



January Newsletter

Month-At-A-Glance

January

- 1st-4th – NO SCHOOL – WINTER RECESS
- 7th – Classes Resumes
- 21st – NO SCHOOL – MLK Day
- 16th – 6:30 pm The Music Lady (onsite evening field trip)
- 28th – 6:30pm Classroom Cleaning

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.
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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

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.

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 2018-19 school year. If you are interested or if you have any questions about any of the positions please contact me at 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 2019, there are still tons of new things to do and see and new memories to be made!!

~Qazime Beqiri

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Note from the Treasurer-

Treasurer's Report

By: Chrissy Holtquist

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. February's tuition is due on January 1st).
- 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).
- In light of the holiday break, February's tuition deadline has been extended to **Tuesday, January 16th**. Any tuition payments received after this date will be assessed a \$10 late fee.

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: \$24,328.16
- Current savings account balance: \$15,029.22





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Note from the Health and Records Chair-

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.

Reminder

Be sure to email Marisa at healthrecords@garfieldpreschool.com if your child is sick and is staying home from school. Stay 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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Note from the Fundraising Chair-

I hope you had a wonderful Holiday and Happy New Year!!! I again 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 have not met half of the total goal, please make sure it is paid by the first week back to school. Thank you.

Amanda Paulson

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

Note from the Membership Chair-

Happy New Year families ! We are all excited for this second half of the school year. We will be gearing up for our enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year. We will be sharing updates on this process in February so please be on the lookout. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

~Shannon Marquardt

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