

# Nov/Dec Newsletter

## November-At-A-Glance

- 11/1: Original Works orders due
- 11/1: December tuition due
- 11/3: Daylight Savings Ends
- 11/5: NO SCHOOL (Voting Day)
- 11/6: Deadline to bring long-sleeved white t-shirts
- 11/11: Gymnastics Field Trip
- 11/13: General Membership meeting 7pm
- 11/25: 4 Year Class Thanksgiving Party
- 11/26: 3 Year Class Thanksgiving Party
- TBD: Toddler Class Thanksgiving Party
- 11/27-11:29: NO SCHOOL - Happy Thanksgiving!

## December-At-A-Glance

- 12/1: January tuition due
- 12/2: Classes resume
- 12/13: Holiday Concert and Auction
- 12/19: 3 Year Class Holiday Party
- 12/19: Toddler Class Holiday Party
- 12/20: 4 Year Class Holiday Party
- 12/23-1/3: NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS

## ***Additional Funds for the Preschool!***

### **Amazon Smile**

- Go to Smile.Amazon.com
- Select Garfield Cooperative Preschool before you start shopping.
- You can use the same account on Amazon.com & AmazonSmile.
- You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.
- To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device.
- The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

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

We now accept Zelle as a payment option. Zelle deposits instantly. 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 [treasurer@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:treasurer@garfieldpreschool.com)

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## Note from Mrs. B -

I want to thank all parents for contributing to their child's Halloween party! The parties were wonderful and the children had a great time! As the holiday season approaches we will be combining projects and activities that touch on concepts of what Thanksgiving is all about and what it means to be thankful. We will explore with our five senses and further investigate what hibernation means for the animals in the environment as they prepare for the cold weather.

Winter fun and holidays around the world will help support the children's learning of what other boys and girls their age celebrate where they live. I will also be incorporating math concepts of basic shapes, one to one correspondence, and number recognition for numbers 1-10 in the 3 year class. We will build on these concepts in the 4 year class by extending numbers to 20. Zoo phonics letters and characters will continue in the 4 year class as the children will soon be creating their own alphabet book that they will work on throughout the year. Also the alphabet bags and activities will be a great part of useful practice of letter identification and sounds as well. In the 4 year classes I will also be introducing the Mystery Bag and Traveling bear bags that the kids will rotate and take home. The kids love to share fun stories and solve mysteries during the second circle time with their friends !!

This month we will also be practicing for the Winter concert that will take place on December 13th. I will pass out the song lyrics so you too can help your child practice at home. Please take a look at the songs:

Toddler's: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

3 year classes: Jingle Bells

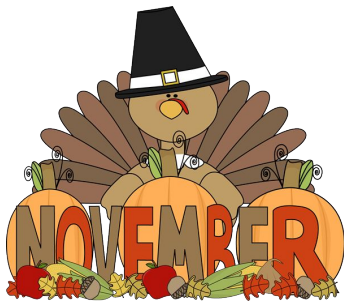
4 year class: Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer and We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Another great website to check out this month is [www.havefunteaching.com](http://www.havefunteaching.com). The site offers some fun songs and videos you can stream for free, while also offering a variety of items for all subjects that you can buy and download.

Laugh, Love, Learn,

Mrs. B





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## Note from the President

As the holidays grow near and the weather starts to turn bad, please ensure that whoever is dropping off your child, comes into the classroom and helps them with all of the extra gear that this time of year requires. We will notify you if we need to cancel school due to the weather. We follow the Livonia Public Schools closings so please watch for this info as well.

November also brings up our next General Membership Meeting, on November 13th, at 7:00 pm in the gym. We will be going over all of the fun activities we have planned for the Holiday Auction and Concert in December and would love to answer any questions that you may have about this event.

As a friendly reminder, if you are holding a co-op position, please ensure that you are communicating with your board member to make sure that all requirements for the position are being met. If you are unsure of who your Board Member is please contact me and I will let you know who the proper Board Member is for your position.

I'm looking forward to all of the exciting activities that we have in store for the Holiday Concert. Your little ones will be working very hard over the next month to get ready for the show!!

Please contact me or any of the board members with any questions or concerns that you may have,

Mrs. B,  
President

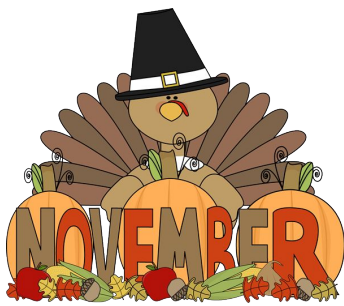
## Note from the Social Chair-

Our Holiday Concert & Auction party is the event of the year!

If you haven't already, mark your calendars for December 13th for an evening of holiday cheer that benefits our wonderful preschool. Ticket order forms will be going out the first week of November and reservations are required to attend. This is a great event to invite extended family and friends! Be on the lookout for more information in the coming weeks. If you have any questions about this fun event please email [social@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:social@garfieldpreschool.com).

Joanna Kowalik





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## Note from the Treasurer-

By: Chrissy Holtquist

### Payment Reminder

- All tuition payments must be made by using Zelle, check or money order. NO CASH!
- Separate payments (e.g. field trip fee, tuition, etc.) should be paid with separate checks or money orders.
- At this time, we are only using Zelle for tuition payments. All fundraising and field trips need to be paid with check or money order.
- Please include your child's name and what the payment is for on the memo line (e.g. Jane Smith Registration Fee).

### Tuition Reminder

- Tuition is due on the first of every month, and is paid a month in advance (e.g. November's tuition is due on October 1st).
- Please include your child's name and the month in which you are paying (e.g. John Smith November Tuition) on the memo line of your check or money order and place your payment in the tuition payment box located below the parent board in the classroom. Alternatively, you can mail your payment directly to the school (Attn: Treasurer).
- **If tuition is not paid by the 10th of the month, a \$10 late fee will be assessed.**

### 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.
- 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: \$23,370.90  
Current savings account balance: \$15,031.76

## Note from the Fundraising Chair-

It's already November! This year is flying by! Hopefully you have been able to start some of your holiday shopping with our Original works and Yankee candle fundraisers! Please remember that all orders are due Nov 1st for Original works and Nov 7th for Yankee candle. If you are using more than one work of art, please use separate order forms.

Next up on the fundraising front is our Holiday concert and silent auction. Our fundraising committee has been hard at work over the last month and many donations are starting to come in!

There is still time to earn some fundraising credit from the holiday event. We are looking for families to help by donating a gift or gift basket to auction off in the silent auction. Past donations have included, but not limited to, bikes, game night baskets, homemade knitted items, Jamberry baskets, and 31 bags. Make sure to fill out a donation form and turn that in with your donation.

Amanda Paulson

## Note from the Membership Chair-

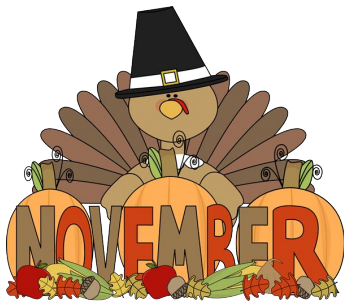
Hello Garfield families! We are happy to say that our current standing of children enrolled at Garfield is 68! This is wonderful!!

With that being said; we will not be accepting any newcomers for the year. We will start looking at new inquiries starting in January, so please spread the word. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Jessica Wilhoite

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## Note from Health and Records -

### Healthy Eating Heading into the Holiday Season:

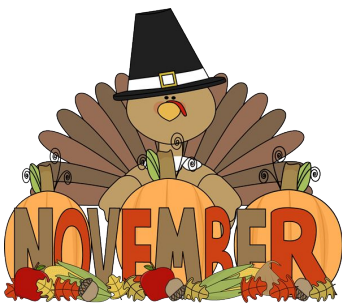
Having a hard time getting your little one to eat his or her vegetables and fruit? Here are a few tips taken from [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org) on how to get your kids to chow down on healthier choices, especially during the holiday season.

1. **Get them involved:** If you involve kids in planning meals, going grocery shopping, and preparing food, they will become invested in the process and more likely to eat.
2. **Go to the source:** Teach kids where their food comes from. Head to the local farmer's market and meet people who grow food. Try picking berries from a vine or visiting a local dairy farmer. Grow your own tomatoes in the spring.
3. **Make healthy snacks available (even on the run):** If you stock the kitchen (or car) exclusively with healthy treats, children will eat them. As your children grow, stock good snacks in cabinets and shelves that they can reach.
4. **Be a role model:** Letting your child see you make healthy food choices may encourage him or her to do the same.
5. **Don't give up:** Most children need multiple exposures (between 5 and 10) to try new foods. Even if a child rejects a food the first couple times, offer it again!

### \*IMPORTANT\*

Be sure to email Kim 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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