



# October Newsletter

## Month-At-A-Glance

10th: Last day to pay November tuition  
16th: 4 Year Class Pictures  
17th: 3 Year Class Pictures  
17th: Toddler Class Pictures  
22nd: 6:30 pm Classroom Cleaning  
23rd: Detroit Zoo/Rain Date 24th  
29th: Toddler Class Halloween Party  
30th: 4 Year Class Halloween Party  
31st: 3 Year Class Halloween Party

## *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.

## **Note from Membership -**

Happy fall everyone! Hopefully everyone is settling in with the new school year.

We still have a few openings in the preschool, mainly for 3 year classes. Please pass the word to anyone you know that is looking for a preschool.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the school year, please feel free to contact me at [membership@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:membership@garfieldpreschool.com).

-Jessica



### 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 can't believe how fast this first month of school has flown by! The children have settled well into the daily routine and are doing a great job participating in circle time, calendar, weather reports, and completing a variety of projects each day. We have already began the letter of the week in the four year old class and the children have taken off with the letter projects. In the 4 year classes this month I will begin creating a portfolio of work samples and assessments that show progress over time for each child. Examples will include name writing, counting, shape recognition, and writing samples.

As we continue to build literacy skills across the curriculum, you too can help support their love of reading and phonics. Parents I encourage you to check out the following websites:

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

This site is great for letter identification, phonics, word families, and stories. There is a one time fee, but for one full year you get access to a great variety of literacy activities you can do together and motivate your child to love reading!

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/childdevelopmenttracker/two/index.html>

PBS offers a site that shares with parents developmental stages at every age across the learning domains (such as language, literacy, and math). They even recommend the PBS shows that would be of interest to that age. We know that each child's growth and learning is individual and unique so this offers some insight into just how dynamic our little ones are as they continue to amaze us each day.

October activities will continue to include concepts of science such as changes in the weather, signs of fall, and starting mid-month we will feature a monthly science kit that will be integrated into both 3 and 4 year classes. The children will also enjoy exploring our fall sensory table, work on literacy and math projects and much more. The "Garfield Artists" wall will start to feature the children's art projects throughout the year for everyone to see!

Laugh, Love, Learn,  
Mrs. B

## Note from the President

I hope that everyone is starting to settle into their routine for the year and are enjoying all of the new experiences that preschool has to offer! Fall is a great time to get outside as a family and look at all of the unique colors that fall has to offer.

### Harvest Dash

Set up a fall relay with the kids. Fill large containers with sunflower seed bird feed. Have smaller, clear containers at the opposite end. Kids fill the cup with seeds and race to dump it in the empty container. They sprint back to the start and hand-off the cup to the teammates. Goal of the race is to be the first team to fill up the small container with the seeds.

As an extra challenge, give the kids an over-sized soup ladle instead of a cup. Don't worry if the seeds spill; that's part of the fun! the birds will easily find them later.

Tip: Try a dollar store for inexpensive clear containers. They usually stock plastic ones in apple or pumpkin shapes in the fall. Popcorn or candy corn can also be used in place of the seeds.

Please remember, if there are any questions or concerns any of the board members would be more than happy to speak with you.

Garfield President

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## Note from the Treasurer-

Treasurer's Report

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: \$21,559.39

Current savings account balance: \$15,031.51

## Note from the Vice President -

### Friendly reminders for field trips

Field trip memos with specific trip details will be sent home prior to signing up for the trip. Garfield only accepts checks and money orders for field trip payment. No cash please.

Please be sure to write your child's last name and how many attending on memo line. Ex: "Benke x 3 people" Please note some field trips allow siblings to come and others due to venue size, do not. Please pay when you sign up.

There is a black check box located near the signup sheet, please place checks in there. Checks will be cashed after the field trip has taken place. Due to many venues needing exact head count prior to field trip, there are no refunds allowed. When you arrive to field trip venue, please check in with field trip coordinator.

If you have any questions, please email [vicepresident@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:vicepresident@garfieldpreschool.com).

Our upcoming field trips include:

**October** - The Detroit Zoo

**November**- Farmington Gymnastics

**January/February**- High Velocity Sports and Disney on Ice

**March**- Rollerskating

**April**- Real Life Farm

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## Note from Health and Records -



**Health Tip of the Month: Proper Hand Washing** – as school gets in full swing, we all know how germs can spread quickly. One of the best ways to manage this is to make sure your child is properly washing his or her hands. Teach your child to use warm water and soap, and to scrub the entire hand thoroughly, including the back of the hand, around the nails and between fingers. This should be done for 20 seconds, or about the time it takes to sing the Happy Birthday song twice. Finish by rinsing hands in warm water, drying with a paper towel and turning the water off with the paper towel.

## **\*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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## Note from the Fundraising Chair-

Thank you to all who participated in the Little Caesars fundraiser!

October will start our next 2 fundraisers: Original works and Yankee candle. For the Original works, our children will make a special hand print work of art with Mrs. B during class, that can be transferred on to a bunch of different products(magnets, cups, tote bags etc.). You can also have your child draw a picture. With the holidays fast approaching, these would make the perfect gifts for friends and family, or even for a keepsake for yourself!

The Yankee candle fundraiser will be an online only fundraiser. I will send out the information needed to order.

Donation requests have been mailed out, and the fundraising team has been hard at work trying to make this year's Holiday auction a huge success. There are still some options for you to earn some holiday auction fundraising credit. If you know of any business or person who would be willing to donate a gift or service, you could earn a fundraising credit. We are also looking for families to help by donating a gift or gift basket to auction off in our silent auction. Past donations have included, but are not limited to: bikes, game night baskets, homemade gifts, Jamberry baskets, gift cards and 31 bags.

- Amanda

If you have any questions regarding fundraising, please contact Amanda Paulson at [Fundraising@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:Fundraising@garfieldpreschool.com)

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