Garfield News

Home of 2nd & 3rd Grade Vikings
Garfield School December, 2019 (620)421-3530
Misty Russell – Principal

Crayons to College and Careers

Garfield Events...

Dec 2 ............ Elementary Orchestra Concert - PHS Auditorium – 6:00 P.M.
Dec 2............ Donations for Giving Tree begin
Dec 5 ......... Christmas Parade – 7 pm
Dec 6.......... View Stella Wells Trees
Dec 17......... Donations for Giving Tree end
Dec 19......... 2nd Nine Weeks End
Dec 19......... Christmas sing-a-long – 2:00
Dec 19......... Classroom Parties – 2:30
Dec 20......... No School/Professional Development
Dec 20-Jan 6 Winter Recess
Jan 1............ Happy New Year
Jan 6 ........... No School/Professional Development
Jan 7............ School Resumes

Attention Please!

➢ All snacks and party treats brought to school MUST be store bought and pre-packaged and NUT FREE. Thank you for keeping our children safe.

➢ Lost and Found items are be located in 3rd Grade hall next to the office.

➢ Be sure your child’s name is on his/her jacket and lunch box.

Garfield Giving Tree

Each year Garfield Elementary collects canned goods and paper items to be donated to the Labette Assistance Center. We will begin collecting Monday, December 2nd and will continue to accept donations through Tuesday, December 17th. We have a wooden tree where the items are placed and they can also be taken to the office. Our goal is to collect one item from each student, which is over 180 items. Let’s beat that goal.

Let It Snow
COUNSELOR’S CORNER

Does this happen at your house? The kids come home from school, and you say “How was your day?” hoping to hear all about their school experience…only to get the same old response…”Fine.” Here are some questions to ask that will hopefully encourage them to open up a little more:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
- Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
- Tell me about what you read in class.
- Who did you play with today? What did you play?
- Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
- What’s the biggest difference between this year and last year?
- What rules are different at school than our rules at home? Do you think they’re fair?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?

BUSING

If you take your child/children to the Parsons Middle School to ride the bus, please do not drop your child off before 7:15. There is no staff available. Buses begin arriving at 7:20.

Also, please remember that Garfield does not have staff available to monitor your child/children prior to buses arriving or school opening at 7:30.

Our goal is to keep your child/children safe. Thank you for understanding.

TRUANCY (page 32 of Parent/Student Handbook)

A child becomes truant when they have three consecutive unexcused absences, five unexcused absences that are not consecutive in a semester, or seven unexcused absences in a year.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES (page 36 of Parent/Student Handbook)

If your child is to be absent, please notify the school by 8:30 the day of the absence. If it’s impossible for you to call, please send a note with your child and state the reason for the absence when they return to school. If a student misses school for a doctor’s appointment, a note from the doctor is required.
Reminder: Now that it’s getting cold and we might be wearing our boots to school please make sure to pack your gym shoes on PE days.

**What happened this month**

**November**: Cup stacking

*Why*: Cup stacking allows students to use both side of their body equally (bilateral proficiency). It also allows students to develop hand eye coordination, and critical thinking skills. By using both hands in cup stacking the vertical midline in the brain is crossed and the visual fields in the brain overlap. This is fundamental to reading, writing, communicating, and problem solving if learning is to take place.

**What’s happening next**

**December**: More hand eye coordination and some Christmas fun!

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**Fun Facts**

- **December 11**: Your favorite teacher’s birthday!
- **December 21**: National Cross word puzzle day!

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**Fun Zone**

Each month’s slip earns an entry into a Big Prize Raffle

Instructions: Put your name on it, solve the problem, and turn it into Mr. Liska or your classroom teacher to get the prize.

Complete the cross word puzzle.

Hint: All answers are things we have done in PE!
Complete the crossword puzzle below

Across
3. you might fall with out this
4. tic tac

Down
1. a man’s favorite exercise
2. dribble with your foot

Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net
December 2019

Upcoming Events

December 2nd—19th
Dr. Barton will be doing restorative treatments for students signed up for dental services.

December 20 — January 6, 2020
Winter break. Stay warm and Enjoy! See you next year!

January 29—
HPV Immunization Clinic

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School Health Office

HPV Immunization Clinic in January

On January 29th we will be offering a HPV clinic for those families interested in having their children, ages 9 and up, receive the HPV vaccine.

This clinic is for both boys and girls, and consists of 2 immunizations approximately 6 months apart. Both would be administered at school.

By signing up for this program, you agree to the series of two immunizations.

The first clinic will be held on January 29th and the second will be held in August.

HPV Snapshot

HPV, or Human Papilloma Virus, is responsible for cervical cancer, as well as other types of cancers that affect both genders.

If started before the 15th birthday, only 2 doses of vaccine are required to provide protection.

For those who are 15—26 a third dose is recommended.

Also, when there is less than 5 months between the first two doses, a third dose is recommended.

If you have any question or concerns please talk to your provider or the school nurse.

More information will be available when we return from the winter break in January.
Have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Break!

We wish you the very best this holiday season, from our families to yours!

Amber Jones, RN and Melody Mack, SHA