

GARFIELD-PALOUSE SCHOOLS

OUR MISSION: Provide educational programs of the highest quality for all students in order to prepare them for their future.

Zane Wells-Garfield Superintendent, Middle School & Elementary Principal

Garfield School District
PO Box 398/810 N. 3rd Street
Garfield, Washington 99130
Phone (509) 635-1331 FAX (509) 635-1332 zwells@garpal.net

August 20, 2020

Dear Garfield School Families:

This letter is to share information to help in your planning over the next couple of weeks as we prepare for the 2020/2021 school year. The Elementary and Middle School openings, with dates and times, are provided and you are welcome to visit with your student's teacher(s) or myself for further information.

Our goal is to start school and be able to transition from online to in-person learning as soon as circumstances allow, and to make as seamless a transition as possible. For students, material will be located on their Google Classroom sites and links will be provided for student/parent access. **Daily attendance is required of all students K-12.** If your student misses material, please email/contact your teacher(s) and make arrangements.

Elementary

Garfield elementary will hold classes in a synchronous (live) format from 8:15 am to 12:00 pm daily, with additional assistance and asynchronous (on-demand) time in the afternoon from 12:00 pm to 3:30 pm. All students will have a Chromebook checked out to them for school use. For the younger grades, Chromebook will have preloaded material and/or links.

August 26-28: Chromebook/Material pick-up (9:00 am-5:00 pm)

- Please contact the school and schedule a time for pickup if Aug. 26-28 does not work.

August 27-28: Teachers will send out/post back to school presentations/information for their individual classes.

August 31-Sept 1: Staff work days. Teacher will be available to answer questions via email/phone.

September 2: First day of school (Class begins at 8:15 am).

Week of Sept. 14: Garfield School Virtual Open House. Information regarding Open House will be posted the week of Sept. 7.

Middle School

Garfield-Palouse Middle School will provide both synchronous (live) and asynchronous (on-demand) classes daily starting at 11:25 am and ending at 2:50 pm. 7th and 8th grade students who are enrolled in incomplete make-up will end at 3:25 pm. All students will have a Chromebook checked out to them for school. For all students asynchronous(on-demand) material/instruction will be posted on students Google Classroom. If you anticipate having difficulty attending, be sure to touch base with your teacher(s) and workout arrangements.

August 26- 28: Chromebook / Material pick-up 9:00 am-5:00 pm)

- *Please contact the school and schedule a time for pickup if Aug. 26-28 does not work*

August 27-28: Teacher will send out/post back to school presentations/information for their individual classes.

August 31-Sept. 1: Staff work days. Teachers will be available to answer questions via email/phone

September 2: First day of school (1st period check-in 11:25 am)

Week of Sept. 14: Garfield School Virtual Open House. Information regarding Open House will be posted the week of Sept. 7.

Teaching and Learning online is a challenge for staff, students and parents alike, and we know with schedules and grade levels these challenges are compounded. To this end, the Garfield School will be hosting a Virtual Open House the week of Sept. 14. Information regarding Open House will be sent out the week of Sept. 7. This will be a time for parents to connect with teachers and discuss plans moving forward from the opening of the school year.

Each teacher will use Google Classroom as their platform and provide links and videos through this medium. Each middle school student should use their school email to access (grad year + 1st four letters of last name + 1st three letters of first name @garpal.net; example: 89wellzan@garpal.net). Invitations to join classes will be sent through this email so students can log on through **Google Meets** (*video portion of classroom*) in their classrooms.

The new year is always exciting and we look forward to working with all of our families. We are also aware that this year brings a great deal of uncertainty, please do not hesitate to contact your teacher(s) or the school for assistance. For technology questions and support, please use/email helpdesk@garpal.net or contact your teacher. You may also call the school to speak with Trevor Villa on your technology needs.

Attendance

Attendance is required for students in classes and teachers will be presenting material daily. We also understand that schedules and life do not always allow for consistent attendance, and an asynchronous (on-demand) portion of class will be provided and posted to the classroom. Daily questions and material will be used to monitor attendance.

Availability

Teachers are working from their classrooms and are in the building from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Elementary teachers are available for conference and meetings from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm and the Middle School from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

We hope that we are all back in the building sooner than later. Please check our website frequently for information on meals, changes to schedules/times, and other important information regarding our reopening. Thank you for your continued support of our school and students.

Sincerely,

Zane Wells
Garfield Superintendent/Principal