VIKotic Robotic Fundraiser

Raking in Support- Our high school robotics team is taking reservations on a first come first served basis for leaf raking and removal in November. We plan to clean yards in Garfield and Palouse.

Please contact Mark Sawyer: msawyer@garpal.net or 509-939-2143 to reserve your name on our list.

Support VIKotic Robotics-

U-Cut Christmas Tree Sale

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Tree site:
Nelson’s Farm
202 Ryde Road, Farmington

Questions? E-mail msawyer@garpal.net
PALOUSE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S LETTER
I would like to wish everyone happy holidays! Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner and signal the mid-point of our year. Both are preceded by our Veteran’s Day Assembly, November 9th in Garfield. Thank you to all our veterans in Garfield and Palouse for their service and thank you to Mrs. Hemphill for all her work in setting up the program.

For the elementary, conferences will be held the week of November 26 in conjunction with our annual book fair. Teachers are working on schedules and will contact parents with information about conference times and dates. Please feel free to visit anytime with your son/daughter’s teacher, and if there is a conflict with times, let us know.

In the high school, we have passed the first nine-week grading period. You can access your student’s grades via Skyward. If you do not have, or have lost, your password and login information, please contact Debbie Anderson at school. If you have not had a chance to visit with your son/daughter’s teacher and would like to, please contact and schedule a time.

As a school we continue to evaluate our programs, looking specifically at math and focusing on the ideas of What we teach, How we teach, and How we know students have learned. Revisiting concepts from Mike Schmoker and his book FOCUS, staff are working to refine their craft. If you would like to check out a copy, you are welcome to visit the school, or please visit about it with your son/daughter’s teacher. Additionally, we are looking at updating math and science texts in the high school. In all, I am excited about the programs being offered and look forward to the rest of the year.

The first quarter has flown by and we are off to a fast start. I am thankful for the continued support of our community, the dedication of our staff, and for students in our school. I encourage you to come visit and get involved with the programs being offered.
Go Vikings!!
Mike Jones, mjones@garpal.net, 509-878-1921

PALOUSE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT’S LETTER
FACILITY UPDATE:
We received a $43,000 American Disabilities Act Grant from the state to upgrade our playground surface to meet ADA requirements. Our maintenance staff built a walking path up to the playground this summer and now we are starting the playground surface replacement with removal of the current pea gravel on Monday, October 29. Delivery of the EWF (Engineered Wood Fiber) will start November 5 and last through the week. Delivery may take place at night, so if you see a semi-truck on the playground after dark don’t be surprised. The playground will be closed for 2 weeks starting Monday, October 29, and we expect to reopen it for school on Tuesday November 13.

After the first of the year, we plan to continue the replacement of the remaining 4 entry doors and the installation of keypad access just like our front main entry. Not only are these doors more functional and aesthetically appealing, they are an added measure of security with increased control of access.

We also have planned for next spring, the replacement of the remaining single pane windows in the elementary with new e-rated double pane glass. This should complete the upgrade of the older windows in the facility.

The Board will be reviewing additional capital improvements and projects throughout the year as we make preparations for next summer. Our goal is to provide students with a quality educational experience in a properly functioning facility. We again need to thank the local taxpayers for their support of the Capital Projects Levy last spring (and 3 years ago) which allows us the option to keep our facility maintained and improvements going on! Thank you!

Please feel free to stop by for a visit or to contact me for further information!
Have a great day!
Calvin L. Johnson, cjohnson@garpal.net, 509-878-1921
Senior Corner:

Basketball season is quickly approaching! This season, the seniors and senior parents will be hosting four home game concessions! Please come support your seniors as they prepare to take their senior trip in May!

Reminder for Seniors & Families: A 4”x5” (vertical) senior portrait will be due when we return from spring break. These portraits will be used for the composite that will be hung in the school hallway. If you have your portrait, please feel free to send it to school with your student or address it to Mrs. Sawyer and mail it to the school.

Have a fantastic fall season and as always, Go Vikings!
-Mrs. Sawyer

Thank you to Dewayne Hill, motivational speaker and comedy magician, for visiting Palouse and performing for our students. His Magic with a Message show was a big hit with elementary and high school students alike. He combined comedy, magic, and audience interaction with a series of points illustrating the dangers of bullying and drug use. Dewayne performs across the country at schools and corporate events. Afterwards he was able to spend some extra time with students having lunch at The Congress restaurant and answering their questions.
Hello from the Art Room!

Our students have been busy creating and designing! In our elementary classes, our most recent focus has been on fall! The kindergarten through 2nd grade have been learning about warm and cool colors and how water and wax work against each other. Third grade has stepped away from the fall scene and has been working on a project that reflects types of family traditions (their reading unit in the third grade classroom has recently focused on family traditions). Fourth and fifth grades’ focus is fall. However, we have taken a spin on the idea by incorporating and learning the techniques of Vincent Van Gogh!

The high school classes have slowly begun working on "bigger" projects. Much of the beginning of the year was spent learning about or reviewing the principles and elements of art. This semester we have two high school classes, Art Production and Drawing/Painting. Art Production has been looking at everyday objects and how one can take those objects and create a work of art. Drawing/Painting have been focused on techniques and how one can use multiple techniques in one piece of work, while keeping the piece cohesive.

Check out our page on Facebook to stay up to date and see what our students are up too! FB @GarPalVikingArt.

It’s been a busy and exciting fall for Gar-Pal music students. We’ve had a blast supporting our football team this year and the pep band is getting geared up for basketball season. Our high school band and choir recently traveled to Dayton for our regional mass band festival. Mass band is always a good time and an opportunity to meet other musicians and work with professional and college level conductors and directors.

In October, some of our pep band members had the opportunity to spend the day at U of Idaho rehearsing and playing with the Vandal Marching Band at Future Vandal Game Day. Our students had fun and got a taste of playing in a college pep band. U of I is so supportive of our program and our musicians. Vandal Marching Band Director, Professor Spencer Martin, recently traveled to Garfield to rehearse with our middle school bands and brought us tons of Vandal swag, so cool!

Our elementary, middle and high school choirs will be joining forces for the Veteran’s Day Assembly in Garfield on November 9. Mrs. Hemphill always does an outstanding job putting the assembly together. She will be directing the combined choirs in a patriotic piece featuring sophomore Danny Laughary as a soloist. Winter concerts are next on the calendar for us in Gar-Pal music land; we can’t wait to see you in Garfield and Palouse in December for our elementary and middle/high school concerts (dates and times to be announced on the website and daily bulletin).

Go Vikings!
-Mr. Zook

The Whitman County Rural Alliance Art Show will be taking place January 7 -11 at the Colfax Library. Students from around Whitman County, as well as our own Garfield-Palouse High School students will be participating. Please come support our art and enjoy a wonderful art show by grades 6-12 students. Go Vikings! Mrs. Sawyer
Recent events in the High School

FAFSA application opened – October 1: Seniors who will be applying for 2 or 4 year college, career/technical school or specialty school for next year should file a FAFSA as early as possible. A representative from the financial aid office at WSU gave a presentation on October 3.

PSAT – was given on October 10: Students who took the exam will receive notification from the College Board regarding when their scores will be available online.

Healthy Youth Survey – This anonymous survey was given on October 16.

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) – October 30: This is both a skills assessment and a career exploration program. Taking the ASVAB does NOT obligate anyone to join the military.

Spokane National College Fair – November 6: Juniors will be attending this annual event.

Red Ribbon Week – October 22-26
This is a nationwide campaign in honor of a fallen Drug Enforcement Agency agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena. During this week, elementary students participate in activities designed to promote healthy, drug-free lifestyles. Activities include a kick-off assembly, poster decorating, classroom lessons, and an end of week celebration that includes prizes.

Palouse School Library is proud to host the Book Fair!
Tuesday Nov. 27, 3-6 PM
Wednesday Nov. 28, 8 AM-6 PM
Thursday Nov. 29, 8 AM-3 PM

Proceeds from the book fair will help buy prizes for the “Viking Pride” program and books for the school library. This event is in conjunction with the elementary conferences. Hope to see you there!
The Geology College in the Classroom students waited one whole day to take their first field trip. Hiking to the towers on the west end of Kamiak Butte, they solved the puzzle of the various local geologic structures and rock types of the area. Mr. Landle is thrilled with the class members. They were joined by this year’s MIT student teacher, Lindsey Giffey, from WSU.

The geology kids have escaped campus for a second field trip. This time they traveled to WSU to investigate minerals, petrified wood, and geodes from the Jacklin Collection in Webster Hall.

On October 19th, the juniors, seniors, and sophomores enrolled in College in the High School courses through Eastern Washington University took a trip to Cheney to tour the campus. Students participated in a campus tour, sat in on an upper-level political science class about foreign policy, and enjoyed lunch at the Tawanka Cafe. Students also toured the engineering building, including the robotics lab. It was a beautiful fall day for a visit, and an excellent opportunity for students to get a taste of life on a university campus.
**GAR-PAL HS BASKETBALL**

Game times will be posted on the school website [www.garpal.net](http://www.garpal.net) on high school athletics page.

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VIKotic robotic students are Powering Up one more time! The team has been preparing for their upcoming season by building a second robot to compete with last year's robot at West Valley's Robot Rewind event, which plays the game Power Up. Additionally, the team had the opportunity to go to Seattle to visit 2 of the 17 Boeing facilities in the Puget Sound. We had the pleasure of connecting with Gar-Pal graduate Todd Pinter who gave us a behind the scenes tour of the Puyallup facility where they make wing parts. We additionally went to the world’s largest building by volume where they assemble the 747, 767, 777, and 787 jumbo jets. Some students on the team made the comment "This is better than going to Disneyland", which tells me the trip was a success.

**News of Football and Volleyball playoffs will be posted on school website.**

December 7, 2018
Gar-Pal High School students will attend the University of Idaho’s performance of *A Midwinter’s Night Dream*, an adaptation of William Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. This is a holiday interpretation of Shakespeare’s classic tale about the mystery, magic and transformative power of love. Thank you to the University of Idaho for inviting us!
“Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.”
— Emilie Buchwald

We all know that reading to our children is important. But did you know that toddlers and preschoolers who are read to every day have many advantages and benefits. Not only does reading enhance a child’s vocabulary and help them understand how to read and write, reading aloud to children also helps them to understand different topics about the world and everyday life. The importance of reading cannot be emphasized enough for young children. We as parents need to make reading a priority.

10 Benefits that Highlight the Importance of Reading with Young Children

1. Reading to young children sets them up to succeed
2. Reading develops language skills
3. Exposure to reading exercises your child’s brain
4. Reading enhances a child’s concentration
5. Reading together encourages a thirst for knowledge
6. A range of books teaches children about different topics
7. Reading develops a child’s imagination and creativity
8. Reading books with children helps to develop empathy
9. Books are a form of entertainment
10. Reading together helps to create a bond

Preschool started in the middle of September and we have had a great time getting to know each other and settling into the daily classroom routine. Some of our activities so far have included practicing fire safety with two of our Palouse firefighters, studying real bones, and testing some observations about pumpkins. We have been learning our letter sounds, counting using ten-frames, and working on our “pencil monster” grip for writing. Of course, we also have had a lot of fun playing! Up and coming activities include using costumes to go back in time to learn about daily life during specific time periods in U.S. history, testing ideas about the different states of water, and learning how to do basic weaving. We are also looking forward to playing in the snow as soon as it starts falling!

PALOUSE ELEMENTARY LIBRARY

The Palouse Elementary Library has been busy so far this year! The students are working hard to reach some goals with their reading. When the entire elementary reaches 1,700 points they will be treated to root beer floats and extra recess! If you are in the building, check out the goal thermometers in the library and at the top of the ramp. There will also be an AR Store on November 2 where students will be able to spend their individual points on prizes like books, a coupon for lunch with a friend, extra recess, and many other fun items. Parents can check their student’s Accelerated Reader progress at home. If you need more information, contact your child’s teacher or Mrs. Olesen (email jolesen@garpal.net or school phone 509-878-1921).

Thursday, November 1, poet/author Kenn Nesbitt is coming to Palouse! He will be presenting his funny poetry at assemblies for students of both Garfield and Palouse Elementary. Students in grades 3-5 will participate in writing workshops where they will work together to write poems. It should be a great day!