



Garfield Elementary School Newsletter

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF JANUARY 2017

Second Step at Garfield

This year we are implementing a schoolwide curriculum titled Second Step. This highly engaging curriculum matches our guiding mantra: Garfield Cheetahs are: Responsible, Respectful and Ready to Learn.

In this installment of our newsletter, I thought we could give you an idea of some of the topics covered.

Kindergarten

1. Learning to Listen 2. Focusing Attention 3. Following Directions 4. Self-Talk for Staying on Task 5. Being Assertive

First

1. Listening to Learn 2. Focusing Attention 3. Following Directions 4. Self-Talk for Learning 5. Being Assertive

Second

1. Being Respectful 2. Focusing Attention and Listening 3. Using Self-Talk 4. Being Assertive

Third

1. Being Respectful Learners 2. Using Self-Talk 3. Being Assertive 4. Planning to Learn

Fourth

1. Empathy and Respect 2. Listening with Attention 3. Being Assertive 4. Respecting Similarities and Differences 5. Understanding Complex Feelings 6. Understanding Different Perspectives 7. Conversation and Compliments 8. Joining In 9. Showing Compassion

Fifth

1. Empathy and Respect 2. Listening with Attention 3. Being Assertive 4. Predicting Feelings 5. Taking Others' Perspectives 6. Accepting Differences 7. Disagreeing Respectfully 8. Responding with Compassion

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Two Olympia School District Events take place Feb. 11

Learn All About Kindergarten

The Olympia School District will hold its annual “Learn All About Kindergarten” informational event starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Capital High School.

If you know of neighbors or friends who have a child entering kindergarten in the Olympia School District in fall 2017, please share this information with them and encourage them to attend this free event. Capital High School is located at 2707 Conger Ave. NW in Olympia.

The event begins with a welcome by Superintendent Dick Cvitanich. Families will then have until 11:30 a.m. to visit school booths set up in the high school gym and learn about a variety of topics related to kindergarten and school in general.

Among other things, families may learn about kindergarten program options, riding the bus, how to register for kindergarten and how to use the district’s Family Access student information system to stay updated on everything from grades to lunch accounts. The school district’s transportation department will also have a school bus on site for parents to learn about bus safety and rules, and to see the inside of the bus.

A reminder that children should be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2017 to be eligible to start kindergarten in September 2017. The event is geared for adults of incoming kindergartners in the Olympia School District. Childcare is not provided.

After the event, families are invited to visit the third annual OSD Technology Fair in the Capital High School Commons. The fair takes place 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and will showcase how technology tools are used to support student learning.



Technology Fair

Mark your calendars for the third Annual OSD Technology Fair on Saturday, Feb. 11 at Capital High School.

Open to all students, families and the community, the free event takes place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the high school commons at 2707 Conger Ave. NW in Olympia.

School booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will showcase a variety of ways that students and teachers use digital tools to support the learning process.

Fair visitors are also invited to watch student technology challenge presentations from 1 to 3 p.m. Each school has an opportunity to enter a student team in a technology challenge to be revealed the morning of the fair. Teams will work collaboratively on the challenge from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and present to the audience in the afternoon.

Elementary school students will present their technology challenge from 1 to 2 p.m. Middle and high school students will present how they responded to their challenge from 2 to 3 p.m.



First graders doing animal research in the library

WALK N ROLL

A Youth Education Program of Intercity Transit

In Partnership with Thurston Regional Planning Council

The light is returning and it's time to get moving! If you haven't walked or biked with your student to school, it's the perfect time to start.

Students who arrive at school actively are more ready to learn and are already working toward the recommended 60 minutes of exercise per day for young people. Join in on one of the established walks or start your own. If you live farther away than you want to walk, try parking nearby and walking in from there.

Walking and talking with your student is great quality time and can also be a practical learning opportunity. Does your child know what to do at a crosswalk? Do they know how to tell if a car is slowing down (hint: watch the wheels)? Do they know their neighbors?

Here are the details for February's Walk N Roll day:

When: Wednesday, Feb. 1

Meet at 8 a.m., walk at 8:10 a.m., school begins at 8:40 a.m.:

- Corner of Division and Madison (near Evergreen Villages)
- Corner of Perry and Harrison (near Gloria Dei Lutheran Church)

Look for Principal Chertok and members of the Olympia Police Department on your walk.

Walk N Roll is a program of Intercity Transit with a focus on encouraging youth to walk, bike and use transit. See you out there Walking N Rolling on Feb. 1!

Another packed house for Garfield's Winter Concert



Cheetahs taking a moment together



Second graders perform

A Reminder: Drop-off/Pick-up

We have noticed children have been arriving to school early. This presents a safety concern for your children as we do not have staffing available to supervise until **8:20 a.m.** Please make arrangements so your children do not arrive until this time so we are certain to have the presence of adults to provide the necessary supervision. Supervision will be focused on the playground, parent drop-off next to the play shed and in the front of the school. We will not have staff out on Thomas or Plymouth Streets. Supervision, in the same areas, will be scheduled after school until 3:15 p.m.

If you pick up your student after school, please pick up by 3:05 p.m. (but never later than 3:15 p.m.); after MORE classes, please pick up by 4 p.m. (but never later than 4:15 p.m.).

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January

3		School Resumes
	4 p.m.	Site Council Meeting
4	8:10 a.m.	Walk N Roll to School
	11:45 a.m.	Early Release
9	6:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting
12	2 p.m.	Disability Awareness Assembly
13	6 p.m.	PTA Movie Night
16		No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
18	11:45 a.m.	Early Release
19	6 p.m.	Winter Wonderland Event
20	2 p.m.	Performing Arts Assembly (Prince and the Pea)
23	1:30 p.m.	Jim Cogan Assembly
26	2 p.m.	LifeSkills/MLK Assembly
27	11:45 a.m.	Early Release

February

1	8:10 a.m.	Walk N Roll to School
	11:45 a.m.	Early Release
7	4 p.m.	Site Council Meeting
11	10 a.m.	Learn All About Kindergarten (Capital High School Gym)
11	10 a.m.	Third Annual OSD Technology Fair (Capital High School Commons)
13	6:30 p.m.	PTA Meeting
16	2 p.m.	Performing Arts Assembly (The Time Travelers)
20/21		No School - Mid-Winter Break
22	9:30 a.m.	Olympia Junior Programs (Grades 1-3)

Garfield Cheetahs are online at

<http://garfield.osd.wednet.edu>



LifeSkills Award winners

Olympia School District Nondiscrimination Statement

The Olympia School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies, reports of alleged sexual harassment, concerns about compliance and/or grievance procedures: Jeff Carpenter, Title IX Officer, (360) 596-8544; Kari Lewinsohn, Section 504 and ADA Coordinator, (360) 596-7538; and Scott Niemann, Affirmative Action Officer and Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator, (360) 596-6193. All three individuals may also be contacted at 1113 Legion Way SE, Olympia, WA, 98501.