



# Garfield Bell

*March 2025*

## March 2nd

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss  
Pancake Breakfast at the  
Grange

## March 6

Booster Club Meeting 8:45

Sacramento Family  
Information Night 5:30

## March 7

Bagels and Books 8:30-9:15

End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester

## March 9

Foggy Bottoms Milk Run

## March 10-14

Parent Conferences

## March 13

School Board Meeting 4:00

## March 17

All Staff Training 1:00-3:00  
**NO GASP**

## March 26

Quack and Wabbit 9:30

Tsunami Drill 11:00

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## Superintendent's Message

Dear Garfield Families,

As we make our way through this school year I can't help but reflect on how remarkable all of our students, here at Garfield School, truly are. With the loving guidance of families, teachers and staff I see them working so diligently on their learning and development every day. Please take a moment this week to recognize your child for all that they do. Let them know that you see all the wonderful ways that they are growing as the amazing people that they are.

Best regards,

Michael Quinlan

## Bagels and Books

This event will be hosted by the Garfield Booster Club on **Friday, March 7th from 8:30-9:15**. Bagels and Books is a favorite for both families and students. It's a great opportunity for families to spend their morning with students as we celebrate our love of reading. Bagels and coffee will be provided. Students will also choose a book or two from all of the wonderful books that have been donated during the Garfield Book Drive. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday morning! Bring a coffee mug!

## Report Cards and Conferences

Second trimester report cards will be sent home on March 10th. If you are having your conference that day teachers will share their report card at the conference. Be sure to check with your child's teacher, or ask your child for their report card. Family-Teacher conferences are scheduled for March 10th through the 14th. If you have not already signed up with your child's classroom teacher, check your schedule and sign up for a conference now. Conferences are an important time to work with your child's teacher and it is

expected that all families will attend conferences. Teachers are pleased to have the opportunity to work with families on all aspects of progress, including academic, social and emotional, work habits, and physical development. The conferences run in 20 minute increments. **Conference week also means every day is a 1:00 dismissal for all classes for the whole week.** GASP will be open and child care will be available for families during the time of their conference.

## Science Fair

We are very proud of our Garfield students for their participation in this year's Humboldt County Science Fair. The ten students going to County for competition are: Callum Macdonald, Cedar Farrell, Marayah Kaiser, Teus Kypta, Calvin Angleton, Penn Kerhoulas, Heidi Tout, Anika Terry, Margot Nims, Jude Vidargas. The students displaying their scientific investigations (non-competitive) are: Grant Bumgardner, Avery Rinehart, Benn Moxon, and Saebra Ester.

Way to go Garfield Students!

## Track Season is Here

The first meets are March 25th for K-4th and March 27th for 5th-6th. It is a short season this year with two meets for each level and an additional championship meet for 5th - 8th students

Garfield practices will start on Monday March 10th at 1:00-1:45. We will have 2 practices before the first meet. We'll practice every Monday in March, but on the two Monday before the Tues/Thurs meets, they will be short, easy practices.

There are no meets for TK students to participate in and we typically find this activity arduous for them. If your TK student is very determined and wishes to participate in the Garfield practices we invite you to contact Heidi and may invite you to participate with them.

The County Schedule is attached. I am also attaching the participation form for parents of interested students to sign. Please return it to the office by email or in person.

Special thanks to track coach Heidi Macdonald for all her help! Please contact Heidi with any questions. Her contact information is as follows: [hd7mac@gmail.com](mailto:hd7mac@gmail.com) or cell 360-742-7076

## Foggy Bottoms Milk Run

The Foggy Bottom Milk Run is back! This family fun run will take place on Sunday, March 10th in Ferndale. The four-mile race begins at noon and the two-mile race begins at 2:00. The two-mile race includes a youth division where school teams can race against other school teams. Be sure to choose Garfield as your school so your student will be included on the school team standings.

Erka Benson will be meeting families who will be participating near the start line at 1:45. If you have already registered, check in the office to see if your shirt and number have arrived. Students should wear either their foggy bottom t-shirt or their Garfield red track shirts.

We hope to see many Garfield students and families participating in this fun and healthy activity!. For more information and to register for the race, please visit [www.foggybottommilkrun.com](http://www.foggybottommilkrun.com).

## **Professional Development Monday, March 17: No GASP**

Garfield Staff will be participating in an all school professional development on **Monday Match 17th from 1:00- 3:00. GASP will be closed for the day.** We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

## **Quack and Wabbit at Garfield**

On **March 26th**, Garfield students will have the opportunity to spend the Morning with Quack and Wabbit. Garfield School has been very fortunate to have a long-standing relationship with puppeteers and founders of Quack and Wabbit Puppet Productions, Tanya Crowley and Yumi Ozaki-Gottschalk. Tanya and Yumi began writing their puppet shows some years ago while their children were attending Garfield School. They incorporate songs, dance and lots of humor. After many years of honing their craft and traveling to schools far and wide, they have received considerable attention for their entertaining puppet shows that address bullying, dog safety, tooth care, and working cooperatively. Families are welcome to join in on the fun! **The show starts at the Freshwater Grange at 9:30AM.**

## **North Coast Tsunami Drill: March 26**

Garfield School will be practicing our earthquake and tsunami drill during the North Coast Tsunami Drill on **Wednesday, March 26th at 11:00.** Garfield staff and students will practice our earthquake drill followed by briefly evacuating the classrooms. We will also be sending a message, via the District's automated communication system, letting everyone know that we are all safe!

What we learned from the earthquake we experienced back in December:

- We learned that Garfield is safe from the initial impact of a tsunami because Garfield School is not in the Tsunami Zone
- We were reminded that the tsunami zone maps were created for worst case scenarios. This means that even if there is a tsunami warning and the area included in the warning includes Garfield School we are still safe from the initial impacts of a tsunami.
- We realized that because we had a plan in place, students felt very safe during this event.
- We came to understand that the biggest risks involved families driving through tsunami zones in order to be with loved ones.

## **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, March 6th at 8:45 AM**. All are welcome to attend. An invitation will be sent out to all families prior to the meeting.

## **School Board Meetings**

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, March 14th 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