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Celebrations From Second Quarter!

Can you believe we are now over half-way through our school year? At our second quarter PRIDE assembly held January 17, we honored students and classrooms for many accomplishments, including Hallway Gators, Cafeteria Gators, Attendance, ST Math, LEXIA, and Mileage Club.

We recognized individual students for the Garfield **PRIDE** award. For second quarter, this award was given to students who exhibited **"Respect."** Students recognized by special area teachers were: Jaimyre Love, Jaquan Johnson, Riley Olson, Cassidy McLemore, LeShane Putman, and Evan Robinson. Kindergarteners recognized were: Eryn Zackery, Morocco Ballard, Rion Terry, and Marigold Arnold Powell. First grade students were: Avayah Jones, Robin Jones, and Murphy O'Hare Logan. Second grade students were: Cruz Conner, Aliyah Essex, Rylan Lewis, and Alexa Miner. Third grade students were: Josiah Penny Boyd, Billy Powell, Delaney O'Hare Logan, and Leigha Hernandez Cruz. Fourth grade students were: Kaylie McFedries, Hayden Gibbs, and Nolan Carter. Fifth grade students were: Delylah Graves, Jorge Lira, Madison Rissler, and Jerome Kitmabala.

We recently celebrated perfect attendance with a pizza lunch for those students who had **no** absences, tardies, or early releases for the entire first semester! Those students were: Mariah Balluff, Samual Belliveau, ZyTroy Bland, Ella Brand, Jimmy Carter, Nolan Carter, Kavion DeVan, Trevin Devore, Daphney Graves, Demy Graves, Sophia Harmon, Jaxon Hendrickson, Kaiden Holtz, Brendan Kiel, Jorge Lira, James McDermott, Riley McMahon, Greysen Medina, Thela Olson, Avianna Patterson, Lux Pettis, Madelyn Randall, Madison Sparks, and Halas Sprague. Students with 1-2 absences through second quarter are also being celebrated with a special locker tag and prize.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement as we strive for a strong second semester!

- Mr. Green, Garfield Principal



Do you have a child or know of one who will be 5 years old on/ before Sept.15th? Registration for kindergarten is underway!

Please plan to attend Garfield's Kindergarten Roundup on Thursday, March 7 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Families will learn about Garfield, our kindergarten program, and meet key staff members. Families can also turn in required paperwork (see bullet items on the right) at Roundup.

To register a child for kindergarten, parent/guardians should complete the online registration found on the Davenport School District web site or visit our school office. In addition, the following documentation is required:

- Proof of birth such as birth certificate, baptismal record, hospital certificate, visa or passport, immunization record, or adoption paperwork.
- Proof of address in the form of a utility bill, mortgage statement, lease or rental agreement. *Proof of address is required to consider your child for enrollment.*
- Proof of immunization from doctor or Iowa Exemption Certificate.
- Confirmation of blood lead testing, vision screening, and dental screening or exemption form.

Questions? Please contact Garfield at 563-723-6450.

Parent Drop Off/Pick Up Reminder

When using Parent Drop Off/Pick Up on the east side of Garfield, please remember to pull all the way forward when dropping off and picking up your child. Also, for your child's safety, do not drop off in the alley. Thanks!

PTA Family Dance is Friday, Feb.15



The entire family is invited to attend the PTA-sponsored Family Dance in the Garfield gym on Friday, February 15 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event is free; snacks/desserts will be available for purchase.

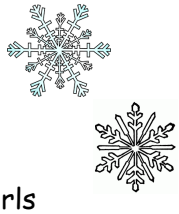
Families who want to dress up for the event are welcome to do so, but it is not required. Children MUST be accompanied by an adult to attend the dance.



Coming Up . . .

- Feb. 15—PTA Family Dance 5:30-7:30 pm
- Feb. 18—Presidents Day; NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 19—5th Grade River Currents Tour; PTA Meeting @ 6 pm
- Feb. 28—4th Grade Field Trip to Symphony
- March 1- Real Men Read
- March 7—Kindergarten Roundup 4:30-5:30 pm
- March 11-15—Spring Break; NO SCHOOL

Need to Get Out of the House? Here Are Some FREE Events!



It's February . . . and everyone is tired of frigid temperatures, snow, and ice! Here are some FREE activities to help banish those mid-winter blues.

- Feb. 19—Introduce a Girl to Engineering @ St. Ambrose Rogolski Center. Free event for girls preschool to 7th grade to learn about engineering and physics with hands-on activities. Sign up for one of two identical sessions (3-5:30 p.m. or 5:30-8:00 p.m.) Pre-registration is required by Feb. 15 at: www.sau.edu/introduce-a-girl-to-engineering
- Daily—Frozen Landing Family Ice Rink, Bettendorf; free ice skating! Skate rentals are $2/person. Times vary by the day; call ahead at 563-549-0587 for more information.

Davenport Public Library has many free events for kids and families, including:

- **Every** Wednesday—Little Makers @ Eastern Ave Branch, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Get creative with craft supplies and a special project to make each week.
- Feb. 16—Spy Academy @ Fairmount Branch, 10 a.m.-Noon. Create your own alias and learn to crack codes!
- Feb. 19—Salt Painting @ Fairmount Branch, 4-5 p.m. Create artwork using water and Epsom salts (ages 6+).
- Feb. 23—Family Meditation @ Mindfulness @ Eastern Ave. Branch, 2-3 p.m. Learn how to practice meditation and mindfulness to reduce stress and anxiety for children and adults.
- Feb. 25—Make Your Own Marionette @ Main St. Library, 4-5 p.m. Design/create a marionette using beads, straws, and strings (ages 6+).
- Feb. 26—STEM Night @ Fairmount Branch, 6-7 p.m. Hands-on math, technology, engineering and math activities (ages 6+).

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