd Grade
- Brynn Thrash received an Honorable Mention for 4th Grade
- Ona Kypta received a 1st Place for 4th Grade
- Heidi Tout received an Honorable Mention for 5th Grade
- Saebra Ester received an Honorable Mention for 5th Grade
- Anika Terry received a 1st Place for the Student Writing Contest in 5th Grade
- Penn Kerhoulas received a 2nd Place for the Student Writing Contest in 5th Grade
- Cedar Farrell received an Honorable Mention for the Student Writing Contest in 6th Grade

We are proud of our students' achievements and for representing Garfield School. We extend our congratulations to every student for their willingness to put their best efforts forth to be judged. Awards will be presented the morning of Saturday, April 19 at the ACC. Color copies of winning artwork will be shown at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center during May and June. Winning essays will be published in the June print issue of the RRAS *Sandpiper* publication.

Volunteers Are Welcome

Garfield welcomes and encourages parent/family volunteering. We offer a variety of ways for you or an interested family member to volunteer, including: helping in the classroom, driving on fieldtrips, presenting or teaching a skill or craft, creating activities and fundraising with the Booster Club, prepping materials, shopping for special events, supplying materials, and helping with the garden. If you are interested in volunteering in your child's classroom please reach out to schedule a time with your child's teacher. Please read Volunteer Requirements below so you can begin the process.

Volunteer Requirements: For the safety and health of our students, state law requires classroom staff and volunteers, (including drivers for field trips) to have a current negative TB test and Live Scan fingerprints on file with us. You can get a TB test from your healthcare provider or go to the Humboldt County Public Health Office at 529 I Street in Eureka. TB tests are good for 4 years. If you are a returning volunteer, please check in at the office to ensure your TB clearance is still valid.

Live scan fingerprinting must be on file with the Humboldt County Office of Education. Please see the link below for information regarding this process. If the Live Scan fee is too great for your budget, the Garfield Booster Club has offered to defray the cost. Please submit a receipt for reimbursement to Kathy in the front office. For information on fingerprinting through Humboldt County Office of Education, go to: <https://hcoe.org> , click on Personnel, then scroll down to “fingerprinting.”

Coming up in May:

Art Open House

Garfield will host its Annual Art Open House **Friday, May 2nd from 8:30 to 9:30 am**. The Middle Primary class will open the event with Springtime Poetry Recital. Afterwards families are invited to tour the classrooms to view displays of student art and enjoy.

CAASPP Testing

In April, students in grades 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in a practice version of the on-line California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) as a way to become oriented with the test and its format. Students will be participating in the CAASPP test during the month of May. More information will come home with your student as the dates approach. The school teaching team uses the results to inform us about our instructional strengths as well as areas possibly needing more attention. Parents can support their child by ensuring enough sleep each night and providing nutritious food for mealtimes and snacks.

Booster Club

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 **Thursday, May 1st at 8:45 AM**. All are welcome to attend!

School Board Meetings

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, April 17th at 4:00 PM**. 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, guardians, and stakeholders are always welcome to attend!