The Garfield Bell

November 2026

November 5
Booster Club Meeting 8:45

November 6
1st Trimester Ends

November 11
Veterans Day No school

November 12
School Board Meeting 4:00

November 16-20
Parent Conferences
1:00 Dismissal

November 20
Thanksgiving Luncheon

November 23-27
Thanksgiving Break

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Superintendent's Message:

November brings Thanksgiving to the forefront of our minds and, as such, offers an opportunity for reflection and a time to express gratitude. In doing so, I would like to express my gratitude for the Garfield Staff who work so hard to foster exceptional learning experiences. I'd like to recognize and appreciate the work students do each day applying themselves to their learning. As you read this, know that I am thankful for you and all you do.
Best regards,

Mr. Quinlan

Absences and Tardies

It is important to your child's academic and social development that they attend school regularly and on time. 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. If your child is tardy, meaning they arrive after the school bell has rung, be sure to have your child check in at the office.

If your child is unable to attend school, please contact the office and provide the reason for your child's absence. Teachers appreciate an email as well for planning purposes. **If your child is going to be absent for 1 or more consecutive school days for reasons other than illness, it is in everyone's best interest to request an independent study packet.** Independent studies keep your child from falling behind and, if adequately completed, may count as attendance. An email to Kathy and your child's teacher ahead of time are most helpful.

Report Cards and Parent-TeacherConferences

The end of the 1st Trimester is today ,Friday, November 7th. Teachers will be sending home report cards on Monday, November 16th. Additionally, teachers will be hosting Parent Conferences during the week before Thanksgiving break, from November 16th-20th. Expect to see signups for family conference slots from your child's teacher this week.

Conferences offer a unique opportunity to meet and collaborate with your child's teacher regarding your child's progress. Here are some ideas for making the most of your conference time:

Ask the teacher:

- Any questions you have about the report card.
- What are my child's strengths?
- What are areas needing more support?
- How does my child get along with classmates?
- Is my child's ability and work meeting expectations?
- What can I/we do at home to support my/our child ?

Thank you to all families in advance for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher.

Garfield Students and Staff Give Thanks Early at the Thanksgiving Luncheon

Our annual Thanksgiving luncheon is a favorite Garfield School tradition. Classes will work together to prepare a Stone Soup for all of the students and staff on Friday, November 20nd. The luncheon will feature Stone Soup, bread rolls and yummy Pumpkin Pie! We look forward to a grand feast and pleasant time together as staff and students mix across the grades for a pleasant, hearty-style lunch while sharing our thoughts on gratitude. Thank you to the Garfield Booster Club for your support with this event. **Please let your teacher know if your child will not be attending the luncheon. A head count is helpful for our planning purposes.**

Lost and Found Fridays

We will be sharing Lost and Found student items on the lost and found rack each Friday that weather permits. Please take a look and claim any items that belong to your family. **Additionally, please make sure that all jackets, sweaters, hoodies and lunch boxes have your child's name or initials on each item.** We appreciate your support!

Garfield Booster Club

Remember that 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 meeting will be held Thursday, December 5th at 8:45. All are welcome to attend.

School Board Meetings

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on Thursday, November 12th at 4:00 PM. The agenda and invitation to the meeting can be found on our school website at http://www.garfieldschool.org/. Parents, guardians and stakeholders are always welcome to attend.