



Welcome to
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September Newsletter

Month-At-A-Glance

- 9/5:** 3 Year AM Class First Day of School (No PM class)
Toddler First Day of School
- 9/6:** 4 Year AM Class First Day of School (No PM class)
- 9/7:** 3 Year PM Class First Day of School (No AM class)
- 9/8:** 4 Year PM Class First Day of School (No AM class)
- 9/15:** Last Day to sign up for Nankin Mills Field Trip
Jungle Java Meet-n-Greet
- 9/19:** Little Caesar's Pizza Kits Order Forms Due
- 9/21:** Nankin Mills Field Trip
- 9/27:** Little Caesar's Pizza Kits Delivered

Additional Funds for the Preschool

Kroger Community Rewards

- Go to Kroger.com
- Click on Community - Community Rewards
- Either Sign In to your pre-existing account or Create an Account
- Select Organization Name: Garfield Cooperative Preschool
Organization Number: 91906
- Every time you go shopping at Kroger a portion of your bill will be donated to the school or your choice.
- This will not count towards your Fundraising Credit but it will help to go towards the supplies and other items that are required for everyday school functions.

Calling All Parent Substitutes!!

If Mrs. B is unavailable to teach on a given day, it is important for the school to be able to call on a parent substitute to conduct class that day. If no parent substitutes are available, class will have to be cancelled for the day.

You do not have to be a certified Teacher in order to be a Parent Substitute Teacher, so don't let that discourage you from volunteering.

Applications can be found on our webpage, and if you are interested in being a parent substitute, please return the application to the Vice President as soon as possible.

Please note, we are having a CPR training on October 2 and all teachers and parent substitutes are required to have current CPR training.

Please consider being a parent substitute!

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Note from Mrs. B.-

Welcome families, I am very excited for the 2017-18 school year to begin! I hope that everyone had a excellent summer and are ready to settle into another great year! There are many new things to look forward to in the class :) We have made some amazing changes to the classroom and added some wonderful new learning materials for all the kids to enjoy.

During the month of September we will focus on becoming familiar with new routines and procedures in the classroom. In the 3's and 4's we will discuss different ways we can do our best learning while we get to know each other. Having clear expectations with children from the beginning is important so that they become comfortable in the learning environment. The children will also be introduced to songs that will help with transitions such as clean up and circle time.

Children in the 4's will be introduced to journal writing during the month of September where they will write about their favorite activities during the summer as well as other topics throughout the year. Later this month we will introduce the letter of the week where we will be focusing on one alphabet letter each week. They will make an art project using the letter, work on the letter sounds, and I will also incorporate the handwriting without tears program as well as Zoo-phonics.

The first week of school students will create a snack placemat in all classes. The children will get to bring family pictures from home to create a placemat they will use during the school year. This is a great way for kids to engage one another in conversations while getting to know one another at snack time. There is nothing more wonderful than listening to them happily share pictures and stories about their families. Making new friends and learning about each other will be one of the ways we will work together to create a positive classroom where everyone enjoys to come and learn.

I look forward to seeing everyone the first week of school!

Laugh, Love, Learn
~Mrs. B

Note from the President-

Welcome Parents to Garfield's 2017-18 School Year!!

I look forward to learning and growing with our children as we share in all of the experiences that this year has to offer. As we begin another school year I hope that the returning families are able to see the improvements that we have made to the classroom. We will continue to work to improve the learning environment that we have for our children.

One important change this year is that Mrs. B is on maternity leave to start out the school year. Baby Melina joined their family in July and Mrs. B is taking September and October off to get this new addition to her family adjusted to life in their family. She will not be teaching the Toddler class at all this year. However, she is working directly with our teachers to ensure that they are following her lesson plans and working with the students on this transition. If there are any questions or concerns please contact either myself or Mrs. B so that we can have an open dialogue during this period.

As we start off another year, I'd like to take a minute to reiterate the importance of dropping off our children into the classroom, helping them remove their outerwear and hang up their backpacks as a way to get them settled into the classroom. This also provides an opportunity to let the teacher know if there are any issues or concerns that you would like to make them aware of. We rely on a lot of different people to pick up and drop off our little ones so please ensure that this is communicated to anyone involved in this process.

We are getting started right away with our fundraising opportunities and our field trips, please keep your eyes peeled for all of that information coming your way. If you have any questions please contact our Fundraising Chairperson, Chrissy Holtquist, or our Vice President, Kat Kuehnert.

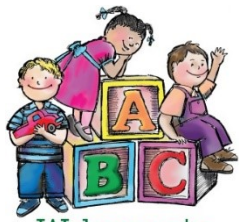
At the beginning of October we will have a photographer in the classroom. Information was handed out at the Orientation meeting and will be placed in all of the kid's mailboxes about buying pictures and options available.

I hope that you find this newsletter helpful and informative. Any school information can be found on our website, www.garfieldpreschool.com and upcoming events can be found on our Facebook page as well. We have gotten rid of our binders this year, therefore, we are requiring all families to go online and become a member of the website.

Thank you for choosing Garfield for your child's first school experience and I look forward to working with you all this year. If there are ever any questions, please feel free to call or email any of the board members, that is what we are here for.

~Heather Dimitrievski

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Note from the Vice President-

Welcome to Garfield everybody!

I'm Kat, Vice President and Mom of Ellis in the toddler class. This will be my fourth year at Garfield and I couldn't be happier here. I have had so much fun this summer picking and planning field trips for the upcoming year that your children will love. Below I have listed some field trip tips to help make signing-up and attending an easy process.

Garfield only accepts checks and money orders. No cash please.

Please be sure to write your child's last name and how many attending on memo line. Ex: "Acevedo 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 - Staci Shaw. If she is unable to make it, another member will be checking in Garfield members.

We try to make it even between 3 & 4 year for which classes are cancelled, but please keep in mind certain venues only offer field trips on certain days.

If you have any questions, please email
vicepresident@garfieldpreschool.com or text me 321-412-7791

Upcoming field trips:

In September we are off to Nankin Mills for a fun amphibian and reptile adventure.

In October we are heading to the Erwin's Orchard to pick apples and pumpkins and enjoy some cider and donuts.

In November we will get creative at Arts & Scraps.

In January we will have a fun 'in-house' field trip. The famous Puppet Art theater will come to the school and teach us how to make puppets and put on a puppet show. *This will take place in the evening, allowing working parents or grandparents to join us*

In February we will head to High Velocity for a fun and engaging sport clinic. Followed by free play in their facility with bounce houses, parachutes and other fun toys. This will be a great way for the kids to release some energy in the winter.

March - TBD

In April we return to our favorite Real Life Farm. We spent the afternoon feeding animals, riding horses, and hanging with our friends.

I am so excited for the fun ahead and look forward to meeting all of you!
~Kat Kuehnert

Note from the Treasurer-

Payment Reminder

- All payments must be made by check or money order (not cash).
- Separate payments (ie, field trip fee versus tuition) should be paid with separate checks.
- To help us with record keeping, always write your child's name and what the check is for on the memo line. Including the month of the tuition payment you are making (ie, October tuition or Erwin Orchards) is especially helpful.

Tuition Reminder

- Tuition is due on the first of every month, and tuition is paid the month before the child is actually in the classroom (ie, October tuition is paid on September 1st). **Therefore, even though you probably made a tuition payment at Orientation, a second tuition payment is due the first week of class.**
- Please write your child's name and "October Tuition" on the memo line of your check and place it in the locked tuition box located beneath the parent board in the classroom. Or you can mail your payment to the school (Attn: Treasurer's Assistant).

Reimbursement Reminder

- Please be sure to attach a completed reimbursement form to any checks you submit for reimbursement. A reimbursement check cannot be issued until all proper paperwork is submitted.
- There are black reimbursement forms in the file folder beneath the parent board in the classroom. Or you can email me and I will send you one electronically.

Bank Balances

Checking Account: **\$8,418.60**

Savings Account: **\$15,025.15**

~Angela Hoover

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Note from the Health and Records Chair-

Welcome to a new school year, full of potential and possibilities! Each day our students enjoy a snack inside the classroom. It's important to note that our classroom is peanut free and tree nut free and snacks brought to the classroom should be free of these allergens. Stuck on what to bring for your scheduled snack day? Check out the Member Handbook for some great suggestions. Please provide one fruit/vegetable AND one dry snack, such as crackers, etc. Inside the classroom allergy lists will be posted in several places including on the inside of the pantry door. This list will let you know what allergies to be aware of in each class.

Reminder

Be sure to email Lisa Emil at healthrecords@garfieldpreschool.com if your child is sick and is staying home from school. Please include your child's name, the date and the reason for your child's absence. Thank you!

~Lisa Emil



Note from the Membership Chair-

Happy Fall!

Please be sure to submit all your missing paperwork to me as soon as possible. We also have a few openings left in the 3 and 4 year classes, please let any family or friends know.

Have a great school year!

~Erin Horback

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- Go to Busch's official site.
- Register your card
- Create a new MyWay account.
- Click on community link on top right of screen.
- Scroll down three quarters of the way and click on [CLICK HERE](#) in green.
- Select Garfield Cooperative Preschool.
- Each quarter you will need to update and re-enter Garfield Cooperative Preschool.
- Every time you go shopping at Busch's a portion of your bill will be donated to the school.
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Note from the Fundraising Chair-

Hello and Welcome Garfield Families!!!
I hope you have been busy selling your pizza kits for our first fundraiser. Orders are due September 21 st , so there is still plenty of time. Pick-up date is September 27 th at 10 am.

Please make sure you have someone available to pick up your order on time. The school is unable to store any pizza kits. Thank you to those who signed up to help solicit for our Holiday Auction! We still have room for a few more solicitors. If you are interested please contact me at fundraising@garfieldpreschool.com. Remember soliciting is an excellent way to earn money towards your fundraising goal.

~Chrissy Holtquist



Note from the Social Committee-

The Social Committee assist with the Holiday Concert and Auction in December , plans the year-end picnic and the 4-year graduation, both in May. We work closely with the Fundraising Committee on the Holiday Concert and Auction, since they are responsible for the actual auction items and the social committee, creates crafts for the kids, decorating the hall and much more for our largest fundraising event!

You will be receiving more information in November about the Holiday Concert and Auction as we may be looking for volunteers and donations.

We have four parents on the Social Committee but would welcome any additional help if you have some spare time!

Please feel free to contact me by email at social@garfieldpreschool.com with any suggestions or questions. I am looking forward to a great year!!

~Melissa Holton

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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.



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