



Garfield Bell

May 2024

May 2

Booster club meeting 8:45

May 3

Art Open House 8:30

May 5

Breakfast at the Grange

May 7-23

CAASPP Testing grades 3-6

May 9

School Board Meeting 4:00

May 21

Parent advisory meeting
3:15

May 24

Garfield Gallop

May 27

No School: Memorial Day

May 28-31

Swimming Lessons

June 12

Graduation 5:30

June 13

Last day of school

Garfield School

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Superintendent's Message

May and June are the culminating months in a school year. We will celebrate the accomplishments and achievements of our students in a variety of ways this month. We appreciate the partnerships with our parents and care providers. Without you, much of what we do would not be possible.

Kind regards,
Mr. Quinlan

Art Open House

The beginning of May signals the time for Garfield's Annual Art Open House. On this **Friday, May 3rd at 8:30** the school bell will ring to signal everyone to gather. The Middle Primary Classroom will share a seasonal poem for our school Community. Mr. Quinlan will make a few announcements and families will be invited to visit the classrooms, view artwork and enjoy a morning snack. Make sure to enjoy the all school mural in the kitchen window, as well. Children must be accompanied by adults. Once the bell rings, the playground is off limits for play. Children who do not have family members available may tour with a school staff member.

CAASPP - State Testing

Students in grades 3-6 will be participating in the CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) test from **May 7th – May 23rd**. The language arts and math tests are computer-based. To help students gain confidence with test taking skills using the computer format, students will have opportunities to take practice tests the week prior to the actual test. The CAASPP test results help students and teachers identify their strengths and areas in need of support. This, in turn, becomes one factor that helps us determine goals for our school plan, known as the Local Control Accountability Plan or LCAP.

You can help your child approach testing with a positive attitude in a number of ways:

- Be sure your child gets adequate sleep each night.
- Because testing takes more energy than the usual day, provide good nutrition in the morning, as well as extra snacks to supplement lunch.
- Plan on down-time for relaxation and play in the afternoons and evenings.
- Remind your child to use positive self-talk. Positive self-talk is when we encourage ourselves with affirming and positive statements: "I'll do my best. It will be okay." If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to check in with your child's teacher.

Garfield Gallop

The Garfield Gallop is an annual lap running event that focuses on fitness, fun and fundraising for and by our students. This year's Gallop will take place **Friday, May 24**. Watch for pledge sheets and instructions in the coming weeks. The event will take place from 12:30-3:00. We hope to see you there!

Yearbook Pictures Please submit student photos for this year's yearbook by **Friday, May 17th**. Photos can be submitted to garfieldschoolpix@gmail.com. Please include your child's name in the subject line.

Swimming Lessons

As summer approaches, children tend to have more opportunities to spend time enjoying recreational activities that include bodies of water. We are happy, once again, to offer swim lessons to all of our Garfield students. With Booster Club support, and some parent transportation, our students will take swim lessons at the Arcata Community Pool, working to improve their swimming and water safety skills. **Lessons will take place May 28th- 31**. More information to follow.

Sixth Grade Graduation

The end of the year will be here in the blink of an eye and that means graduation for our sixth graders. We are very excited to celebrate our 6th grade graduates with a graduation ceremony! It is a wonderful celebration of the students' achievements and it provides students with closure as our sixth graders move on to their next great adventure. This year graduation will take place on **Wednesday, June 12th at 5:30 PM**.

Please contact Mr Quinlan if you have any questions about the event. We are really looking forward to celebrating our 6th grade students!

National History Day State Competition & State Champion

As many of you know Mrs. Kelley's Upper Elementary students Emma Ayers, Cedar Farrell, and Teus Kypka all won as champions in their division at Humboldt County History Day. They all traveled to Sacramento over spring break to represent Humboldt County at the California State History Day!!! This was a big honor in itself! But the story gets even better when you learn that Cedar Farrell for his project entitled, "The Chinese and the Road across America: The Building of the Transcontinental Railroad " was named one of only six students in the entire state, as National History Day California Champion. Way to go Cedar! We are all very proud of you and this spectacular accomplishment!

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, May 2nd at 8:45 AM**. All are welcome to attend.

Parent Advisory

We have scheduled a meeting for the Parent Advisory Council for **Tuesday, May 21 at 3:15 PM**. The goals of this meeting are to review Garfield's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), Garfield's Student Wellness Plan and Garfield's Expanded Learning Opportunity Plan. Garfield parents, guardians, and stakeholders are always welcome to attend.

School Board Meetings

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, June 9th 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 to attend.