



Garfield Bell

April 4
Booster Club
Meeting 8:45

April 5
Spirit Day

April 8-10
Sacramento Field Trip

April 11
School Board
Meeting 4:00

April 12
Gold Panning

April 15- 19
Spring Break
No School

April 20
Godwit Days
Recognition

April 22
Earth Day

May 5
Art Open House

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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

Garfield School Read-a-Thon

Thank you to all the families and students who participated in Garfield's school-wide Read-A-Thon during the month of March! We hope your students enjoyed their time participating! We will be celebrating the culmination of the Read-athon with a school-wide Ice Cream celebration today!

History Day

Whoop! whoop! Upper Elementary students Emma Ayers, Cedar Farrell, and Teus Kypta all won as champions in their division at Humboldt County History Day which means moving on to California State History Day!!! This is a big honor and congratulations! California State History Day will be held in Sacramento throughout April 19-21st. What a great honor!

Sacramento Field Trip

On April 8 through April 10th the 4th, 5th and 6th grade students will be traveling to Sacramento for a California History Field Trip. Activities will include a visit to the state capitol building, the California History Museum, the California Railroad Museum and a wagon ride to Sutter's Fort. Thank you to all our parent chaperones and to the Garfield Booster Club for supporting this wonderful educational opportunity.

Is There Gold in Them Thar Hills?

This is a question our 4th - 6th grade students will explore this month. With their focus on California history and their upcoming trip to Sacramento, our teachers felt it would also be a perfect time to try a bit of prospecting in our own Freshwater Valley. With an old-timey gold sluice (courtesy of Mr. Blair) and their gold pans in hand, the two upper elementary classes will head to Freshwater Creek on Friday, April 12th. We hope to explore the process some 49ers used to discover gold. This is Northern California, so who knows? If we don't hit the Mother Load, well, we are still sure to have loads of fun!

Godwit Days

Godwit Days is a birding celebration unique to the Arcata Marsh. For 16 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:

- Evelyn Kauffman received an Honorable Mention
- Sylvia Tout received a 1st Place for 2nd and 3rd Grade
- Brynn Thrash received a 3rd Place for 2nd and 3rd Grade
- Heidi Tout, Penn Kerhoulas and Margo Nims each received a 1st Place for 4th Grade
- Saebra Ester received one of five awards for Best Depiction of a Bird in its Habitat
- Emma Ayers received 1st Place for 5th and 6th Grade
- Penn Kerhoulas received 1st place in the Junior Division of the Godwit Days Writing Contest for her essay, "What Nature Means to Me"

We are proud of our students' achievements and for representing Garfield School. We extend our pride to every student for their willingness to put their best efforts forth for judging. All entries will be displayed during the festival (April 19-21) in the lobby and hallways of the Arcata Community Center (ACC). Awards will be presented the morning of Saturday, April 20 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.

Dream Catcher at the Arcata Playhouse

Students in the 2nd through 4th grades will be traveling to the Arcata Playhouse on April 26th to watch Dreamcatcher. Dreamcatcher is a trilogy of stories brought to life through spoken word and eloquent movement by Leland Faulkner, a world traveler and performing artist who is a member of the Bad River Band of Chippewa. By using stories, students learn to link the past to the present, and discover how observation of the natural world can bring wisdom and insight into their lives. It is also a way to teach them about their own history, and about the point of view previous generations had about the world.

Thank You to Humboldt Sponsors

Garfield was recently awarded a \$1365 grant from Humboldt Sponsors. These funds will support the educational component of the Grades 4-6 Field Trip to Sacramento. A big thank you to Humboldt Sponsors for providing our students with this opportunity! Humboldt Sponsors is an organization that raises funds to benefit the youth of Humboldt County. If you are interested in supporting their wonderful mission, please visit their website at www.humboldtsponsors.org

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, April 4th at 8:45 AM**. All are welcome to attend!

School Board Meetings

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, April 11th 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!

Coming up in May:

Art Open House

Garfield will host its Annual Art Open House **Friday, May 3rd 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.