



# January Newsletter

## January-At-A-Glance

- 1/1: February tuition due
- 1/6: Classes resume
- 1/8: Classroom cleaning 6:30 pm
- 1/10: Last day to pay February tuition without incurring a late fee
- 1/20: NO SCHOOL - MLK Day

## *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 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 -

Happy New and welcome back Garfield families! I am very excited for all of the learning that will take place this second part of the school year. We will explore winter animal habitats and continue the holidays around the world. In four year class we will continue our letter of the week, identifying and writing numbers 1-20, patterns, and journaling. By utilizing both the zoo phonics and handwriting without tears programs the kids will have a variety of ways to practice when it comes to letter and sound recognition.

We will begin integrating sight words weekly to help facilitate emerging reading skills. Later this month, each child will also receive a literacy bag that will go home weekly with activities to support letter and phonics practice, sight word readers, and a variety of other activities to help connect classroom learning to the home. Daily practice of recognizing and writing the children's names will take place in both 3 and 4 year classes. In 3 year classes we will also begin to use scissors to reinforce their fine motor skills and writing skills. Building in journal writing in the 3's will also take place as part of the literacy activities each week. Fun science topics like magnets, five senses, and others will be apart of the monthly science kits that are new to the classroom this year.

Laugh, Love, Learn,

Mrs. B



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## Note from the President

Happy New Year!!! I hope that everyone had a great time with family and friends over the holiday break. As we get back into the swing of things I would like to thank the Fundraising and Social committees for all of their hard work with the Holiday Concert and Auction. It was a great time and the kids put on a wonderful show.

We have a couple of fundraising opportunities in the upcoming months to help you reach your fundraising goals. If you have any questions about your fundraising totals please contact Amanda at [fundraising@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:fundraising@garfieldpreschool.com).

As we look forward to the rest of the year we are looking for people who would be interested in joining the board for the 2020-2021 school year. If you are interested or if you have any questions about any of the positions please contact me at [president@garfieldpreschool.com](mailto:president@garfieldpreschool.com).

As always, if there are any questions or concerns that you have our board and our teachers are more than happy to speak to you.

I look forward to a great 2020, there are still tons of new things to do and see and new memories to be made!!

~Qazime Beqiri  
President

## Note from the Social Chair-

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Holiday Auction/Concert and helped make it a great success! Our next school-wide celebration will be in May for the end of year family picnic. Details will go out closer to the event. Thank you.

Joanna Kowalik

## Note from the Fundraising Chair-

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday and Happy New year! I want to thank everyone who helped with our Holiday Concert/Silent Auction. It was such a great night!

I have sent out updated fundraising totals. If you did not meet half of your total goal, please make sure your payment is in by January 1st. Thank you.

Amanda Paulson





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## Note from the Treasurer-

By: Chrissy Holtquist

### Payment Reminder

- All payments must be made by check, money order or through Zelle; No cash please.
- Separate payments (e.g. field trip fee, tuition, etc.) should be paid with separate checks, money orders or Zelle transactions.
- Fundraising payments should be placed in the fundraising mailbox located below the parent board.
- Please include your child's name, class 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. February's tuition is due on January 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Please include your child's name and the month in which you are paying (e.g. John Smith February 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's Assistant).

### 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: \$34,194.25  
Current savings account balance: \$15,032.27

## Note from Health and Records -

### **Help Your Kids Stay Active During the Winter!**

It's important that kids stay active all year round. Here are some ideas to try indoors when the weather is cold:

- Balloon Ball: Blow up some balloons and toss them around a room. Try to keep it off the ground or just play catch.
- Animal Races: Hop like a bunny or frog, squat and waddle like a duck, etc.
- Play parachute: Recreate the old gym standby by using an old sheet. Each kid takes an end of the parachute or sheet and fans it upward while one of you runs underneath.
- Gather some friends for a playdate and meet up at your location rec center, Jungle Java or favorite play area.

### **\*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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