



Garfield Bell

May 2026

May 1

Art Open House 8:45

May 3

Breakfast at the Grange

May 5

Special School Board

Meeting 4:00

May 5-23

CAASPP Testing grades 3-6

May 7

Booster Club Meeting 8:45

May 14

School Board Meeting 4:00

May 19

Parent advisory meeting

3:15

May 25

No School: Memorial Day

May 26-28

Swimming Lessons

May 29th

Classroom Visitations

Garfield Gallop

June 9

Graduation 5:30

June 10

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 **Friday, May 1st** the school bell rang to signal that everyone should gather. Mrs. Brady's Classroom shared a seasonal poem for our school community. Mr. Quinlan made a few announcements and families were free to visit the classrooms, view artwork and enjoy a morning snack. What a nice way for our educational community to get together in order to celebrate the artistic talents of our amazing students!

CAASPP - State Testing

Students in grades 3-6 will be participating in the CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) test from **May 5th – May 23rd**. The language arts and math tests are computer-based. To help students gain confidence with their test taking skills, using the computer format, students will have opportunities to take practice tests the week prior to the actual tests. 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.

Yearbook Pictures Please turn in student photos for this year's yearbook by **Friday, May 9th**.

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 26th-May 28th**. More information to follow. Special thanks to Sicily Benzinger for helping the District secure a Humboldt Sponsors Grant to help fund this project.

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 29th**. The Garfield Booster Club will be sending out additional information over the next few weeks.

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 **Tuesday, June 9th 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!

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 7th at 8:45 AM**. All are welcome to attend.

School Board Meetings

We have a regularly scheduled School Board meeting on **Thursday, May 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 to attend.

Parent Advisory

We have scheduled a meeting for the Parent Advisory Council for **Tuesday, May 19th at 3:15 PM**. The goals of this meeting are to review Garfield's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Garfield's Expanded Learning Opportunity Plan. Garfield parents, guardians, and stakeholders are always welcome to attend.