



The Garfield Bell

October 2026

October 1st

Booster Club Meeting 8:45
Cross Country Meet at
College of the Redwoods
4:00

October 2nd

Chalk on the Walk

October 6th

Cross Country Meet Willow
Creek 4:00

October 8th

School Board Meeting 4:00
Cross Country Meet Fortuna
4:00

October 15th

Great CA Shakeout
Harvestival
Track Meet Championship
Arcata 4:00

October 16th

Author Festival

October 17th

Booster Club Barn Dance

October 30th

Parade
Halloween Carnival

Garfield School

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Superintendent's Message:

We are excited to have several activities during the month of October such as Chalk on the Walk, the Harvest Festival, Apple Pressing, the Wrangletown Barn Dance, the Great CA Shakeout and Garfield's Halloween Celebration. As always, we appreciate the level of dedication and partnership families regularly demonstrate for the benefit and enjoyment of our educational community.

Best regards,
Michael Quinlan

Chalk on the Walk

On Friday, October 2nd, we will enjoy one of Garfield's most creative traditions. Students will participate in Garfield School's Annual Chalk on The Walk. For this activity each classroom will be assigned a time to decorate a square on our track. It is amazing to see the incredible artwork created by our awesome students! Students prepare sketches of their artwork earlier in the week to use. This is a chance for Garfield students to be colorful, creative, and share their artistic talent!

The Wrangletown Barn Dance

One of our favorite fall traditions at Garfield is kicking up our heels at the Booster Club's Wrangletown Barn Dance at the Freshwater Grange. This fundraising and fun-raising event takes place Saturday, October 17th from 4:30-7:00. Admission is \$10.00 for participants 13 and older. Children 12 and under are free! An organic beef chili or vegetarian chili dinner with cornbread will also be available for purchase for \$8.00 per plate. Cider will be available for \$1.00 and dessert prices at the bake sale table will vary depending on the goody. You can also try your luck at the traditional cakewalk. This year's event will feature lessons and dancing led by Caller Sue Moon.

Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult while attending this event. Children are expected to adhere to school rules during this and any other school events.

Pumpkin Harvestival

A tradition we have at Garfield School is to pick the pumpkins in the fall that we planted ourselves on the last day of school. Over the last many years, this event has morphed into a delightful harvest festival we call the Pumpkin Harvestival. In an effort to maintain as many of these rich traditions as possible, we are looking forward to having students join us for some time in the garden so they can harvest a pumpkin, share some apple cider they help to press on the Blair's and Jennings' cider presses, enjoy some fall snacks, and make some fun fall decorations to help celebrate the approach of Halloween. This year there are also plans in the works for a small petting zoo. If you have a tame, interesting animal you wouldn't mind bringing and who wouldn't mind hanging out with small children for a few hours, please call Kathy. This year's Pumpkin Harvestival event will be held the morning of October 15th.

The Great CA Shakeout

International ShakeOut Day is always the third Thursday of October. The date for this year's event is October 15th! The Great California ShakeOut is an annual opportunity to practice how to be safer during big earthquakes: "[Drop, Cover, and Hold On](#)." The ShakeOut began in Southern California in 2008 as a drill designed to educate the public about how to protect themselves during a large earthquake, and how to get prepared. Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills are now held in more than 20 Official ShakeOut Regions.

Halloween Celebration

Fall traditions are piling up as we, once again, celebrate Halloween with a costume parade and carnival. This year we will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 30st. Students are invited to wear costumes to school that day. As you plan your costume purchases or home created costumes, please remember costumes must be school appropriate (no gore, weapons, or revealing costumes). Hand-held accessories and masks should also be left at home for safety purposes and to prevent loss or damage. In keeping with Garfield tradition, we will parade around the neighborhood at 12:30 and then enjoy a Halloween Carnival created and hosted for the TK-4th graders by the Upper Elementary students. The carnival will start at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Garfield Booster Club

The next Booster Club meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5th at 8:45 AM. All are welcome to attend!

School Board Meetings

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on Thursday, October 8th at 4:00 PM. The agenda can be found on our school website at <http://www.garfieldschool.org/> prior to the meeting.