



Garfield Elementary School Newsletter

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF APRIL 2016

Garfield Families,

As we approach better weather and more students are walking/biking to school, it seems to be a good time to review safety tips with our kids. The following tips have been collected from police and other safety advisors.

General Safety

- Teach your children that if approached by an unknown adult, run and report to the nearest safe adult (teacher, parent, staff).
- Tell your children to travel and play in groups no matter what time of day it is.
- Teach your children never to go near a car with someone in it and never to get into a car without parent permission, even if that person is familiar to him/her.
- Tell your children that a stranger is anyone they don't know.
- Review safe walking routes to and from school with your children. Avoid letting your child walk alone. Walk with your child or have another adult or Garfield "older" walk with him/her.
- Tell your children where it is safe to play and places to avoid. Be sure younger children are within eye and/or ear shot of an adult.
- Tell your children who the people in the community are who can help them such as police, crossing guards and neighbors.
- Please make sure that students do not leave home too early in the morning. Supervision is available at 8:20 a.m. in our playground. Our crossing guard is out at approximately 8:15 a.m.

Bike Safety

- Always wear a helmet (if you don't have one, please contact our office and we will get you one). Students who ride bikes to school are required to have a helmet.
- Learn and follow all traffic signs.
- Assume that cars cannot see you and if passing in front of a car, make eye contact with the driver before proceeding.
- When approaching an intersection, look left, right and left again.
- Stay within bike lanes, on sidewalks or, if necessary, to the far right side of the road.
- Ride on the right side of the road when there are no bike lanes or sidewalks.
- Be cautious around driveways.
- Learn and practice hand signals for turning and stopping.



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Science Expo 2016

On the evening of March 17, Kindergarten through 5th grade students and their families took part in our annual Science Expo. It was a packed gym as Garfield children showcased their investigations and experiments on the walls, tables and using tri-fold presentation boards. It was a treat to see our Cheetahs wearing real science lab coats provided by the Olympia School District. The scholars of Garfield are becoming our next generation science sleuths!

A special thanks goes to every staff member at Garfield who helped make this night possible by making science come alive in their classrooms and then set up the gym for our annual science event.



- Jason Finney and Leah Bracken



Garfield's technology team at the OSD Tech Fair with teacher advisors Mr. Keck and Ms. Pattin.

The team members' challenge was to teach a technology skill to their parents that they felt their parents needed to learn. They picked Siri (the voice command program on Apple iPhones) and made a slide show to demonstrate.

They are now meeting Fridays after school to expand on the project!





Are You My Mother? Kaci says, "Yes, thanks for coming mom!"

Garfield students obSEUSSed!

On March 2, Garfield became obSEUSSed as they celebrated Read Across America Day. Students and staff wore pajamas and had a relaxing morning spending time loving reading. (Oh, the places they went ...) Parents joined their children for an informational assembly and fun classroom activities. Did you know Dr. Seuss would have been 112 this year? As you can see by the pictures, a wonderful time was had by all!



Principal Chertok invited the Cat in the Hat to celebrate Read Across America Day.



One fish, two fish, we did math with Goldfish!



Fourth graders help plant new trees around our field with the help of community volunteers and Addison's dad, James.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May

2	6:30 p.m.	Harry Potter Literacy Night
3	4:30 p.m.	Site Council Meeting
4	11:45 a.m.	Early Release
5	6 p.m.	Kindergarten Parent Night (for incoming kinders)
6	2 p.m.	LifeSkills Assembly
9	6:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting
26		DLC Day of Champions! (Tumwater High School)
30		No School – Memorial Day
31		Pacific Science Center – Science on Wheels

June

3	11:45 a.m.	Early Release
4		Child Find
7	4:30 p.m.	Site Council Meeting
7		Last Day for PATS
8	7:30 p.m.	Spring String Fling @ CHS
9	1 p.m.	Real Food Show Assembly
13	6:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting
16		Last Day of Preschool
17	9 a.m.	Last Day Assembly
17	11:45 a.m.	Early Release
24		Office Closes for the Summer!



Mrs. Allen's and Mrs. Waite's second grade classes had a party to celebrate completing an extensive personal narrative writing. Families were invited to hear about the writing process and to listen to the wonderful personal narratives written by the students. Lemonade and cookies were served during the celebration. It was wonderful to see so many families on such a beautiful day.

Garfield Cheetahs are online at
<http://garfield.osd.wednet.edu>

GARFIELD STUDENT BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT PLAN

Section 5 - Common Expectations and Language

BE AN EFFECTIVE COLLABORATOR

What students and groups look like:

- close physical proximity (leaning in)
- stay engaged, focused, on-task, add to group achievement
- use appropriate voice level
- willing to work with, and encourage, everyone
- share work and air time; be fair
- fulfill specific role or job
- make progress toward goal and produce quality work
- give feedback and reflect on group dynamics

How adults support:

- teach, model and practice; clear expectations
- use natural consequences to reinforce