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May Newsletter

Month-At-A-Glance

- 5/2: Parent-Teacher Conferences - 4 yr Classes Only (No 4 yr Class)
- 5/6: Mother's Day Tea (4 yr am/pm Classes Only)
Scholastic Orders are Due
- 5/7: Mom-2-Mom Sale 9:00am-1:00pm
(@Stevenson High School)
- 5/11: 4 yr PM Graduation (@Cass Elementary)
- 5/13: Registration for End of Year Picnic is due
with payment
- 5/16: Chocolate Bar Fundraiser Due
- 5/20: End of Year Picnic 5:00-8:00pm (Rotary
Park)
- 5/23: 4 yr AM Graduation (@Cass Elementary)
- 5/24: Last day of School (Toddler class)
- 5/25: Last day of School (4 yr classes)
- 5/26: Last day of School (3 yr classes)



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Note from Mrs. B.-

The month of May is filled with many exciting events and activities. During this month we will be taking the time to review math and literacy concepts in the 3 year and 4 year classes. In the 3 year classes we have been practicing our phonics song and the kids are starting to sound out their names and other words. The 4 year students will be working on an alphabet book during the next few weeks that they will get to take home at the end of the year.

Writing journals, letters, numbers, and their names will continue to be a skill the students work in all classes. Science concepts like spring weather, how flowers grow, and learning about insects will be part of all class projects and lessons. I will be sharing some kindergarten transition guides with 4 year families, summertime web sites, and activities that everyone can do over the summer to keep their child engaged in learning as they prepare for kindergarten.

I want to sincerely thank all the wonderful Garfield families that joined us this year. It puts a smile on my face when I think of how these little ones have grown. I have enjoyed my time as your son/daughter's teacher and look forward to many successful years ahead with lots of laughter, love, and learning.

Laugh, Love, Learn
~Mrs. B

Note from the President-

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year is already upon us. We hope that you and your child has had a great time learning, laughing and growing at Garfield over this past school year. If you have any pictures, of your child, having fun on any of the field trips or in the classroom that you wouldn't mind being posted on the school's website please email them to president@garfieldpreschool.com.

During the month of May we have activities ranging from 'Parent/Teacher' conferences for the 4 yr families to Mom-2-Mom Sales to End of the Year Picnic to Mother's Day Tea and 4 yr Graduations. All of these events are going to be lots of fun for not only your child but also for the families as well. Please watch your email and mailboxes for all of the information that pertains to these events. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the board members or Mrs. B.

As the year draws to an end, we would like to know how the school year was for you and your child. A survey will be sent out and we would appreciate if you can take some time to provide feedback. This will allow the board and Mrs. B to make the necessary changes for next year so that the school can continue to grow and improve!

Have a great summer vacation and we look forward to seeing all of the returning parents in the fall. Please let any friends or family members know about our school if they are looking for a preschool for the upcoming school year!

~President

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Note from the Fundraising Chair

For the last month of the school year we have two events to close out the Fundraising activities. The first one is the Mom-2-Mom sale, if you haven't turned in your forms for a table please do so immediately. The event is on May 7th at Stevenson High School. If you don't want to rent a table you can also donate your time to earn fundraising credit or you can have someone outside of the school rent a table and put your name down on their application and you can obtain a credit for their tables.

After the Mom-2-Mom event is completed an email will be sent out letting you know what is remaining for your Fundraising requirements. Anything that remains on your account has to be settled at the End of the Year Picnic. We will have a tin can raffle that you will have to buy tickets in the amount remaining for your fundraising goals. (Example: if you still owe \$45 to meet your fundraising goal then you will need to purchasing 45 tickets for the tin can raffle. Each ticket is \$1.) A list of all of the items for the raffle will be sent out so you can plan ahead for the items you would like to use your tickets for. If you are unable to make it to the picnic and need to purchase tickets one of the board members will be happy to place the tickets in the cans for the items you would like. We will let you know which board member will be responsible for this and you can place a check in their mailbox with the items you would like your tickets used for.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at fundraising@garfieldpreschool.com

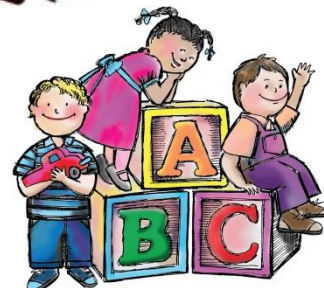
~Audra, Fundraising Chair

Note from the Vice President-

Wow, what a year we've had and a fun one too! I can't believe in just a few short weeks the school year will be at an end and summer vacation will be upon us. It has been a pleasure to meet and work with each family. A heartfelt "Thank You" goes out to every single one of you for allowing us, the board, to guide you and your families this school year.

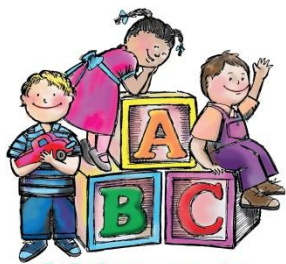
Coming this May, we have quite the busy month! Our weekly reminder will be filled with all the details on the activities and events scheduled for the month. Please keep a close eye on your email for these updates.

~Kat Kuehnert



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Note from the Social Committee-

GRADUATION PRESCHOOL CLASS OF 2016!

As I'm sure you already know and have on your calendars, the 4-year class graduations are May 11th (PM class) 6:30 - 8:30 pm at Cass Elementary, 34633 Munger, Livonia, 48154. The AM class graduation will be on May 23rd 6:30 - 8:30 PM, also at Cass.

An overwhelming majority of parents voted to buy the shirts, caps and medals, totaling \$15.00. If you have not yet paid, please put your check in the "Social Committee" box in the classroom by as soon as possible so that we will have time to get the items by May 11th.

Watch for the refreshment sign-up sheet in the classroom. AM parents are asked to bring a refreshment item for their child's ceremony on May 23rd and PM parents are asked to bring an item for their child's on May 11th.

If you have any questions, please call Betsy Head at (248) 345-7092 or send an email to social@garfieldpreschool.com.

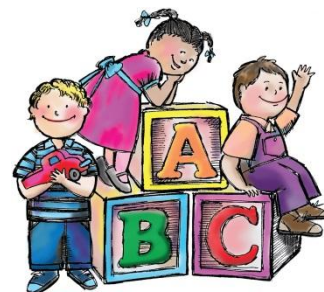
Betsy Head, Social Committee Chair

Note from the Social Committee-

Garfield Co-op's Year-end Picnic!

Please plan to join us for an end-of-the-year picnic at ROTARY PARK, 32184 Six Mile Rd, (Pavilion #1), Livonia, MI (between Merriman and Farmington). The Board of Directors of Garfield Co-operative Preschool would like to thank all of the Membership for your support and hard work this year. There will be face-painting, prizes, a catered dinner, a craft (making a necklace out of edible items), and lots of playground fun. Please open the attached flyer with this email for all the details.

Betsy Head, Social Committee Chair



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Note from the Health and Records Chair-

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

May is a wonderful time to raise awareness about the benefits of physical activity, and what better time than with our warmer weather to get outside. Regular physical activity is good for everyone's health for people of all ages. In children, physical activity can improve muscular fitness, bone health, and heart health. Along with healthy eating, physical activity can help prevent heart disease, cancer, and stroke.

Sixty minutes is the recommended amount of moderate to vigorous activity for children to see healthy weight benefits as an adult. Have your family make small changes, like taking a walk after dinner or going for a bike ride. Below are a few activities to get started on a healthy path. Remember to use proper safety equipment depending on the activities you select.

- Give children toys that encourage physical activity like balls, kites, and jump ropes.
- Encourage children to join a sports team or try a new physical activity.
- Take that stairs instead of the elevator.
- Find time to spend together doing a fun activity: family park day, swim day, or bike day.

Check out Let's Move for links to nature centers, parks and forests, and local playgrounds.

<http://www.letsmove.gov/where-go>

Have a fun and safe summer!

When Your Child is Sick

State law mandates that all illnesses be reported to the Wayne County Department of Public Health. If your child is sick, please contact Dawn Buerkle at HealthRecords@garfieldpreschool.com. Please include your child's name, date of absence, reason for absence, and whether they were diagnosed by a physician.

Remember: Your child should not return to school until symptoms have resolved for 24 hours with medication or they have received physician clearance to return to school. You can find a list of guidelines to determine when your child should stay home in your school handbook.

~Dawn Buerkle



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