



Garfield Elementary School

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Principal

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November Calendar of Events

November 2		Picture Retake Day
November 3	4:30	Site Council
November 4	11:45	Early Release
November 5	10:35	Performing Arts Assembly - Jim Cogan
November 6	9:00	Veterans Day/Lifeskills Assembly
November 11		No School – Veterans Day
November 27		No School – Thanksgiving
November 28		No School – Thanksgiving Break

Garfield Wish List

Brendon Chertok:	Umbrellas for playground staff
Linda Zaccagnini:	MORE Class Instructors
School:	Tennis balls - used or new
Garfield Track Stars:	Volunteers - mornings - 10:10-10:35
All Classrooms:	PTA room reps

Spirit Week!

To honor our Veterans, we will be wearing a different color each day next week, November 2-6, to represent the five different branches of the military!

Monday	Coast Guard	White
Tuesday	Air Force	Red
Wednesday	Navy	Navy Blue
Thursday	Marines	Black
Friday	Army	Army Green

Please also join us on Friday, November 6th at 9:30 a.m., for our Veterans Day Assembly!

Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with clothes! Please check it for any missing items. We will be donating any unclaimed clothes to The Little Red School-house in December.

TWO WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR SCHOOL

If you drive your student to or from school use our adult-supervised drop off and pick up designated spot on Thomas Street (behind the school) adjacent to the middle of the playground.

If you pick up your student after school or after a MORE enrichment class:
After school please pick-up by 3:05 (but never later than 3:15);
After MORE classes please pick-up by 3:50 (but never later than 4:00).

Thanks for helping us help kids and families be safe!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Research shows that consistent, on-time attendance in elementary school creates a lifelong pattern of punctuality and investment all throughout a student's school career and later for on the job. As a parent or guardian, please do everything you can to be certain your student(s) arrives on time and ready-to-learn each day. The best arrival time each morning is between 8:20 and 8:35 (There is no supervision before 8:20.) School policy requires that parent-initiated late arrivals or early dismissals that exceed one hour get marked as absences - less than one hour get marked as tardies.

Arrival/Dismissal Information for Special Days

Half Days - Dismissal 11:45

November 4
December 2
January 6
January 29
February 23
March 29, 30, 31, April 1 – Conference Week
May 4
June 3

Non-School Days

November 11 – Veterans’ Day
November 26-27 - Thanksgiving Break
December 21 - January 4 - Winter Break
January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
February 15 and 16 - Presidents Day/Mid-Winter Break
April 4- 8 - Spring Break
May 30 - Memorial Day

Last Day

June 17 (unless makeup days are needed)
11:45 Dismissal

Garfield Student Behavior Management Plan

Section 1 - Student responsibilities:

Make good behavior choices

Staff responsibilities:

- be proactive (preventative), positive and patient
- take collective responsibility and consistency
- teach, model and practice
- provide clear expectations and natural consequences
- use positive and consistent reinforcement
- learn about, use and support Kelso’s Choice – conflict management for students
- support the Garfield “alternatives to traditional recess program” by helping students to be responsible for their alternative assignments

Volunteers!

All volunteers need to have a background check done. If you would like to volunteer at school or on a field trip make sure your background check is done at least two weeks before the event. Go to our district’s website at <http://osd.wednet.edu> and look under Community to Volunteer and fill out the online application.

If you have questions you can contact our volunteer coordinator via email at volunteer@osd.wednet.edu or call 360.596.6130.

Friendly Reminder from our Nurse!

It is the time of year when schools experience outbreaks of head lice. As the weather is getting colder, please remind your children not to share coats, hats, combs or brushes with others. Please check your child's head periodically for signs of lice. The main signs and symptoms of head lice include itchy scalp and frequent scratching of the head.



Garfield Track Stars are fit and happy!

