



The Garfield Bell



December 2025

December 4

Booster Club Meeting
8:45

December 9

Garfield Information
Night 5:30

December 11

Board Mtg. 4:00
Staff Room

December 18

Willy Wonka
Whole School Play
Freshwater Grange
5:30-6:30

December 19

Last Day
Dismissal at 3:00

December 22-Jan 2

Winter Break

January 5, 2025

School Resumes
Minimum Day
1:00 Dismissal

Garfield School

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Superintendent's Message

Dear Garfield Families,

I hope this message finds all of our families and students doing well after our Thanksgiving Holiday! It is hard to believe that December is already here. We truly appreciate our families and their commitment to making Garfield School such a wonderful place to be and learn. This season we are especially looking forward to gathering for our winter production on Thursday, December 18th.

Sincerely,
Mr. Quinlan

New Registration for 2026-2027

We are now registering students for the 2026-27 school year. **In accordance with an agreement between the school districts of Humboldt County, December and January are the only months for students to register for a school outside of their district of residence.** All interested families should contact Garfield School regarding potential enrollment for any class, TK - 6th grade. Parents of in-district Transitional Kindergartners and Kindergartners should register now as well, helping us to determine the number of additional spots that are available for out-of-district students in each grade. **If you know of anyone interested in joining us next year, please have them contact the office at 442-5471.** Parent information presentations will be held on December 9th and January 15th at 5:30pm for those interested in finding out more about our school programs.

Students with Interdistrict Agreements

Parents of all students attending Garfield School with Interdistrict Transfer Agreements must renew their interdistrict agreements annually. The same open enrollment window December 1st through Jan 31st applies.

Winter Play

We are pleased to announce that 5th and 6th grade students have begun to work on memorizing their lines for this year's play selection, "**Willy Wonka**," a charming classic based on the original novel and the movie. Middle Primary, Early Primary, and Kinder classes will begin working on their supporting roles shortly. We are very grateful to

Upper Elementary teacher Alaina Kelley for spearheading the production efforts as well as the rest of our wonderful staff. The play will be held Thursday, December 18th beginning at 5:30 in the Freshwater Grange. Please plan to have your students at the Grange Hall at 5:15. Light refreshments will be provided after the play.

Will Your Child Need to Miss School?

The holiday season is upon us and that means busy times for families with special events, travel, out-of-town guests, and unfortunately higher stress levels and ideal conditions for flu and cold viruses. Sometimes it is necessary for your child to miss school due to illness or unavoidable travel, but if your child is going to miss one or more consecutive days of school, we greatly appreciate you checking in with your child's teacher for an Independent Study. Independent Studies can keep your child from falling behind and at the same time maintain school funding. Absences, while necessary for healing, don't have to mean academic or funding losses. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Washing hands regularly, early bedtimes, good nutrition, staying warm and dressing properly for the weather all contribute to a stronger immune system and lower the incidence of illness, as well as result in quicker recoveries when one does get sick. Wishing you great health and the fun of the holidays!

Garfield Booster Club

The Garfield Booster Club is a great way to get involved with Garfield School and to support students, staff, and community. 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, December 4th at 8:45 AM**. All are welcome to attend.

School Board Meetings

We have a regularly scheduled Board of Trustees Meeting on **Thursday, December 11th at 4:00 PM**. The agenda to the meeting can be found on our school website at <http://www.garfieldschool.org/>. Parents, guardians and stakeholders are always welcome to attend

Winter Break

The last day of school before our Winter Break is **Friday, December 19th**. It is not a minimum day. Gasp will be open but please pick up children as early as possible to allow our Gasp staff to be on their merry way as soon as possible. School will resume on **Monday, January 5th, 2026**. Wishing you a joyous and festive holiday season. We are so fortunate to be enjoying this holiday season with you, our Garfield family.

