



# Garfield Bell

February 2024

## FEBRUARY

### February 4

Pancake Breakfast at  
the Grange

### February 6

100th Day of School

### February 14

Valentine's Day

### February 15

Board of Trustees  
Meeting 4:00

### February 19-23

President's week

### February 26 to March 1

Read-a-Thon Book  
Drive

### March 1st

Bagels and Books  
8:30-9:30

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## Superintendent's Message:

Dear Garfield Families,

We've passed the middle mark of the school year and are soon to celebrate our learning accomplishments with the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School. There are many reasons to celebrate this month.

Sincerely,

Mr. Quinlan

## The 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

Garfield students will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on Tuesday, February 6th. It's a fun and festive way for the teachers and children to acknowledge all the hard work each child has put into the school year so far. Each classroom has its own traditions for celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with a variety of fun and educational activities.

## Valentine's Exchange

Being kind is one of our three overarching goals at Garfield School, so we view the valentine exchange as an opportunity to extend kindness to all classmates on Wednesday, February 14th. We have some important guidelines regarding valentines with which we request parent cooperation. We have found these parameters keep the exchange a positive experience for every child.

- Valentines may be either homemade or store bought
- Valentines should be school appropriate, based on friendship
- If your child wants to give a valentine *to a student in a different classroom from his or her own*, please do the exchange outside of school.
- Please watch for classroom newsletters for more details about ways to support this activity.

## Garfield Website Updates

Abie Lee has been working hard at making some exciting improvements to Garfield's website. Some improvements include:

- A new testimonials page
- A new enrollment section, which includes an online enrollment form, fillable PDF form and Interdistrict transfer fillable PDF
- Updated classroom pages to include photos of the teachers and other new content.
- Updated staff page with new staff photo.
- A new event listing under the year at a glance section.
- Updates to the school calendar and the monthly menu calendars on the calendars page making them interactive. Now you can add both calendars to your Google Calendar.

Some of the future updates will include a photo upload feature, and pages for other exciting things happening at Garfield like the nutrition program, GASP, and upcoming fundraiser information.

Make sure you take a look at our website at: [Garfieldschool.org](http://Garfieldschool.org) Thank you, Abie!

## Upper Elementary History Day

This year Mrs. Kelley's students have been working very hard on a history project of their choice, focusing on a specific event or period in history to learn more about it. Students will create an informative presentation on their topics. The projects will be presented and on display for all Garfield students on February 13th. Mrs. Kelley will take time to provide feedback to each student regarding his or her project. Unlike the competition of the science fair, where only the grade level winners are allowed to compete at the county level, any students willing to use the feedback from Mrs. Kelley to revise and strengthen their projects will be invited to submit their projects at the county level for Humboldt County History Day. The Humboldt County History Day will be held virtually this year. We hope this has been an interesting option for our students and will provide a more well-rounded approach to in-depth research projects for our older students.

## Being on Time Makes a Big Difference

Every classroom begins the day promptly at 8:30. Arriving a little bit early gives children time to put their belongings away and get settled in for the day. Every classroom begins the day with a Morning Meeting. Morning Meeting is an integral part of our daily program and front-loads students with information about the day ahead. Children who miss this piece enter the classroom at a disadvantage because they miss critical information about what is happening that day. Please make it a priority to arrive on time, thus ensuring a smooth morning transition and successful day for your child.

Picking up time is also important. Students often feel a sense of anxiety and concern when their parents are not on time. They really have worked hard all day and are looking forward to seeing you. Garfield Staff have limited time for preparing for the next day and/or after school meetings. Please respect their professionalism by picking up your children at the scheduled time. Your efforts in this area are greatly appreciated!

## Garfield Read-a-Thon Book Drive

We are excited for the school-wide Garfield Read-A-Thon next month! Kicking-off on **March 1st**, the day before Dr. Suess' birthday, with "Books and Bagels" hosted at the school for both parents and students. The event will end on **Friday, March 31st**. Because we would like to offer a variety of books to our students during the Read-a-thon, please consider donating any gently used books your child may have outgrown during Garfield's Read-a-Thon Book Drive. We will be collecting books from February 6th through March 1st. Donated books will then be used in classrooms during the read-a-thon and at a book give-away in conjunction with the event. You may drop off books in the grand hallway next to Ms. Kathy's office

## Coming Soon - The Foggy Bottom Milk Run

Garfield students and families have a long history of representing our school at The Foggy Bottom Milk Run in Ferndale. We continue to encourage family participation for fun and fitness. This year the race will be held Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. To guarantee a t-shirt for yourself or your child, pre-registration on-line is highly recommended. In addition, if you register by February 19th, your t-shirt will be delivered to Garfield School and given to your child before the race day, saving you the wait-time in line at the race. Also, students 5-14 that register for the two mile Kid's Run (same as the Fun Run) and name Garfield School as your team, will receive the special school discount. Adults may also register for the Fun Run at full cost. If you're up to the challenge, you can register for the four mile race, held before the Fun Run. Strollers, baby joggers, dogs, skates, or shoes with wheels are not allowed in the race. Register online at [www.foggybottommilkrun.com](http://www.foggybottommilkrun.com). If you are unable to register on-line, please check with the office for hardcopy registration forms or to use school computers to register.

## Independent Study

If your child needs to be absent for a period of time, we recommend that your student participate in an independent study. Independent studies help keep your child up to speed on the teaching and learning they're missing while away and it may also help the school to receive funding for the days your child misses. ***Independent study is a good option for students who miss three consecutive days or more.*** Thank you for your cooperation.

## Pancake Breakfast at the Grange

The Freshwater Grange 499 will be hosting their monthly pancake breakfast this weekend on **Sunday, February 4th from 8:00-11:00**. Make sure to stop by and enjoy a great breakfast! Adults are \$10.00 and kids under 10 are \$ 7.00. Additionally, big thanks to our awesome parents who will be volunteering on Sunday morning. Thanks so much!

## School Board Meeting

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, February 15th 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/>.