BOOSTER APPRECIATION DINNER

Boosters and community, join us for dinner at the Palouse Community Center on Saturday, October 6th, from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. Social Hour will be from 6:00 to 7:00 pm with dinner and auction to follow.

All current members will receive a free dinner catered by Burl Booker of Connell, Washington.

All are invited to come whether you are a member or not.

Please come and support our students at Garfield-Palouse High School and the many activities and clubs they are involved in. Our booster club supports extra-curricular activities and clubs by providing assistance to ensure that these activities continue to thrive in the best and most inclusive ways.
PALOUCE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S LETTER

I would like to welcome new staff to Palouse: Jason Bustamante will be our new high school math teacher, Sequoia Ladd is working in the preschool, and Giovanna Vasile is a new para-educator in our district. Tasha Gehring is moving into 5th grade and will also help with elementary PE duties. I encourage you to stop in and visit all of these folks when you get a chance. I’m excited they are joining us this year and look forward to working with all of them.

Congratulations to students who competed at the fair. We are always well represented and students again had a wonderful experience. Along with fair, volleyball, football and cross country are off and running. Schedules can be found online for these activities, please join us in supporting our students as they compete.

Additionally, we are excited to again offer students the opportunity to earn college credit, and have approximately 40% of our students earning GUR credits this year. English 101 is a popular class. Geology, CWI and Leadership are all being offered this semester. Through grants these courses are free to students and, coupled with college visits and content, provide students an opportunity to explore college with minimal risk. I am excited to be able to offer this to so many students and hope we are able to continue to take advantage of these opportunities.

This year an emphasis is being placed on course and content assurance. Focusing on what is taught, how it is taught, and the authenticity of the material. The work of Mike Schmoker and others are staff development opportunities and central to our work. To learn more please come in and visit. For K-12 this work will take up the professional development scheduled for this year.

With this same thought in mind, students are working closely with partners from SEL in robotics, local agricultural leaders in FFA, while classes in physical education have expanded to adult programs like SAIL and Adult Yoga utilizing the weight room. Mr. Zook and our music program continue to impress at U of Idaho and around the region, while we still enjoy working with the Whitman County Library, Arts Council and Young Life.

Our students have a wide variety of opportunity if they choose to access it. Thank you to all our partners, staff and parents who are so integral to the success of these programs.

Go Vikings!!!
Mike Jones, Principal

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, audio/visual, robotics to a variety of athletics, band/choir, drama and knowledge bowl. Each provides a unique opportunity for our students to participate and learn life skills while representing our communities and school.

It is our belief that extra-curricular activities should not take away from the academic experience of students; if failing classes then they are not eligible for participation in extra-curricular activities. Grades are monitored weekly by the office, and for eligibility purposes at 3-week intervals. 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 week’s competition(s) and/or activities.

Students unable to participate in contests and/or activities should still participate in practice and are 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 via Skyward Access at www.garpal.net, and check in/contact teachers. It is our goal to have all students eligible for participation, but ultimately have students passing all classes.
OUR MISSION is to provide educational programs of the highest quality for all students in order to prepare them for their future.

WELCOME BACK 2018-19
It’s great to have a lively atmosphere with our students back in the building.

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With the constant news of school finances, negotiations with employees and teacher strike talks around Washington State people have been asking where we are here in Palouse, so I will provide an update.

CONSEQUENCES of the new Washington School Funding Law for Palouse

Local Levy Support:

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As you can see, the new law seriously reduces the amount of our local levy support by about $300,000 after this year. Fortunately, the state has adjusted funding and will be providing additional dollars under the new formula. But, as you can see in the chart below, not nearly enough to replace what was taken away. As we work through this challenge, the most important number is the bottom line and what we will be receiving after the levy reduction and state increase.

Under the new school funding law, school districts were required to develop a 4-year budget and provide it to the state. The chart below shows our estimated income and our estimated expenses over the next 4 years. Please note that our yearly cost/expenditure estimates (line 1) are more than our yearly income estimates (line 2) each of the next 4 years. Also, please note that our 2019-20 funding projection is slightly less than our current 2018-19 funding.

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Our goal is to provide our students with a quality educational experience in a properly functioning facility conducive to such an experience. In addition, we strive to provide our employees with competitive pay within the limitations of our budget. Protecting the fiduciary security of the Palouse School District is important so we constantly evaluate how and what services we provide. Although some adjustments may be necessary as we travel this path (always seems to be the case), we are confident that we can implement the adjustments necessary to maintain a quality education and the fiduciary security of the district.

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Negotiations Update:
We have 2 unions in our co-op, the GPCA (Garfield Palouse Classified Association) representing our hourly employees and the GPEA (Garfield Palouse Education Association) representing teachers. Both of these associations are part of the larger state union WEA (Washington Education Association). Participation in either of these associations is optional and not all belong, but all are bound by the agreements of each group.

Hourly Employees (Classified - GPCA)
We have a tentative agreement with the GPCA for about a 7% raise on the base pay scale, along with some adjustments to the schedule.

Teachers (Certified-GPEA)
We are still working with the GPEA on a pay increase and hope to arrive at a result in the near future. As of now we are in the 9.5% range on average for teacher raises.

Please feel free to stop by for a visit or to contact me for further information! Have a great day!

Calvin L. Johnson, Supt., cjohnson@garpal.net, 509-878-1921

If your student is absent or late for any reason, please call the school 878-1921, email danderson@garpal.net, or send a note with your student; otherwise, they will be marked unexcused. This may impact student’s grades, and eligibility and participation in sports and field trips.

Also, frequent absences make the educational process unnecessarily difficult. Learning is rarely as effective as when students are in attendance. It is our goal to keep students in school and with their regular classroom teachers. Attendance is an integral part of the learning process.

For elementary students riding the bus, please make destination changes BEFORE 2:30 PM on the day of the change to allow time for drivers, teachers, and students to be notified. Call 509-878-1921.

DAILY BULLETIN
Keep informed by reading the DAILY BULLETIN on our website every day. It lists all programs daily throughout the school year with lunch details; current week events (sports, FFA, fieldtrips, concerts, college visits, etc.); a look into the following couple of week’s upcoming events, and special announcements. In addition, you can find out whether a high school game has been rescheduled or cancelled. The DAILY BULLETIN is just one click away from this information. The DAILY BULLETIN is listed at right side of homepage on the www.garpal.net website.

WWW.GARPAL.NET
School website is where to find the daily news bulletin, school year & building calendars, lunch menu, contact info, and pay student lunch and other accounts.

DID YOU KNOW?
You can download the Skyward app for your student’s lunch account and HS student’s gradebook on your mobile device by simply searching for “Skyward app” using a web search engine, then install.
2018 AVEE AWARDS

The Gar-Pal Audio/Visual Club hosted the first annual AVEE Awards last June, and wanted to thank the community for coming out and supporting the young filmmakers involved in the A/V program.

The ceremony included a pizza buffet, popcorn, amazing desserts from Katie Young, and dozens and dozens of short films made by Garfield-Palouse students.

Twelve awards were given out in categories ranging from “Best Film by a Rookie” to “Best Dramatic Actor” and everything in between. About 60 people came out for a night of fun and films.

Special recognition is owed to Levi Teare, Jacob Reed, Logan Diets, Matt Zook, and Susan Lopez for helping the show go smoothly. Thanks to the community for your support of our students, and for purchasing portrait packages from A/V Club to help make the AVEE Awards fun, filling, and free of charge!

Ethan Hawkins in his award-winning role in “Hoss Bawkins; The Prequel.”

Logan Diets put goosebumps on the arms of the audience in his incredible short motivational film.

Stew makes a legendary cameo in crowd favorite “Ace of Clubs,” a 35-minute conspiracy thriller produced by Levi Teare.

Travis Knauff goes on a date with himself in “Mirror Image.”
I am absolutely thrilled to announce I will be teaching 5th grade reading, writing, and math this year! I get to be with 5th graders every morning and in the afternoons they will receive science, social studies, and specials with Mr. Iverson. I spent a big part of June cleaning up and reorganizing the classroom to give it a whole new look. I’m big on making our classroom feel like home away from home, making sure we become a little family and make learning meaningful. We all learn differently so I do my best to make sure kids are engaged, learning in ways that make sense, and work in lots of brain breaks and movement opportunities! Fifth grade will definitely be the happening place (just ask them)!

I also will be teaching Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade PE and could not be happier! I have a lot of fun ideas to get the kids learning about how to move their bodies, to learn fundamental skills, and develop a love for exercise and movement!

Here is a little about me… I taught Preschool last year and previously, as well as Kindergarten and 3rd grade! I have two very special kids of my own, Taia (now in 3rd grade) and Jaymen (in Kindergarten) and am married to my husband John, who teaches Social Studies in the High School. After my family and kids (and dogs), my next most favorite thing in the world is basketball. I still play it, have coached at all different levels and I coach the high school boys basketball team with John and my Dad—you can’t beat basketball and family! I feel so fortunate to be working with kids of all ages and hope to truly touch their lives and make a difference in any way that I can!

IMPORTANT DATES FROM MRS. MYLETT!
(Tentative date) Financial Aid Workshop - September 26: pizza dinner 5:30-6:00 pm, workshop 6:00-7:00 pm at Palouse School. This event is for juniors and seniors.

FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid) opens – 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. See Mrs. Mylett or online fafsa.ed.gov.

PSAT – October 10: Primarily Grades 10 & 11. Need to register soon. Cost is $16; fee waivers are available for eligible juniors.

Construction Careers Fair - October 11: Juniors or seniors may attend this annual event in Spokane as a school field trip.

Spokane National College Fair – November 6: Juniors will attend and have an opportunity to meet with college representatives from various schools located throughout the country.

ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) - November date to be announced: This is both a skills assessment and a career exploration program. Taking the ASVAB does NOT obligate anyone to join the military.

Additional information regarding all of these events/activities will be communicated to students’ homes and posted in the bulletin on the website www.garpal.net. Mrs. Mylett’s email is dmylett@garpal.net

Seniors who need to take/re-take the SAT and/or ACT should register for a fall date ASAP. Information is available on my office window & online www.collegeboard.org & www.ACTstudent.org.

Elementary and high school: Smarter Balanced, EOC and MSP assessment results from last spring will be mailed home in mid-September.

MRS. GEHRING – 5th Grade
Our local robotics team had a great opportunity to show off their past competition robots at the Palouse Empire Fair. People of all ages took their turn at driving the robots on the small practice field set up by the VIKotics. We had grandparents who had never touched a video game controller in their life to 4 year-olds who had quite a natural ability. “We hope to inspire young students to one day consider joining a robotic team, even if they don’t go to our school,” said Joey Link, an upperclassman on the team.

Team members who helped at the fair included Joey Link, Braden Schaffer, Garret Blomgren, Alex Starr, Jakki Young, Patrick Orfe, and Jocelyn Whitesell.

Fundraisers to support VIKotics this year will include October doghouse sales (built by team members), November leaf raking and December Christmas tree sales. For more information please email msawyer@garpal.net.
This year at the fair there were a total of 17 Gar-Pal FFA members that showed animals in the pig, lamb, and steer barns! We all got to hear some good feedback from our judges about how to improve the market quality of our animals and learned a few tips on showmanship. Dawson Dugger was selected from both his market and fitting/showing class to return for the championship drives!

We would like to thank all community members who donated to our FFA Boosters in support of our livestock projects! We would also like to extend great appreciation to those individuals and businesses who came and supported all the youth of the Palouse at the Market Stock Sale on Saturday. Without your kind generosity we would not have the opportunities to grow in our agricultural and educational pursuits! Thank you!

Jaedan Askins (above) was presented with a special award from the Pig Barn Superintendent recognizing her dedicated volunteer work in getting animals to and from the show ring without hassle.