



# Garfield Bell

## **April 2**

Booster Club Meeting 8:45

## **April 6-8**

Sacramento Field Trip

## **April 9**

School Board Meeting 4:00

## **April 13- 17**

Spring Break  
No School

## **April 21**

Track Championship  
Mckinleyville

## **April 22**

Earth Day

## **April 24**

Prairie Creek Field Trip

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## *April 2026*

### **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

### **Track and Field**

Garfield School loves to encourage young athletes! During the months of March and April Garfield's students have been participating in Track and Field practices and county track meets. 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!

Don't Miss the 5th- 6th grade Track Championship at 3:00p.m. on April 21st at Mckinleyville High School .

### **Sacramento Field Trip**

A good time will be had by all on the 4th grade trip to Sacramento. On April 6th through April 8th the fourth grade students will travel to Sacramento for a California History Field Trip. Activities include a visit to the State Capitol Building, the California Railroad Museum, the State Indian Museum, Sutter's Fort, and the Sacramento Underground Tour. Thank you to all our parent chaperones and to the Garfield Booster Club for supporting this wonderful educational opportunity.

### **Godwit Days**

Godwit Days is a birding celebration unique to the Arcata Marsh. For 18 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:

- Roman Zaragoza received a third place for 2nd Grade
- Sophia Torres received an Honorable Mention for 1st Grade
- Nolan Benzinger received an Honorable Mention for 1st Grade
- Sylvia Tout received a 1st Place for 4th Grade

- Emory Thoreson-Veeh received a 3rd Place for 4th Grade
- Evelyn Kauffman received an honorable mention for 4th grade
- Sage Farrell received a 2nd place for 3rd grade
- Shaina Bateman received a 2nd Place for 5th Grade
- Brynn Thrash received a 3rd Place for 5th Grade
- Margot Nims received a 3rd Place for 6th Grade
- Penn Kerhoulas received a 3rd Place for 6th Grade
- Penn Kerhoulas received a 1st Place for the Student Writing Contest in 6th Grade
- Heidi Tout received an Honorable Mention for 6th Grade

We are proud of our students' achievements and for their representation of Garfield School. We extend our congratulations to every student for putting in their best efforts and being willing to submit their work to be judged. Awards will be presented the morning of Saturday, April 18 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. You can get a TB test or screening survey from your healthcare provider. 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. The Livescan process is easy. Family members interested in volunteering can come to the office, Kathy will ask for their legal name. She will contact the human resources department at H.C.O.E and they will email her the form and a payment voucher which she will supply to you. At that point you only need to stop in at Scrapper's Edge in Eureka, have your fingerprints taken, give them the payment voucher and bring the receipt they give you to the office. For more 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 1st from 8:30 to 9:30 am**. The first and second grade 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 7th at 8:45 AM**. All are welcome to attend!

## School Board Meetings

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, April 9th 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!