

Garfield Elementary

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Dear *Garfield Families*,

Welcome to a new school year at Garfield Elementary School! We would like to especially welcome new families into our neighborhood. I am thrilled to invite everyone back to an exciting year of learning at Garfield.

Garfield children are very smart and capable. We know that the support of parents and the excellent teachers at Garfield assist our students in being successful. It is important that students attend school on time each day so that they may receive the best educational experiences possible. Please help them learn the life-long skill of being on time! We care if you are having challenges bringing your child to school on time. We would like to help in any way. It is important that we receive a phone call or a letter which excuses all students who are tardy to school for any reason. Our phone number is 865-4575. Students without a letter or phone call from home will have an unexcused tardy unless we are notified of the reason they are late for school. Please call or write a note! Be sure to arrange appointments outside of the school day so that your children don't miss any of their important learning time.

Students have academic success when they feel safe at school. Because we want to make sure they are safe, we ask that students do not arrive at school earlier than when we have adult supervision available. Students who eat breakfast at school should not arrive on school grounds until 7:45. Students who do not eat breakfast at school should not arrive on school grounds until 7:45 there is no one to watch them until 7:45. Students will be expected to play outside until school starts at 8:20. All students need to use the crosswalks at all-times no exceptions. When picking up students' parents need to use the school parking lot or the park parking lot when picking up your students. The Students will be crossed by a cross guard to the park if you decide that that is your family meeting place.

The Garfield fundraiser will start on September 22nd we will be selling \$1.00 candy bars from World's Finest Chocolates, each child will need a permission slip signed

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before they will be allowed to sell. Permission slips will go home the week of September 12th. Garfield Candy Sales pay for student fieldtrips and extra things in the classroom.

Many of the wonderful memories you and your family have from Garfield Elementary School are a result of our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Consider lending your support to this awesome organization. The meetings will be noted in our newsletters. I encourage all parents to join and attend when you can. The PTO organizes fundraising events to purchase items for the students.

Garfield staff is looking forward to a busy, rewarding school year with your child. With you as our partner, we know that our students will have a successful year.

Warmly,

Debbie Whitney, Principal

Garfield September Dates to Remember	
September 5 No School	September 15 th PTO meeting 4:30-5:30 at Garfield Come Join the Fun
September 8 th Back To School Night Canceled	September 22 nd Candy Bar Fundraiser Begins
September 9 th PTO Friday Candy Sales begin Students are limited to \$2.00 each	September 22 nd PTO Garfield Movie Night 6:00-7:00
Sept 14 th Early release Students are dismissed at 12:50	September 27 th -29 th Grinovations Dental RV Van Paperwork and medical coupons must be turned in
September 15 th Grinovations (Dental) Classroom Visits paper work will be sent home return with medical coupon	