Palouse Preschool visits pumpkin patch

Garfield and Palouse Schools now have eFunds available for parent use. To sign up and start using, please download the eFunds for Schools file and log in to your account using Skyward Family Access.

Call the school if you need assistance:
Garfield School (509) 635-1331
Palouse School (509) 878-1921
This Fall has flown by and we are rapidly approaching the holiday season. Congratulations to our FFA, Athletic, and ASB for their successes this Fall. Wish our teams luck as we enter playoffs and State competition. Please visit our website frequently for updates on time and location.

One of the staff’s focuses this year has been an increase in reading and writing across the curriculum. Our intended benefit and outcomes include:

- **Writing to aid retention.** It helps children remember and understand material much more than passive forms of learning like reading and listening.

- **Writing to increase the depth of knowledge on a subject** and help students master any specialized vocabulary or terminology related to the topic.

- **Writing to develop critical thinking skills.** When a child has to research something, organize their thoughts and then write about it in a clear, concise way they are flexing their mind.

- **Writing to promote independent thinking.** In order to write, you have to have a point of view.

You may see an increase in writing throughout your son’s/daughter’s subjects, please visit with the teachers regarding the writing they are doing in their classrooms.

Elementary conferences will be scheduled for the week of December 4th, with the trimester ending November 30th. We look forward to visiting about your son’s/daughter’s progress and answering any questions you may have.

Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks are right around the corner, with class parties and holiday events, please stay in contact with classroom teachers. If students are going to miss time, please contact teachers for work your student can be doing while gone, and any missed work when they return.

As always, happy holidays and best wishes! Go Vikings!

Mike Jones

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Audio/Visual Student Photographs

A/V class and A/V club have been busy processing hundreds of picture orders, from GPAC fall sports to Garfield and Palouse School portraits. The team is in the process of emailing digital copies of students to parents who purchased a picture package last month. Some parents did not put an email address on their order envelope, and some emails could have a misprint on our end, so if you ordered a school portrait package and did not get an email by the end of October, please email jgehring@garpal.net to get it straightened out. Sports orders have been completed and are currently in the process of being delivered; digital sports pictures are also in the process of being emailed out. Picture make-ups and retakes will be on November 7th in Palouse and November 14th in Garfield. All in all, the students have done a great job processing pictures and have worked very hard to fulfill nearly 400 picture orders in the last six weeks.

The A/V class and A/V Club would like to thank the communities of Garfield and Palouse for their support in this endeavor and would love feedback on the process. We have raised enough money to purchase additional cameras that students will be able to use for both film and still photography, as well as some other supplies. We are all hopeful that this has been a good experience for all involved, and that it will go even more smoothly next year. If all goes well, school portraits will be delivered to both schools before Thanksgiving break!
OUR MISSION is to provide educational programs of the highest quality for all students in order to prepare them for their future.

Picking Up Students During School
CHANGE/UPDATE: If you need to pick up your student during the school day, we ask that you come into the office to make that request in person instead of calling ahead. At the time that you come into the office, we will call them out of class and have you sign them out. Please do not call ahead of time to ask us to have the student in the office; as we often have students spending a lot of time waiting. This will streamline the process and disrupt our classes much less.

Greenhouse
Cement was poured on the 6th and 12th of October, with construction scheduled to start shortly by KACI Construction of Pullman. It has been a long process but we have saved substantially by doing much of the work ourselves. We owe a special thank you to Mike Hicks for helping us pour the slab.

Facility Projects
The plan for this year is to finish all current and previously started projects. Further project needs have not yet been established, but we are researching options for some needed playground alterations.

Graduation Photos
Per the Board work session discussion on October 11th, we will start hanging the original graduation pictures up in the library. We will be starting with the oldest photos first, and depending on how many it will accommodate, move forward from there. Thank you to all that gave their input on this endeavor.

Budget/Funding/Levy
With the changes of the 2017 legislature there are numerous financial implications for schools across Washington. As of now we are unsure of the impact on our district financially. We will be working closely with ESD 101 and OSPI in the next several weeks to plan a course of action for the Palouse School District, which will hopefully protect our operating security for the next 3 years and into the future. Budget planning at this point is greatly hampered because the adopted state school funding laws are still being analyzed, therefore, schools are not yet being provided budget numbers; just ballpark estimates and numerous scenarios. As we find out more we will keep you updated. The Board will need to set levy amounts at the December meeting to be voted on in February, so time is of the essence.

Website Communications
We are continually increasing our utilization of the school website for communicating and performing routine items such as registration, fees payment, newsletters, grades report cards, etc. We appreciate your cooperation as this saves the District valuable dollars and numerous hours of time. Thank you!

Calvin L. Johnson, Supt.
cjohnson@garpal.net
406-781-0738

The school nurse will be doing vision and hearing screenings for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th grades. If your child wears glasses, please make sure your child brings them to school on November 15th and 17th. Also, if your child has been to the eye doctor in the last year and you can provide a copy of the exam to the school, your child doesn’t need to be screened.

Thanks,
Chenelle Patrick, RN, Palouse School Nurse
Pumpkin Patch Visit

The Palouse Elementary students were able to make delicious homemade applesauce thanks to longtime volunteer, Pat Flansburg. Pat has been treating the students for many years, helping them make applesauce and telling fun apple stories. We look forward to this each fall. Thank you Pat for continuing this tradition with our students!

The Preschoolers made a trip to the pumpkin patch at Enchanted Paths Lavender Farm this month. We participated in a fun fall scavenger hunt, then had a great time picking out the perfect pumpkin! Once we had our favorite pumpkin, we played Ring Around the Rosey in the middle of the patch, and took our pumpkins to the top of the hill to roll them down and chase! After about 45 minutes of exploring, pumpkin hunting and mostly pumpkin chasing, we were wiped! We really appreciate Miss Jenny at the patch for sharing her home and pumpkin patch, and giving us a great experience!

Applesauce Making

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Field Trip to Learn about Recycling

Second and third grade went on a field trip to the PCEI recycle center in Moscow. They learned about the job that worms play in our environment, discussed items that can and can't be recycled, and listened to a story. They finished the day by having lunch and walking around the nature and park areas.

LOST & FOUND

Parents please check the Lost and Found box in the hall by third grade classroom. A good time to regularly check is when you drop off or pick up your child, or when attending an elementary concert or book fair. Also, ask the office about missing jewelry and other valuable items.

宣传活动

地点：Palouse School Library
日期：
- 周三12月5日，下午12:00至6:00
- 周四12月6日，上午8:00至下午3:00
- 周四12月7日，上午8:00至下午6:00

活动内容：
- 书摊活动将有助于购买“维京骄傲”项目和学校图书馆的书籍。此活动与小学会议相结合。希望在那里看到你！

LOST & FOUND

丢失和找回

父母请检查在三年级教室旁边的失物招领箱。一个可以定期检查的好时间是你带孩子上下学，或者参加小学音乐会或书展的时候。也可以询问办公室关于丢失的珠宝和其他贵重物品。

Field Trip to Learn about Recycling

第二和三年级去了PCEI回收中心的实地考察。他们学习了蠕虫在我们环境中的工作，讨论了可以和不能回收的物品，并听了故事。他们结束了那一天，吃了午饭，然后在自然和公园区域散步。
The 2017-2018 Knowledge Bowl season kicks off with matches at Kendrick on 11/6 and Potlatch on 11/13. Our homecoming match will be 11/27 against Kendrick. Twelve players are currently signed up to compete for another run at the state tournament in March.

It was an exciting fall for Gar-Pal High School Music. Back in September we had the opportunity to play with the WSU marching band during halftime at a football game in Martin Stadium. Our pep band students spent the morning rehearsing and hanging out with the WSU marching band then joined them on the field for a performance. Our students had a great time and I know the WSU band members were happy to have us there.

Our pep band continues to support our HS athletics. We wrapped up the regular season supporting our volleyball team, what a blast to play at volleyball games! Just a couple more football games left, can't wait to see where our boys go this year! We've got a bunch of new tunes for basketball season that we can't wait to perform and show our support for boys and girls basketball this year.

Finally, I am so proud to announce that our HS choir was invited to perform at a concert/fundraiser for the Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity at the U of I campus. Our dedicated vocalists performed our rendition of John Lennon's powerful and thought provoking song 'Imagine' at the request of the Fraternity. This is the same organization that donated two instruments to Gar-Pal’s Music Department last month in conjunction with Keeney Brother's Music in Moscow. The choir sounded great, accompanied by our own Jason Jahn on drum set and Dr. Del Hungeford from Whitworth College. We were the only high school group invited to perform at this event, what an honor. I am so proud of all our music students and their accomplishments so far this year, and we've only just begun!!!
Counselor’s Corner

High School News
The past few weeks have been very busy at the high school with college visits, workshops, and career and college fairs in Spokane. Juniors and seniors visited the campus at Lewis-Clark State College in September. Juniors attended the Spokane National College Fair just a few days ago. Some seniors have also visited Spokane Falls Community College and WSU. Additionally, some attended the Construction Careers Fair at the Spokane Fairgrounds a few weeks ago.

There was a financial aid workshop on September 27 where students and parents learned about the FAFSA application process and paying for college/vocational school after graduation. This information is most useful to seniors, as now is the time that they need to complete the FAFSA application. The application opened on October 1! Seniors and parents should be working to complete this if they haven’t done so already.

By the time you’ve read this newsletter, our high school would have hosted the Whitman County Career Fair on November 1. This is a big event for us, with approximately 300 students in attendance. Students attended sessions that they pre-selected to learn more information about specific careers from professionals that work in the field.

For students who took the PSAT on October 11, scores will be available on-line between December 11th and 13th. The College Board will contact you via email or text to let you know when and how to access your scores.

Elementary School News
Personal safety lessons will begin in the elementary at some point between December through February. Grade levels start/finish at different times. Notices will be sent home to inform parents when lessons in each grade level will begin. Parents will also receive an outline of lesson topics.

We will be receiving a generous donation of warm, new winter coats from the Knights of Columbus again this year. If your child is in need of a new winter coat, please contact Mrs. Mylett or talk to your class-room teacher. Also, if your child is in need of snow boots, hats or gloves or if you have any other clothing needs, please don’t hesitate to contact us for assistance with purchasing these items. There are a number of community organizations that are available to help.

Community Outreach
Coast Transportation is a free, local volunteer service that provides transportation to individuals that need help getting to important appointments, including but not limited to doctor’s visits. If you know someone in need of transportation assistance OR if you might be someone who is willing to volunteer to drive for Coast, please call (509) 397-2935 or 1-800-873-9996. If you do need help getting to an appointment, please try to give a few days’ notice so that arrangements can be made.

Are you or someone you know in need of assistance with your energy bills for this winter? If so, contact Community Action at 509-334-9147. You can also go online www.cacwhitman.org for more information and to look at additional services that they offer.

NEW WEBSITE AVAILABLE! www.palouserresources.org Here, you will be able to look for a wide variety of services available throughout our community. This will include housing assistance, energy assistance, counseling services, transportation assistance, food banks etc.

DID YOU KNOW?
You can download the Skyward app for your student’s lunch account and HS student’s grades on your mobile device by simply searching for “Skyward app” using a web search engine, then install.
The Garfield-Palouse FFA soils team has been preparing for their upcoming state competition that is being held Wednesday, November 1st. Our soils team has competed in three other competitions held in Pomeroy, Spokane County, and Dayton. At the Pomeroy competition, Seth Thompson placed third as high individual. In Spokane County, the Gar-Pal “team one” placed third and had two individuals in the top ten; Taylor Jones placed 10th and Daniel Orfe placed 9th. At the most recent competition in Dayton, the Gar-Pal team took first and also had two individuals in the top ten; Daniel Orfe placed 6th and Dawson Dugger placed 4th. We are excited to see how our teams will do at state! Those competing will be: Daniel Orfe, Seth Thompson, Taylor Jones, Dawson Dugger, Eddie O’Neill, Ty West, Brooke Bankus, Pat Orfe, Tristan West and Austin Jones. We have a strong group that consists of members from Freshman through Senior classes! Wish them luck when you see them!

The Garfield-Palouse FFA Chapter has concluded another great season of scaring and screeching at Haunted Palouse. This year’s theme was “Insane Asylum” so we were dressed head to toe in scrubs, hospital gowns, and of course, blood. We would like to thank Cortney Finch for volunteering to do all of the actor’s makeup, she did a fantastic job! Scenes ranged from a padded wall room to a morgue with a live body. Our members did a great job playing their parts. We don’t know our total earnings at the moment but we would like to thank everyone who came out and supported our community organizations! We hope you had a screaming good time!

FFA News

FFA/VIKotics Frighten for Funds

FFA/VIKotics Holiday Tree Sales

Need a tree for your holiday tradition?
Gar-Pal’s FFA/VIKotics are selling trees at Nelson Farm located at 202 Ryde Road, it is about 5.5 miles from Garfield on the Garfield-Farmington Highway. There are assorted tree types and sizes to suit everyone’s wishes. You pick out and cut your tree, or we can cut it and help load it onto your vehicle.

Come support FFA/VIKotics on November 25 and 26!
WE CELEBRATE THE BRAVE
GARFIELD VETERAN’S DAY ASSEMBLY
November 9, 2017
9:30 a.m.
Garfield-Palouse Middle School Gymnasium

Program Itinerary

“Star Spangled Banner”
Kendra Lentz and Laynie Southern

“The Navy Hymn”
Garfield-Palouse-Oakesdale Elementary Singers

INTRODUCTION OF VETERANS

Special Presentation
Captain Joan Bagott Glass, Retired

Patriot’s Pen Award Presentation
Dave Irving
VFW Post 10300, Commander

“Requiem for a Soldier”
Hannah May

Special Keynote Speaker
James A. Woomack, AMSC (USN-R)

Veterans and Guests Reception in the Gymnasium

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Garfield - Palouse Viking
Basketball 2017-2018

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* 1st day of practice is November 13th, prior physical exam required.

(Be sure to check the website bulletin often for game time changes.)