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End of Year Expectations and Celebrations

Dear Garfield Families and Students,



The end of the year is quickly approaching! It is often this time of year that students struggle to follow our daily **P.R.I.D.E.** expectations. Students work to be **Prepared** for learning; use **Respect** for themselves and others; show and approach work and play with an **"I can attitude;" "Do my best;"** and show others **Empathy**. There is so much yet to accomplish this year. During the last few weeks of school there will still be student responsibilities that are as important now as they were in August. Students still have multiple assessments and classroom expectations to follow to ensure the tools necessary to be successful in our daily learning. We are counting on both our parents and our students to commit to working hard with us!

During the last few weeks of the school year, there are many fun activities planned to celebrate our students being **prepared** for daily learning. Students demonstrate they are ready for the next school year by showing their daily **P.R.I.D.E.** especially by choosing to demonstrate their "I can attitude" and choosing to "Do their best." In order to participate in school activities such as class celebrations, extra recesses, and/or Field Day, students will be held accountable for their actions and choices.

Students who receive referrals or who are missing school, classwork, homework or assessments will be expected to complete these things prior to participating in class or school celebrations such as Field Day. Referrals that involve inappropriate physical or verbal interactions may result in the development of an alternative plan or automatic loss of Field Day. Our goal for Field Day is to provide a fun and safe celebration for all of your hard work!

This is an amazing time of year! Please help us celebrate the end of a fantastic one by showing us everything you learned and demonstrating amazing PRIDE behavior at Garfield every day, all day!

Sincerely,
Tom Green, Principal

Reminders From Our School Nurse



End of Year Medication Reminder: If your student has medication in the School Health Office please make arrangements with the School Nurse to pick up your student's medication on or before the last day of school. **Epi-Pens should not be picked up until the last day. ALL** medication must be picked up by the last day of school or it will be thrown away. We will make an exception for cough drops, inhalers and nebulizer medication/tubing with parent written consent. **No medication will be sent home with students on the bus.**

New physician's orders are required every school year. You may have your physician's office fax orders to our school.

State Law Requires Students Entering 3rd Grade to Have a Vision Screening: Summer is a good time to get this done! Please have the Certificate of Vision Screening completed and return it to the School Health Office. The screening can be done by a physician, advanced nurse practitioner, physician assistant, local public health department, public or accredited nonpublic school, community based organization, free clinic, child care center.

Incoming Kindergarten Students: If you have a child starting Kindergarten this fall, state law requires a current lead test, vision screening, dental screening, and up-to-date immunizations. If your child needs any of these completed, please make appointments now so he/she is ready for the start of school.

Fun, **FREE** Things to Do This Summer!

- Enjoy a free water ski performance by the Backwater Gamblers on Wednesdays and Sundays at 6:30 p.m., from Memorial Day through Labor Day. This is located on the Rock River at 44th Street off of Black Hawk Road, Rock Island. You can even see our own Mrs. Lindell perform!
- Play "Parkopoly" at VanderVeer Park. After Memorial Day, the park will be transformed into a life-size version of the popular Monopoly board game, with a twist! Move around the board as you explore the park and discover clues to unlock a special prize (game board found at front of Conservatory). Conservatory is open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Davenport Public Library (Downtown/Fairmount/ Eastern Avenue) hosts a **multitude** of free children, teen, and family activities throughout summer. Don't forget to sign up your child for the Summer Reading Club! More information can be found by calling 563-326-7832 or going to www.davenportlibrary.com
- Utilize the Community Resources Passes available at any of the Davenport Library locations. Stop in or call ahead to reserve one. Passes available include:
  - Admission for 4 people to Figge Art Museum
  - Admission for 5 people to Putnam Museum
  - Admission for 4 people to German American Heritage museum
  - Pass for 2 tickets to QC Symphony Orchestra Masterworks or Signature series concerts
  - Admission for up to 2 adults/4 kids to Niabi Zoo, including free parking
  - Davenport Summer Fun Kids Passes (good for swimming pool admissions, River Bandits games, and more) are available after Memorial Day.
- Free outdoor family movies at VanderVeer Park on May 24, July 19, and August 23. Children's activities begin at 7 p.m.; movie begins at sunset. Please check for cancellation information in case of rain.
- Is your child interested in fishing? There's a free kids fishing clinic at Rolling Hills Shelter (Gate 1) at West Lake Park on June 8 from 9 a.m. until noon. Registration starts at 8 a.m. This is open to any child, kindergarten-6th grade, residing in Scott County. ALL equipment is provided! Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Have fun at the Garfield Park Community Block Party sponsored by the City of Davenport, July 20 from noon until 5 p.m. Games, arts/crafts, face painting, bounce houses, music, giveaways, and more!

Online Registration for Fall is Open!



Save time by completing 2019-20 registration online **now**! All students MUST register online before the start of the next school year. To register online, go to the district website (www.davenportschools.org) or through the Parent Portal on the Davenport Schools phone app. If you have questions or need help, please call Garfield at 563-723-6450 or Davenport Schools Infinite Campus Support at 563-336-7473.

Important Upcoming Dates

May 23 Talent Show 6 pm

May 24 1st Grade Field Trip to the Family Museum; Grandparents Day 2 pm

May 27 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL

May 20 4th-5th Grade Orchestra Concert @ Sudlow 6 pm

May 31 Field Day: 3rd-5th Grades 9-11 am; K-2nd Grades 12:30-2:30 pm

June 3 5th Grade Field Trip to Scott County Park 9:15 am-2:30 pm

June 5 5th Grade Promotion 10 am

June 6 P.R.I.D.E. Awards Assembly 8:05 am; early dismissal 1:00 pm; LAST day of school

Aug. 13 Registration Noon-6 pm

Aug. 22 Unpack Your Backpack 4:30-6 pm

Aug. 26 First Day of School, 1st-5th Grades

Aug. 27 First Day of School, Kindergarten



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