

The Leader In Me

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Our students have spent weeks studying each of the seven habits: Be Proactive, Begin With the End in Mind, Put First Things First, Think Win-Win, Seek First to Understand, then to be Understood, Synergize and Sharpen the Saw. We are using the habits daily. In fact, we would like to know your thoughts on The Leader In Me process. As part of our grant through Leader.org we need parents to complete a survey. We included this survey link in the December newsletter but understand how busy the month of December is for parents. We do value your feedback and again, the link to the survey is as follows:

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Thank you to all of our families who are completing and committing to our monthly Leader In Me challenge! Our 2nd Leader In Me Family Challenge is reviewing the habit Begin With the End in Mind. Families are working together to set a goal, make a commitment with purpose and display it on a poster board. The goals you set by Beginning With the End in Mind are posted in the hallway!

Hats Off to Our Students!

Last month our students were spectacular during their Christmas Program performances! It was wonderful to see so many of our students' family members in the audience. We are also appreciative of the Heath Sertoma Club who helped organize parking. As always our Garfield PTO works tirelessly for our students, thank you to both of those organizations! Hats off to Mrs. Brandt, our Music Teacher and our students for such outstanding music shows!

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Parent Teacher Conferences

We believe the home and school connection is very important in our students success at school. Therefore, second semester Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on the afternoons and evenings of:

- Thursday February 2, 2017 3:45pm-7:00pm
- Thursday February 9, 2017 3:45pm-7:00pm

Please note second semester conferences will be “by request only” by either the teacher or parent. More information will be coming home regarding parent teacher conferences.

Dress for the Weather-Clothing Donations Welcome!

As cold temperatures finally arrive it is important to send your child to school with a coat, hat, mittens or gloves. Students should be prepared for outside recess. If your child needs a coat, hat, gloves or mittens please contact Mrs. Kisner or Mrs. Green, our school clinic nurse. We can help!

We are in need of new or gently used clothing for our clothes closet. From time to time a student may need a change of clothes. We like to provide those clothes so that our students can quickly return to the classroom and learning. However, at this point in the year we could use all sizes of sweatpants. If you are cleaning closets and would like to make a donation we would put the clothes to good use!

Garfield Yearbook

Order forms will be sent home this month as the Garfield Yearbook sale will begin soon. The 2016-2017 yearbook cost is \$17.00. Yearbooks are printed in color! Checks may be payable to Garfield Elementary. Additional questions may be directed to Mrs. Cine who coordinates the project.

Assessments in January!

To keep you informed our students will be taking the Renaissance Learning STAR Early Literacy Assessment and/or STAR Reading Assessment and First and Second grade students will take the STAR Math assessment in January. Kindergarten and First Grade students use the iPad and Second grade students use the Chrome Book for these assessments. In addition, our teachers will be checking the comprehension level of each student during January. We call this the winter benchmark. It is a chance for us to check your child’s progress in the middle of the school year. It continues to be important for your child to arrive at

school on time and ready for the day. Your child's progress will be shared with you.

Thank you Parents and PTO!

Thank you parents and PTO! I cannot say it enough, we have such a giving community! Thank you to all of the families who donated items for the Garfield PTO Basket Raffle! One hundred percent of the money goes back to the classroom teachers to be used for the students in his/her classroom. This year the basket raffle earned \$1000.00! The basket raffle would not be as successful without the support of our PTO! Thank you PTO and to all of you who made donations!

Our PTO is organizing a Daddy/Daughter Dance on January 20, 2017 and a Mom/Super Hero Dance on February 3, 2017. Pre-registration will be sent home in January and the cost is \$20.00/child and adult pair. The proceeds from these two dances will go towards purchasing every Garfield student a Garfield Leader T-shirt. We appreciate your support!

Read as much and as often as you can with your children! Ask your son/daughter questions about the book such as: who are the characters, what is the setting and more! This is important practice!

Sincerely,

Ensuring All Students Learn and Grow is Our Collective Responsibility