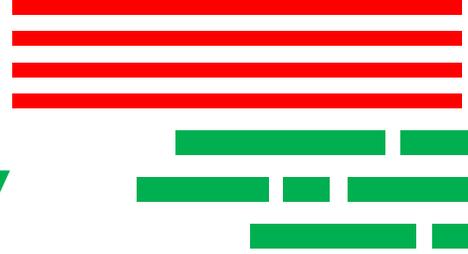




DECEMBER 2018

John W. Garvy ELEMENTARY



Principal's Page

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Hello Bulldog Families!!

December is here with all of its many delightful activities! The weather is cold and the days are short, but there is much to celebrate. We are excited to host our annual PTA Holiday Happenings shopping bazaar on Thursday, December 13th and Friday, December 14th. The 5th - 8th grade students will attend a Wolves game on Tuesday, December 18th. Tunes on the Turf Holiday Outdoor Assembly is Wednesday, December 19th at 9:00 A.M. We will have a Greens-4-Jeans day to raise money for Student Council on Friday, December 23rd. How fun!

Every year about this time there are more traffic concerns due to snow and ice. Thank you to all parents obeying the traffic laws at arrival and dismissal and also a HUGE thank you to all of our morning and afternoon parents who help with Kiss-N-Go! Mr. Romano is our #1 parent who helps with coordinating the volunteers, so if you are available, even one day a week, we always appreciate parent volunteers. Email me at hachron@cps.edu if you would like me to pass your name along to Mr. Romano!

This is a magical time of year and the students enjoy all of the festivities so much. They sing their hearts out at Tunes on the Turf and even the adults in the building get excited to wear ugly sweaters and re-gift last year's presents! Being in a school throughout the holiday season is heartwarming. I remember when the current 8th graders were in Kindergarten and here they are preparing for graduation! I am very grateful that I get to experience students' lives throughout the years and see the growth of their personalities. My own children have grown one year older and similar to what I wrote last year, I cherish these moments with them. The holidays remind me to take one day at a time and appreciate the joy that having family brings.

Please consider joining me at our next LSC meeting in Room 209 on Wednesday, December 19th at 5:00 P.M. There is no LSC meeting in January.

I would like to wish you a joyful and memorable holiday season. Classes resume on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Happiest Holidays to you!

Love, Ms. Chron

Garvy School is the pride of the Northwest side!!!

SAVE THE DATE

- Dec. 5th – PBIS Dressup Day: Comfy Clothes
- Dec. 6th – DARE/GREAT Graduation
- Dec. 12th – Band Concert @ Onahan
- Dec. 13-14th – Holiday Happenings
- Dec. 14th – Progress Reports Issued
- Dec. 18th – Wolves Field Trip (Grades 5-8)
- Dec. 19th – Tunes on the Turf; LSC Meeting at 5pm in the Library; PTA Meeting at 6pm
- Dec. 21st – Green-4-Jeans
- Dec. 24th- January 6th – Winter Break: No School

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Attention 8th Grade Students and Parents

Deadline for applications for all CPS HS schools is
DECEMBER 14, 2018.

The December 14th Application Deadline is almost here. This does not include CPS Charter Schools or private/Catholic Schools. **If you still need help with applying to high schools, please contact Ms. Stanis.**

For additional information on high schools, please see my webpage on the Garvy website or contact the **Office of Access and Enrollment** at **773-553-2060** or visit **GoCPS** at **go.cps.edu**.

ATTENTION K-7th Grade Students and Parents

If you are interested in applying to any of the special programs offered through CPS, the due date is also **December 14th** as well.

If you have any questions regarding these programs, please contact me, the **Office of Access and Enrollment** 773-553-2060, or visit GoCPS at go.cps.edu.

Please encourage your students to **complete their homework** and **come to school on time, every day!**

Happy Holidays!!

Thank you and please feel free to contact me!!



ADOPT A CLASSROOM WALK-A-THON

Congratulations to Ameerah A., Margaret W., and Kaelyn R. These three were the Walk-a-Thon Raffle Winners!

And congrats to Evan H. for winning the Grand Prize: a Mountain Bike with a helmet, bell, and lock.

Thank you again to all who contributed and participated in this year's Walk-a-Thon!



TUNES ON THE TURF

Happy Birthday Garvy!!! The year 2019 is Garvy School's 80th anniversary.

On March 26, 1939 The Chicago City Council issued the official proclamation that our school be named after John W. Garvy, head of the 1st Water Reclamation district. Among his many accomplishments was changing the course of the Chicago River in 1900.

At our annual Holiday Assembly, on **Wednesday, December 19th at 9:00 A.M.**, Garvy students will be honoring the occasion by singing popular songs from 1939, 1949, 1959, etc. on the turf outside!

All students will participate in caroling around the turf. Hot Chocolate will be served to keep our guests warm. We hope you can come and see your child sing!



Assistant's Announcements

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Happy Holidays Bulldogs!!!

It's hard to believe that it is December already. 2018 is almost over and as a new calendar year approaches, it marks an end of one year and the exciting beginning of another. At Garvy School, we work to have new beginnings all the time, engaging in something to spark new learning, working to make a connection with previous background knowledge, and fostering the start of new thoughts and ideas. I am proud of our school, its students, staff and families for all that we have accomplished in 2018. As 2018 comes to an end, the days get shorter, and the temperature gets lower, I wish you all the light and warmth your heart can hold. I hope you spend this holiday season enjoying what matters most in life— fun with family and friends.

"Don't look back. You are not going that way."

A couple of reminders:

- The Winter NWEA testing begins this month. Particular testing dates for your child will vary. Please look for further details from your child's teacher.
- Winter is upon us. Every day, we have recess outside unless the wind chill is below 20 degrees or there is precipitation. **So please dress your child appropriately for the weather.** Boots should be worn if it snows and students are to bring a change of shoes to be worn in the building. Shorts cannot be worn to school again until April.
- Students are asked to leave the school grounds at dismissal time if you are not accompanied by an adult. Supervision by school personnel ends at 3:30pm.
- **OUR MAGIC NUMBER FOR ATTENDANCE IS 797.** We need to have at least 797 students in attendance each day to meet our attendance goal of 96% for the school year. **Please avoid unnecessary absences, late arrivals, and early dismissals when possible.**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!!!



School success starts
with attendance

95.5%

THIS MONTH'S
OVERALL
ATTENDANCE RATE

Homerooms with the highest attendance this month

- Primary:** Homeroom 101, Ms. Bushonville- 97.3%
Intermediate: Homeroom 208, Ms. Martin- 98.6%
Upper: Homeroom 127, Ms. Hehn- 97.8%

Congratulations to Homerooms 108, 112, 123, 128, 208 & 210. These students spelled attenDANCE (by having 10 perfect attendance days). They all received a mini-dance party to celebrate.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!!!

FYI: We have a movie star walking the halls of Garvy School each day. Our very own, Alejandro Verdin, from homeroom 212, is starring in the film Widows. He plays Michelle Rodriguez' son in the movie.

Congratulations Alejandro! We are very proud of you. Go Bulldogs!!!



FLU SEASON

Each year, the flu virus places a large burden on the health and well-being of children and their families. Our school was hit hard last school year. As this year's flu season approaches, here is some important information from the CDC.

What is seasonal flu?

The flu, or influenza, is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs. Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

How can I protect my child?

Flu vaccine is the best way to protect your child from seasonal flu. It is recommended for everyone 6 months and older.

- Get the flu vaccine yourself.
- Wash your hands (and your child's hands) with soap and water, frequently.
- Cover coughs/sneezes with a tissue or your elbow to protect others.

How long can a sick person spread flu to others?

People with flu may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to up to 5 to 7 days after. Severely ill people or young children may be able to spread the flu longer, especially if they still have symptoms.

When should my child go back to school?

IF YOUR CHILD HAS THE FLU, HE OR SHE SHOULD STAY HOME AND REST. Children should stay home until they are symptom free for 24 hours (that is, until they have no fever without the use of fever control medicines and they feel well for 24 hours.) This helps avoid giving the flu to other children. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks lots of fluids. Most people with seasonal flu are sick for about a week, and then they feel better.



BYE MR. MANNY!

Last month, our beloved security guard, Mr. Manuel Rivera, retired after 38 years of service at Garvy. Before he left to enjoy retirement, the Student Council interviewed Mr. Rivera. Here is what he had to say.

1. What is your favorite part about working at Garvy?

The whole school is a community. Everyone is like my family. We have become very close over the 38 years.

2. How has the school changed in the 38 years you have been here?

So much has changed. The students today behave more. When I first started, the school was rough and the kids misbehaved.

3. What will you miss most about Garvy?

I am going to miss everyone, especially the Kindergarteners.

4. What do you plan to do, now that you are retired?

I am going to Puerto Rico, Florida, and Mexico. I plan to really enjoy my retirement.





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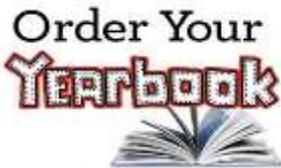
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WEBSITE

Please utilize our school web page to get the latest information about our school. Email blasts are generated regularly to inform parents of the upcoming events.

If you haven't already, please create an account on our school website!!

www.garvyschool.org



Pre-order your 2018-2019 yearbook today!

It's been a great school year so far and we've been capturing fun memories for the yearbook. Don't miss out on all the events that are happening at Garvy. Pre-order your yearbook today at

ybpay.lifetouch.com using our school's Yearbook ID Code 10190219.



The Golden Bulldog winners for the month of November were:

Primary Grades: Room 101, Ms. Bushonville

Intermediate Grades: Room 126, Ms. Mendoza

Upper Grades: Room 125, Ms. McCain

**December 5th PBIS Fun Dress Up Day:
Comfy Clothes Day**

PBIS: Positive Office Referrals

Congratulations to this month's Positive Office Referral nominees. Bulldogs are being sent to Ms. Chron and Ms. Bester for their positive behaviors. Excellent work showing everyone what it means to be a true Garvy Bulldog!



Mohammed A.



Adam E.



Please support our ongoing fundraiser with the Amazon Smile program.



Simply link your Amazon account to JW Garvy Adopt-a- Classroom NFP group, and 0.5% of every purchase you make on Amazon.com will be donated back to Garvy's AAC.

OUTDOOR RECESS

Bundle Up! Our schedule includes approximately 25 minutes of recess for all students in grades K-8. We will continue to venture outside for this time, so we are asking that students be prepared for the winter elements by wearing boots, hats, gloves, and scarves to brave the weather.

We monitor the weather and will send students out if temperature and wind chill (feels like temps) are 20 degrees and higher. It is highly recommended that younger students (Grades K-1) have a change of clothes available in their lockers. If you have not sent clothes to school, please do so.

