



# April Newsletter

## Month-At-A-Glance

### April

- 1st – 5th – NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
- 8th – Classes Resume
- 16th – Toddler Class Spring Party
- 17th – 4 yr Class Spring Party
- 17th – 6:30pm Classroom Cleaning
- 18th – 3 yr Class Spring Party
- 19th– Real Life Farm (No 4 yr Classes)
- 29th– Preschool Open House 6-7:30



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### **Pay Tuition Using Zelle!**

We now accept Zelle as a payment option. Zelle deposits instantly. (NO MORE LATE FEES!!)

Please use the email address  
[treasurer@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:treasurer@garfieldpreschool.com)

Make sure you add your child's name and class in the memo area.

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to Chrissy Holtquist  
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## Note from Mrs. B

We are all so excited that Spring is finally here! March is reading month was filled with many literacy activities including celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday as well as having all the special guest reader's that shared stories with the children, we appreciate all those that were able to share! Parents, don't forget to pick up your child's book as part of the raffle, everyone was a winner! Also the listening library will be open and available for the rest of the year.

The signs of Spring are all around us and we are discussing this with all of the children. Science concepts like changes in weather, flowers and how they grow, as well as what animals do when spring has arrived will be apart of our learning this month. We will continue to add new sight words and build our list up in preparation for kindergarten in the 4's class. The children will continue to take home the weekly sight word reading books. We will begin our alphabet book in the 4 year class where the children will continue to practice writing their letters and name writing. Math concepts will continue such as number recognition, with emphasis on sequencing, patterns, and graphing in both 3 year and 4 year classes.

During the month of April there will be a popcorn and pajama party planned for all classes. This will be a fun day for all and the dates will be shared after the spring break.

I look forward to the remainder of the school year and all the fun planned for the children and families.

Laugh, Love, Learn,  
Mrs. B

## Note from the President-

Happy April and Happy Spring Everyone!! As the school year starts to wind down we have lots of things that are coming up to send the school year out with a bang!! We have our Mother's Day Tea, 4 year Parent/Teacher Conferences and Graduation and the End of the Year Picnic.

We have our 2018-19 Registration taking place online on our website, so please take a minute and fill out your information if you are going to be joining us again next year. :) Don't forget to tell your friends and family about our school if they have little ones in need of a place to learn and grow!

The board will be working on a questionnaire to send out to all of you to get your feedback on what we are doing well on and where there is room for improvement. We are always looking for feedback so that we can continue to grow and meet the ever changing needs of our little ones.

I look forward to what is left in store for this school year and as always, if there are any questions or concerns that you may have please feel free to contact anyone on the board.



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## Note from the Treasurer-

Treasurer's Report

By: Chrissy Holtquist

### Payment Reminder

- Separate payments (e.g. field trip fee, tuition, etc.) should be paid with separate checks or money orders.
- Fundraising payments should be placed in the fundraising mailbox.
- Please include your child's name and what the payment is for on the memo line (e.g. Jane Smith Picnic).
- All fundraising requirements should be paid in full by the end of the Year End Picnic by means of the Tin Can Raffle. If you're uncertain of the status of your fundraising requirement, please contact Amanda Paulson at [fundraising@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:fundraising@garfieldpreschool.com).
- We now accept Zelle as a payment option. Zelle deposits instantly. (NO MORE LATE FEES!!) Please use the email address [treasurer@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:treasurer@garfieldpreschool.com) Make sure you add your child's name and class in the memo area. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

### Tuition Reminder

- At this time, tuition should be paid for the month of May.
- If you're uncertain of the status of your account, please contact Chrissy Holtquist at [treasurer@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:treasurer@garfieldpreschool.com).

### Reimbursement Reminder

- Please complete and attach a reimbursement form to all corresponding receipts submit for reimbursement. A reimbursement check cannot be issued until all proper paperwork is submitted.
- Garfield Preschool is a tax-exempt organization, so any reimbursements will not include sales tax. Please obtain the proper tax-exempt paperwork from a board member prior to purchasing items for the school.
- There are blank reimbursement forms in the file folder below the parent board in the classroom or one can be sent electronically by submitting a request to [treasurer@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:treasurer@garfieldpreschool.com).

### **Bank Balances**

Current checking account balance: \$21,892.16

Current savings account balance: \$15,030.23

## Note from the Vice President -

Friendly reminder, please make sure you sign up for Real Life Farm as soon as possible. The cost is \$10 per person (ages 2 and up) and payment is due before the trip. Checks should include the family name and total in the memo line.

As the school year comes close to an end we would love suggestions or ideas for field trips for next school year! Please feel free to leave a note in the VP's mailbox listing field trips that you enjoyed, ones you would not visit again, or any other suggestions for potential trips. We really appreciate the feedback as this will help us better plan for next year!





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## Note from the Health and Records -

### Health Tip of the Month: Reducing Stress

Let's face it, we all feel stressed sometimes. Even our children feel stress. Here are some ways to help your family reduce their stress:

- **Exercise** - Whether it's a team sport, playing outside, or just going for a walk, exercise can reduce your family's stress.
- **Deep Breathing**- Any child old enough to count to four can learn to how to do deep breathing exercises to lower stress. Children, with the help of adults, slowly count to four as they inhale, and then count to four as they exhale. This exercise should be done for several minutes until the child is calm.
- **Sensory Activities**- These can have a calming effect on children when they experience stress. Play dough is a popular childhood material that provides a wonderful sensory experience. When children feel stress, give them play dough to squeeze, pound, and manipulate. A stress ball offers a similar experience for children because they can squeeze the squishy ball. Finger painting and playing with water or sand are other sensory activities that can be used to reduce stress.

- Marisa Benke

### \*Reminder\*

Be sure to email Marisa at [healthrecords@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:healthrecords@garfieldpreschool.com) if your child is sick and is staying home from school. State law mandates that all illness be reported to the Wayne County Department of Community Health. Please include your child's name, the date, and the reason for your child's absence. Thank you!



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## Note from the Fundraising Chair-

Happy Spring! Our last fundraiser of the year is this month. (Wow, that came quick!) For our last fundraiser we will be selling **Detroit Tiger tickets**. More information to come.

May 10th is our **end of the year picnic**. At the picnic we will be having a Tin can raffle. This is when you will have to full fill the rest of your fundraising total.

Also in May, we will be doing a community giving back through **Comcast Cares**. The date will be May 4th at 7:30 am. We will have all the details soon. We are hoping to get as many families as possible, it will be a fun experience for all of us!

-Amanda Paulson

## Note from the Membership Chair-

Hello all! It's that time of year again, registration time! Please complete the online registration on our website under prospective families and then complete the enrollment packet that I send to you after I have confirmed your registration.

We will be having an **open house on April 29** from 6:00 - 7:30. Please let any interested friends or family know! As always, please contact me if you have any questions.

## Preschool Registration NOW OPEN



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