



Garfield Bell

February 2026

FEBRUARY

February 3

100th Day of School
Regional Spelling Bee

February 5

Booster Club Meeting
8:45
Board of Trustees
Meeting 4:00

February 10-11

Garfield Science Fair

February 12

Booster Club Game
Night 6:00-7:30

February 13

Valentine's Exchange

February 16-21

President's week

February 23-27

Book Drive

March 7

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 tomorrow we will be celebrating our learning accomplishments with the 100th Day of School. There are many reasons to celebrate this month.

Sincerely,

Mr. Quinlan

The 100th Day of School

Garfield students will celebrate the 100th day of school on Tuesday, February 3rd. 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 100th 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 Friday, February 13th. 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.

The Garfield Parent Advisory Council met last month to review and assess Garfield's Student Wellness Plan. The main goal of this plan is to ensure that we are providing a comprehensive program that promotes healthy eating and physical activity for our students. The Parent Advisory reviewed how the district supports student health through health education, physical education and activity, health services, nutrition services, psychological and counseling services, and a safe and healthy school environment. With the support of the Humboldt County Office Education, the Parent Advisory Council was happy to see Harvest of the Month being implemented in all classrooms. Harvest of the Month (HOTM) offers seasonal fruits and vegetables each month to be used to provide nutrition education and promotion. The Parent Advisory Council also applauded Garfield's partnership with Freshwater School District for providing healthy meals for our breakfast and lunch program. These meals are locally sourced, made from organic ingredients, cooked from scratch and often offer students the chance to try something they might not have enjoyed before. The Parent Advisory Council reviews the Student Wellness Plan annually. We are always available for additional input. Please feel free to respond by participating in any of our Parent Advisory Council meetings, regularly scheduled School Board meetings or by contacting the district directly. We appreciate your support!

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 10th. Mrs. Kelley will take time to provide feedback to each student regarding their 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 at Cal Poly Humboldt on Saturday, February 28th this year. This is an interesting and important project for our older students to provide a well-rounded approach to in-depth and reliable research.

Garfield Spelling Bee

We recently held our Garfield School Spelling Bee to determine who will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee. The finalists are Penn Kerhoulas and Heidi Tout with June Bellesheim as our alternate spelling contender. Penn and Heidi will next compete with students from Eureka, Freshwater, South Bay, Kneeland, and Cutten School Districts at the Regional Spelling Bee. The Regional Spelling Bee, hosted by Eureka City Schools, will take place at the Eureka High Lecture Hall on February 3rd at 4:00pm. Congratulations to our outstanding spellers!

Restaurant Raffle

Our annual Restaurant Raffle is under way, with the drawing taking place on February 12th. This year, we will be raffling off \$100 gift cards to Tuyen in Ferndale, Sushi Spot, Brick and Fire, Bencharong Thai House in Arcata, and Larrupin. Tickets will be available for \$10 each. Please look for a flyer and raffle tickets in your students' homework folders.

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.

Pick 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 Book Drive and Bagels and Books

The Garfield Booster Club will host our annual book drive during the last week of February (2/23-2/27), with Books & Bagels taking place on Thursday, March 5th from 8:30-9:15. This tradition celebrates Dr. Seuss's birthday and encourages a love of reading. Students and their families will be invited to take home some new-to-them books while enjoying bagels and coffee from Los Bagels. This is a great opportunity to do some spring cleaning and refresh your bookshelves!

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 8th. To guarantee a t-shirt for yourself or your child, pre-registration on-line is highly recommended. In addition, if you register by February 6th, 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. 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 one or more consecutive days.*** Thank you for your cooperation.

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, February 5th at 8:45 AM**. All are welcome to attend.

School Board Meeting

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, February 5th 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/>.