



# Garfield-Palouse Schools

Palouse Schools Newsletter

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## Did you Know?

The number 4 is the only number with the same amount of letters ... Four

## What R U Reading?

- M Jones – “Season of Life”
- S Hallan – “The Mirror of her Dreams”
- E Burbank – “The Mighty Dump Truck”
- C Laughary – “Last Supper on the Moon”
- R Hemphill – “Shackleton’s Incredible Voyage”
- S Thompson – “Pastures of Heaven”
- Aja Hostetler – “Verity”
- D Oliver – “The Book Whisperer”
- A Farrand – “First Life”

What have you read recently?!

## Schedule Information

Class schedules and information can be found online or by checking your Skyward (Qmlative) accounts. For questions please contact the school: (509) 878-1921

*Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right*

~ Henry Ford ~

## Important Dates:

- August 29<sup>th</sup> - Palouse Schools Open House
- August 31<sup>st</sup> - Start of 2022/2023 School Year
- September 7-11 - Palouse Empire Fair
- September 13<sup>th</sup> - School Pictures
- September 19<sup>th</sup> - Start of PreSchool

## Welcome Back to School!!!!!!

### From the Superintendent:

Welcome to all of our new families joining us this year, and welcome back all of those returning! We are excited to see everyone and get school started on *August 31, 2022*.

As a reminder, we will have staff available the evening of August 29, 2022 from 6:00-7:30 pm for open house. We hope everyone can make it and visit with your child’s teacher(s). This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the school, curriculum, and meet those working with your student.

I’m excited to continue to work with our families and appreciate the amount of support for our schools, students, and staff we receive from the Garfield and Palouse communities. We are able to continue to provide quality opportunities and experiences because of your continued support.

We are updating our exterior facilities, and over the next few weeks, you should see grass filling in the playground and field areas where we installed sprinklers; the outdoor classroom and science room are nearing completion, and we are excited to start roof work shortly. Thank you to Brian Lentz and team for their diligent work this summer!

~ Mike Jones  
Superintendent/Principal

### After School Programs – Elementary

We are excited to bring back our after-school opportunities for students K-5, starting Monday, September 12 from 3:20-4:30, Mon – Thursday. Our goal is to provide extended learning opportunities for students and families.

- Mon – Math Club
- Tuesday – Reading Railroad
- Wednesday – Math Club
- Thursday – Tinker Tech / Elem Drama

We hope all of our K-5 Elementary students will join us! After school snacks are provided and students will work with Palouse Staff.

### High School Parent Night

Officers Joel Anderson and Joe Handley will join us in the first of a series of educational opportunities for families on trends that impact students regionally, state wide, and nationally. Topics include: Drug/Alcohol use; Social Media; Issues of Driving; etc. We will also ask for topics you are most interested in learning more about. If you can not attend, please email topcis to: [mjones@garpal.net](mailto:mjones@garpal.net)

**September 28, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**  
**Palouse School Library**

## Public Notification

Please visit our website at [garpal.net](http://garpal.net) for information related to the following required public notices:

- Affirmative Action Plan
- Homeless Students
- Non-Discrimination
- Due Process Rights for Student Discipline
- Safe and Drug Free Schools
- Family Educational Rights of Privacy Act
- Immunization Records

## Palouse Empire Fair

September 7-11

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR PARTICIPANTS!

Please contact Scott Thompson if you would like to work the gate or clock or help at sporting events. [sthompson@garpal.net](mailto:sthompson@garpal.net)

## HS Home Openers

Sept 6 – Volleyball – 6 pm

Sept 16 – Football – 7 pm

Sept 6 - X-Country

**GO VIKINGS!**

## Class Lists

Class lists will vary by teacher. Staff will make class lists available starting on registration (August 15).

School Start Time: 8:20

School Release Time: 3:15

## Failing Classes - Suspension

Participation in extra-curricular activities is an important part of High School. At GPHS, we are able to offer a wide variety of opportunities for our students, ranging from FFA and Robotics to a variety of Athletics, including Band and Drama. Each provides a unique opportunity for our students to participate and learn life skills while representing our communities and school.

Moreover, extra-curriculars should not take away from the academic responsibilities of students. *Students who are failing classes are **not** eligible for participation in extra-curricular activities.* Grades are monitored weekly by the office, and for eligibility purposes, at 3 week intervals throughout a semester. Students failing a course will have a one-week suspension (*Monday-Monday*), providing an opportunity to correct the grade and become eligible for the next weeks competition(s) and/or activities.

Students unable to participate in contests and/or activities should still participate in practice and are still part of the team/club. Coaches and advisors are notified weekly of eligibility issues and parents will be notified if a student is deemed ineligible. Parents and Students should check grades frequently through Skyward, and stay in contact with teachers. Students may attend contests, but are not able to leave for away games/contests if the leave time is during the school day. Our goal is to help support every student, and have every student eligible and successful in the classroom



### Fair Preparations

Local FFA and 4H members have been working all summer to prepare for the Palouse Empire Fair. Students are showing market hogs, lambs, and steers. Members have all attended a Quality Assurance Meeting to learn about proper animal care in an effort to put a quality product before consumers. Thank you for all of the community support for our students as they grow their market animal. Best of luck at the Fair this year ... We'll see you there!!!

### FFA / Robotics

Mark Sawyer will be heading FFA this school year as we continue to recruit an Ag Teacher/FFA Advisor. CJ O'Conner will help and continue to work with students. Robert Lopez will be heading our Robotics team. Thank you to all that are working with these programs and continue to support our students!

### Palouse Schools Facility Use

Our community is fortunate to have the facilities and resources available that we currently enjoy. Many adults walk in the gymnasium or utilize the weightroom in the morning or on weekends, and we have a number of youth and adult teams using the gym and playfields for their activities. The Palouse School District is committed to supporting these activities and is excited to partner with the various groups in our community.

PLEASE remember to fill out facility use forms and if students are in the school they should be accompanied by an adult. Door codes are unique to individuals and should NOT be shared with students, or others. Please check with the school office on facility availability and for scheduling purposes. We are proud of our facilities and look forward to continued support of community programs and work with the various groups in our area.

## Blood Drive!



The Garfield-Palouse School's \$2000 STEM Grant Blood Drive will be Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will bring the Vitalant Bus and park in the upper elementary parking lot. The blood drive times will be 12:30 – 7:00 pm. In order to qualify for the STEM Grant, we need about 40 blood donors to sign up. Money goes to support the Garfield-Palouse Robotics Program.