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ELEMENTARY

Principal's Page

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Hello February! The Groundhog will be making his appearance and hopefully he has some good news weather-wise in store for us. I am keeping my fingers crossed that spring is just around the corner! We came back to school after break and had an amazing Geography Bee! I love feeling the excitement in the air when the students are watching their peers answer questions on stage. I realize every year how much more Geography we need to include in our lessons - there is a lot of this planet to know about! If you have the opportunity, look at maps together with your family and learn the capitals, countries and (in)famous cities around the globe!

We have some great news to share - we are welcoming a new teacher, Mr. Tyler Crain-Davis, to our Garvy teaching staff. Mr. Crain-Davis is going to be teaching in a Special Education role for the remainder of this school year. Mrs. Ochoa has been teaching English and Language Arts in the 8th grade and Ms. Tomal returns at the end of the month to 5th grade. Perhaps you have had the chance to meet our new Security Officer, Mr. Jose Perez! He has been a delightful addition to our Garvy staff and we are so pleased to have him here.

The second quarter came to an end on Thursday, January 31st, but report card grade entry was extended until Wednesday, February 6th due to the inclement weather days off of school. Look for a copy of your child's middle of the year (MOY) NWEA scores in grades 2-8 included with the report card. There is a wonderful tool for you to monitor your child's grades online called Parent Portal. You can view their grades and set up triggers in case a grade drops below a certain percentage. It is a way to keep track of the work assigned and their progress throughout the year. If you do not have a Parent Portal account, please reach out to me to access your child's PIN number to create your account. In April, this system will be converting to ASPEN; more information will be shared with you at that time.

Thank you to all of the parents and caregivers dropping off and picking up your children in a safe and friendly manner throughout the cold and snow! I'd like to give a big shout out to all who help on Oak Park and Rutherford Avenues. I beg you to *please* be cautious and considerate while picking up your children. **Please do not park in crosswalks or double park and leave your vehicle to pick up your child(ren). We must all work together to make drop off and pick up safe!!**

Later this month we will hold our school Student Council upper grade Valentine's Day Dance and Say Something Week. Let's keep our attendance up so that your child can participate in all of these fun activities! With cold and flu season running rampant, please wash your hands often and get enough rest daily. Please join us at our next LSC Meeting on February 20 at 5:00 P.M. in the library. Always feel free to join me at the Principal's Tea! The next one is February 26th at 8:45 A.M. Lastly, a reminder to save the date for The Bulldog Bash! It will be on Friday, April 26th. Formal invitations will be sent home soon.

Stay Warm!

SAVE THE DATE

- 1st – No School: School Improvement Day
- 6th – BAC Meeting @8:30am; PBIS: Grade level Color Day
- 7th – PTA Open Gym (7/8th grade) @ 4:30pm
- 8th – Report Card Distribution; 6th Grade Field Trip to Adler
- 13th – MLK Assembly
- 14th – Student Council Dance @ 1:30pm
- 18th – No School: President's Day
- 20th – Graduation Picture Retakes; LSC Meeting @ 5pm
- 21st – AAC @ 4pm
- 22nd – Pep Assembly
- 25th – WE Club: Say Something Week
- 26th – Principal Tea
- 27th – 6th Grade Field Trip; Drama Play

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Counselor's Corner

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ATTENTION 8th Grade Students and Parents- HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

MARCH 29, 2019
Round 1 – High School offers posted

MAY 6, 2019
Round 2 – Closes

APRIL 12, 2019
Round 1 – Accept/Decline Deadline

MAY 31, 2019
Round 2 – Offers Posted

APRIL 17, 2019
Round 1 – Waitlist Process Opens

JUNE 7, 2019
Round 2 – Accept/Decline Deadline

APRIL 29, 2019
Round 2 – Application Opens
48 Business Hours after offer is extended

JUNE 12, 2019
Round 2 – Waitlist Process Opens
48 Business Hours after offer is extended



If you plan on applying for Principal's Discretion (for Selective Enrollment only) please note that students **do not** have to decline an offer from one Selective Enrollment School (**or any other high school**) in order to apply for Principal Discretion for a different Selective Enrollment School. For example, a student can accept an offer from Lane and still apply for Principal Discretion to Walter Payton!!!

GIRLS ON THE RUN AND HEART & SOLE!

Please sign up for GOTR and H&S by February 14th!! We need to choose practice days and times based on how many students sign up. If you have questions, please contact me. Thank you and please feel free to contact me!!

ADOPT-A-CLASSROOM

Garvy School "Pride of the Northwest Signs" For Sale from Adopt-a-Classroom

Let's blanket the neighborhood with the new Garvy School lawn signs brought to you by the Adopt-a-Classroom Committee. Durable and eye-catching, you may have seen some as you drive, walk, bike, or run through the neighborhood. For \$10, YOU can also proclaim that you believe that Garvy School IS the Pride of the Northwest Side! Email garvyschoolaac@gmail.com or download the order form available on the Garvy website, under the Organizations/Adopt-a-Classroom menu. All proceeds go directly back to classrooms for supplies like technology, paper, markers, and classroom equipment.



Save the Date!!!
Garvy's Annual Auction:
The Bulldog Bash at
Moreitti's- Edison Park
on
Friday, April 26th

VALENTINE'S DANCE

Student Council is sponsoring the annual 7th and 8th grade Valentine Dance on Thursday, February 14th from 1:30 to 3:30pm. Students are encouraged to dress up for the occasion. Jeans and other appropriate attire is permitted.



YEARBOOK

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.

Assistant's Announcements

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2nd Semester is here!

It's February and that means that we are halfway through the school year. Third quarter is upon us and this is traditionally one of the busiest times of the year. Report cards will be sent home Friday, February 15th and I cannot stress enough the importance of the home and school connection when it comes to student achievement. Although there is not a day this quarter dedicated to parent/teacher conferences, please feel free to schedule a mutually convenient time with your child's teacher to discuss any concerns you may have or to simply celebrate success. Students often just need to know that we, as parents and educators, recognize their effort and achievements. Helping your student stay motivated, reinforcing organizational practices, and maintaining open dialogue will help your student in a myriad of ways.

A couple of reminders:

- Report cards will be sent home on February 15th. Please review your child's grades and NWEA scores. If you have questions, please see his or her teachers.
- If your child is missing any articles of clothing, please check the lost and found area. We will clean this area once per month and make a donation to a local shelter. There are a number of hooded sweatshirts, hats, gloves, boots, and mittens. This is also a great opportunity to remind everyone to write your child's initials on their belongings. This will aid in the recovery of student's items.
- 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

93.4%
THIS MONTH'S
OVERALL
ATTENDANCE RATE

Y-T-D: 95.6%

Homerooms with the highest attendance this month

Primary: Homeroom 212, Ms. Bania- 95%
Intermediate: Homeroom 208, Ms. Martin- 97.5%
Upper: Homeroom 127, Ms. Hehn- 95.2%

Congratulations to Homerooms 104, 107, 127, 204, 222. These students spelled attendANCE (by having 10 perfect attendance days). They all received a mini-dance party to celebrate.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!!!

Our annual Geography Bee was held on January 16th. A special thank you to Mr. Strawinski, Mr. Joseph, and the entire Geography Bee committee for putting this wonderful, academic competition together!

Congratulations to the 2019 Geography Bee contestants:

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| Chanel C. | Patrick M. |
| Joshua C. | Josephine O. |
| Simon C. | Andrew R. |
| Charles G. | Jahaira T. |
| Joseph J. | |

Our 1st Place winner was 6th grader, Piotr P.

Excellent work everyone!



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Garvy 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



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.



The Golden Bulldog winners for the month of January were:

Primary Grades: Room 108, Ms. Mora
Room 101, Ms. Bushonville

Intermediate Grades: Room 202, Ms. Huber and Room 204, Ms. Navarro
Room 201, Ms. Lopez

Upper Grades: Room 127, Ms. Hehn
Room 125, Ms. McCain

**February 6th, PBIS Fun Dress Up Day:
Grade Level Color Day**

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| K: Blue | 5: Orange |
| 1: Yellow | 6: Red |
| 2: Green | 7: Gray |
| 3: Pink | 8: Maroon |
| 4: Purple | |

CLASSROOM SHOUT-OUTS

Mr. Ravury is doing amazing STEM lessons in Grades 1-4. These lucky students participated in Computer Science lessons and learned how to code using code.org.

CONGRATULATIONS Mr. Ravury! He participated in the Code60+ Month of Code and Garvy School was awarded a brand new Chromebook Cart with 36 Chromebooks as well as other CS4All Code60+ Raffle Prizes. Thank you Mr. Ravury for furthering our students exposure to Computer Science.



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.

