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Amazon Smile

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- Select Garfield Cooperative Preschool before you start shopping.
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Month-At-A-Glance

- 1st – November tuition due
- 8th – Erwin's Apple Orchard Field Trip (No 4yr Classes)
- 10th – Last day to pay November tuition without incurring fees
- 15th – 4 Year Class Pictures
- 16th – 3 Year Class Pictures
Toddler Class Pictures
- 17th – 6:00-8:00 pm Original Works Fundraiser
- 30th – 3 Year Class Halloween Party
Toddler Class Halloween Party
- 31st – 4 Year Class Halloween Party

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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
Account 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.



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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 begun the letter of the week in the four year old class and the children have taken off with the letter projects. 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

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, 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 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

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 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: "Szygula 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 sign-up 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:

October- Erwin's 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 (Date and time TBD)

April- Real Life Farm

Note from the Treasurer-

Payment Reminder

All payments must be made by check or money order. No cash please. Separate payments (e.g. field trip fee, tuition, etc.) should be paid with separate checks or money orders. Fundraising payments should be placed in the fundraising mailbox located below the parent board, and field trip payments should be placed in the red box below the parent board contained with the field trip sign-up sheet (please do not place these in the locked tuition payment box). 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's Assistant). 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

Bank Balances

Current checking account balance: \$22,999.40 Current savings account balance: \$15,028.46



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Note from the Membership Chair-

We are so excited to have such wonderful classes this year! We still have some open spots in both 3 year classes as well as 4 year pm, if there is anyone you know that would be interested in the Co-op experience you can forward them to my email address at membership@garfieldpreschool.com. Thank you to everyone for their support.



Note from the Health and Records Chair-

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 email HealthRecords@garfieldpreschool.com. **Please include your child's name, date of absence, reason for absence, and whether they were diagnosed by a physician.**

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Remember: Your child should not return to school until symptoms have resolved for 24 hours without the use of 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.

Healthy Snacks

Snack time is one of the highlights of your child's day at preschool. We ask that when it is your turn to provide snack, please bring one fruit/veggie AND one dry snack. You may choose to include a dairy item and/or beverage as well. Refer to your member handbook for some healthy suggestions for favorite preschool snacks. Please remember to wash and cut up all fruit and vegetables at home before they are brought to school.

A list of each child's food allergies is posted in the inside door of the snack closet. Parents of children with food allergies should double check the available snack each day and notify the teacher/working parent if you will be providing an alternate "safe" snack for your child. We have a **PEANUT FREE AND NUT FREE** policy. Please check package labels carefully to ensure that there are no peanuts or nuts listed in the ingredients.

~Marisa Benke

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Note from the Fundraising Chair-

Thank you to all who participated in the little Caesars fundraiser, it was a HUGE success!

October will start our next fundraiser: Original works. Our children will make a special hand print work of art, during class, that can be transferred on to a bunch of different products (magnets, cups, tote bags etc.). With the holidays fast approaching, these would make the perfect gifts for friends and family, or even for a keepsake for yourself!

On Wednesday, October 17th, we will be having our Family night at school. Let your creative juices flow, as you make a family or individual masterpiece. As always, friends and family are welcome!

Tuesday, October 9th, come out to Leo's Coney Island (17398 Haggerty, Livonia) to help raise some money for the school! Leo's will donate 15% of its sales from 5pm-10pm. No flyers or coupons needed!

Soliciting lists have been mailed out, and the soliciting 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.

Lastly, please make sure you send in your child's picture by the first week of October for the class blanket.

- Amanda

If you have any questions regarding fundraising, please contact Amanda Paulson at Fundraising@garfieldpreschool.com



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