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September Newsletter

Additional Funds for the Preschool

Amazon Smile

- Go to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.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.
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- The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

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Kroger Community Rewards

- Go to [Kroger.com](https://www.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: VF373
- 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.

Month-At-A-Glance

- 9/17:** Jungle Java Meet and Greet 6-8 pm
- 9/17:** CPR Class 6:30 pm
- 9/18:** Pizza Kit Orders Due
- 9/24:** Scholastic Book Fair 6:30-8 pm
- 9/26:** Pizza Kits Arrive 10 am
- 10/8:** Erwin's Orchard Field Trip (No 4 Year Classes)
- 10/15-16:** Class Pictures
- 10/17:** Original Works 6-8 pm

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 in your Bylaw Binders, 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 September 17 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 this new school year! 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 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 I 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 and I will incorporate the zoo phonics program to help children associate the letter sounds. Name recognition will also be an important part of circle time for both 3's and 4's and we will use the children's picture to help them recognize and spell their names. As the children develop this skill, writing their name will also be part of their daily class routines.

The first weeks project will include creating 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.

The new school year, friends, and learning each other will be just some of the ways we will work together to create a positive and successful new year. 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 2018-19 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 throughout the year.

As we start 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 hanging 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.

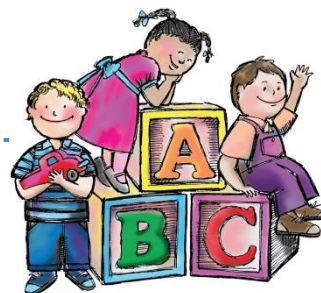
We are getting started right away with our fundraising opportunities and our field trips, please keep your eyes peeled for all of the information coming your way. If you have any questions please contact our Fundraising Chairperson or our Vice President, Lauren Szypula.

We will also have a photographer coming to the classes to take school pictures. Information about the options and the dates for your particular class will be provided in your child's mailbox.

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. 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! 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.

~Mrs. B



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Note from the Vice President-

Hello and WELCOME Garfield families! My name is Lauren Szyplula and I am Joey's mom (toddler class). This is our second year as a Garfield family and we absolutely love it! Below you will find useful information regarding our monthly field trips as well as a few reminders. I hope you and your child have a wonderful 2018-2019 school year.

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: "Szyplula 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. 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 734-718-2976

Our upcoming field trips include:

September- Scholastic Book Fair and Reading Night
October- Erwins Cider Mill and Apple Orchard
November- Farmington Gymnastics
January- An evening concert with Beverly Myer The Music Lady
February- High Velocity Sports
March- The Fire Department
April- Real Life Farm (please note the original field trip note read Mayburry in error)

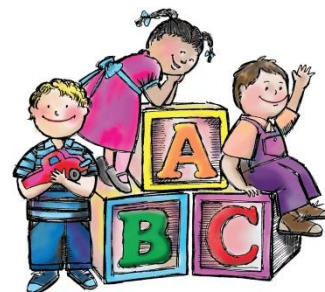
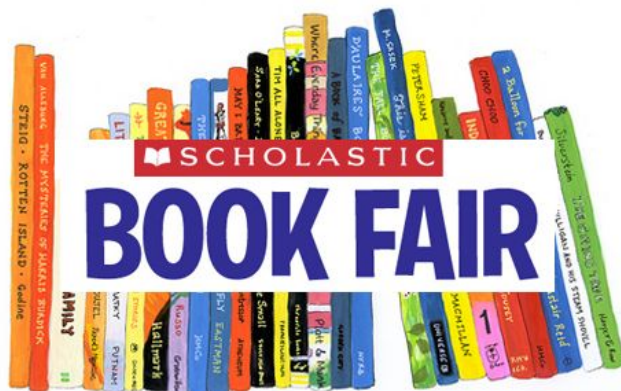
I look forward to a fun and exciting year!

~Lauren Szyplula

Note from the Toddler Teacher-

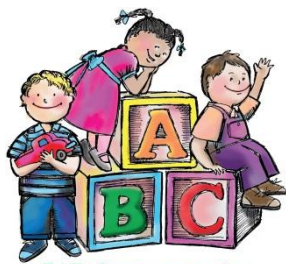
Hi Parents! I can't believe September is here so soon and we will be starting up our Toddler class next week. I look forward to getting to know each of you and your child and making memories over the course of the year. Please be on the lookout for emails from me just for our class, as we get ready for school on Tuesday!

~Miss Kristen



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Note from the Treasurer-

Payment Reminder

- All payments must be made via check or money order. No cash please.
- Separate payments (e.g. field trip, tuition, etc.) should be paid with separate checks or money orders.
- Please include your child's name and what the payment is for on the memo line (e.g. Jane Smith Erwin Orchards)

Tuition Reminder

- Tuition is due on the first of every month, and is paid a month in advance (e.g. October's tuition is paid September 1 st).
- Since tuition is paid a month in advance, September's tuition was due at Orientation and October's tuition is due the first week of class.
- Please include your child's name and the month in which you are paying (e.g. John Smith May 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).
- **If tuition is not received 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 submitted for reimbursement. A reimbursement check cannot be issued until all proper paperwork is submitted.
- Garfield Preschool is a tax-exempt organization, so any reimbursements will not include sales tax.
- Please obtain the proper tax-exempt paperwork from a board member prior to purchasing items for the school.
- 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.

Bank Balances

Checking Account: \$17,234.23

Savings Account: \$15,028.20

~Chrissy Holtquist

Note from the Health and Records Chair-

Welcome to a exciting new school year! 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: When Your Child is Sick

Be sure to email Marisa Benke 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!

~Marisa Benke



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Note from the Fundraising Chair-

Hello and Welcome Garfield Families!

Our Little Caesars Pizza Kit fundraiser is in full swing! Please place orders in the fundraising mailbox by 9/18. Orders will be delivered to the school on 9/26. Please make sure you are able to have someone at the school at 10 am on the 26th to pick up your order; the school has no way to keep your kits frozen.

Thank you to those who have signed up to help solicit for our upcoming Holiday Concert/Auction. We still have a few spots left if you are interested in helping out!

Don't forget to send a favorite individual picture of your child. Please add your Child's name and class to the email. Please have all pictures in by the first week of October.

~Fundraising

Note from the Social Committee-

The Social Committee will assist with the Holiday Concert and Auction in December, help plan 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. We will create 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.

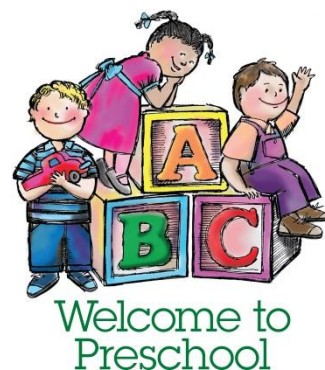
We have parents on the Social Committee already but would welcome any additional help if you have some spare time.

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

~Kristen Boehm



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