



Garfield Elementary School Newsletter

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF MAY-JUNE 2016

Garfield Families,

I hope this message finds you enjoying these beautiful spring days. We recently received information regarding our school's performance and the news is very good. You may have heard that the Federal Act, No Child Left Behind, has been adjusted this year. The two educational departments in our state, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) and the State Board of Education, are now using an "Achievement Index" that rates schools on a 10-point scale that is defined by six indicators from lowest to highest: Lowest 5%, Underperforming, Fair, Good, Very Good and Exemplary. These ratings are provided in three areas: Proficiency, Growth and Overall Achievement. Please see a breakdown of our 2015 results:

CONGRATULATIONS,
GARFIELD COMMUNITY!



Proficiency:

Very Good – Garfield was one of three elementary schools in our district to be recognized at this level, with no schools achieving Exemplary.

Growth:

Exemplary – Garfield was, again, one of three elementary schools awarded this level of performance and shared the highest rating with one other elementary school.

Overall Achievement:

Very Good – Garfield was one of four to receive this level and was the highest-rated school among all of our elementary schools.

This continued excellence is the result of your dedication to your children, our strong partnership, our entire staff who work tirelessly each day – seeing and expecting the best in each child – and, most importantly, our students who each day bring to school potential and effort.

*LifeSkills
winners
and*

*Double
Marathon
winners!*

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Hanging at Hogwarts

On the evening of May 2, Garfield Elementary transformed into Hogwarts for a celebration of reading. Around 150 families attended Hanging at Hogwarts. Upon arrival, students were sorted into houses and enjoyed fun activities such as planting seeds with Professor Sprout, practicing potions with Professor Snape, face painting, Quidditch and listening to stories from *The Tales of Beedles the Bard* as told by Madame Pattin, the school's librarian. Families were also invited to a Welcoming Feast with pizza donated by Vic's Pizzeria and Butterbeer, imported from Hogsmead. The night was wrapped up with a Tri-Wizard tournament between the houses. The winning student took home the complete Harry Potter series by J.K. Rowling and a picture with the Tri-Wizard Cup! At the end of the night, each child went home with a free book courtesy of South Sound Reading Foundation. What a great way to celebrate the magic of reading! Garfield would like to extend a special thank you to all of our volunteers and community sponsors. Thank you, Garfield PTA, Haggen, Vic's Pizzeria, South Sound Reading Foundation, Ralph's and Bayview Thriftway, Grocery Outlet, Last Word Books and Orca Books.



Professor McGonagall and the Sorting Hat



Complete with glasses and lightning bolt!



Dumbledore and Friend



Every wizard needs a wand



Students create potions



Top left: Curtain Falls at Cispus
 Bottom left, right: Fifth graders at Cispus



Students eating "dirt" cupcakes at the City of Olympia's Dirt Works!

Fifth graders in Ms. Beattie's class preparing the garden for planting.



Mason helped prepare the garden beds for spring planting.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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!

Garfield Cheetahs are online at

<http://garfield.osd.wednet.edu>

Not Returning to Garfield Next Year?

As we start planning classes for next year it would be very helpful for us to know if your child will not be returning to Garfield. Please stop by or call the office at 306-596-6900 and let us know so we can send a withdrawal form home for your signature.

Lost and Found

Please check our lost and found for any missing items. We will be donating left over items to The Little Red Schoolhouse on June 20.



Longest. Ladder. Ever. In early May, first and fifth graders had a visit from Olympia Fire Department.

A Reminder!

We have noticed children have been arriving to school early. This presents a safety concern for your children as we do not have staffing available to supervise until 8:20 a.m.. Please make arrangements so your children do not arrive until this time so we are certain to have the presence of adults to provide the necessary supervision.

If you pick up your student after school or after a MORE enrichment class, please pick-up by 3:05 p.m. (but never later than 3:15 p.m.); after MORE classes, please pick-up by 4:05 p.m. (but never later than 4:10 p.m.).

Thank you!



May 6 was National Nurse's Day. Nurse Phyllis is fabulous!