

# Garfield PTA's Quarterly Spot



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## New Year, New School, New Faces...

Welcome to the  
Cheetah Family



from  
Garfield PTA

We continue to marvel at how wonderful the new Garfield looks, especially now that the halls are filled with students. We have had an opportunity to meet many of you either in those halls, at our meet and greet, or at curriculum night.

So far this year, the PTA has given \$1000 to the library, \$1800 towards school performing art assemblies, and \$200 to each K-5 classroom. We're in the midst of planning our cookie dough fundraiser, the bookfair, and our first big event of the year - our Fall Fling. We invite you to attend our next PTA meeting on October 13th at 6:30pm in the staff lounge and hear more about the great things we are doing.

- Kristin, Sano, Michelle, Kim, Brooke, Amy and Kylie

## Volunteer and Make a HUGE Difference.

Did you know that the Garfield Elementary PTA offers more events and opportunities than almost any other elementary school in the Olympia School District?

We have three big events - our Fall Fling, Bingo/Children's Store, and Field Day. We also host four movie nights and two Scholastic Bookfairs. We organize and sponsor our holiday spirit program - an opportunity to help Garfield families in need over the holidays. We also run three fundraisers, publish a yearbook, and assist with the all-student play. We're responsible for Garfield Track Stars and Popcorn Fridays.

The only way we can accomplish all this is to depend heavily on volunteer help from the Garfield community. There are lots of ways to get involved:

days, nights, or working from home. Everyone is welcome to help Garfield PTA - it is not necessary to be a PTA member. We love help from grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles, older siblings, and even high school students looking for volunteer hours for graduation.

Your willingness to get involved shows us the events we put on are valuable to the Garfield community. If you help out even once this year, it would make a big difference. Please visit our website at [www.olygarfieldpta.com](http://www.olygarfieldpta.com) or ask in the main office about our Volunteer Interest form.

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[www.olygarfieldpta.com](http://www.olygarfieldpta.com)

find us on facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/olygarfieldpta](http://www.facebook.com/olygarfieldpta)

Contact us anytime at

[info@olygarfieldpta.com](mailto:info@olygarfieldpta.com)

## **Popcorn Fridays**

Your first through fifth grade student can purchase popcorn on Fridays at lunch for \$0.50. They can also earn FREE popcorn by submitting a completed boxtop form in lieu of money to our popcorn sellers. You can pick up boxtop forms either in the Main Office or you can download and print one directly from our website - [www.olygarfieldpta.com](http://www.olygarfieldpta.com). We could also use volunteers to help sell popcorn on Fridays between 11:15am and 12:15pm.



## **Fall Fling October 30th 6:00-8:00pm**

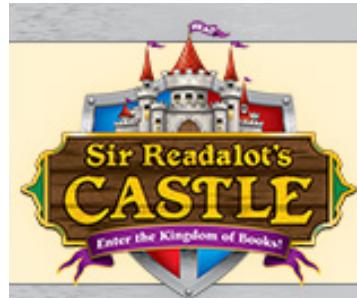
For this fun family event think carnival meets Halloween. Wristbands, which give you access to all the games and activities, are \$2.50 per kid or \$5.00 per family. Dress in your best halloween costume, if you choose (no weapons or masks please). Please note that students must be accompanied by an adult (no wristband purchase required) as this is not a drop-off event. This event is heavily dependent on parent volunteers. Please check our website ([www.olygarfieldpta.com](http://www.olygarfieldpta.com)) to sign up today to volunteer for a shift.

## **Staff Appreciation**

Every month, the PTA likes to put out a special treat for staff at Garfield to show them how much we appreciate all that they do for Garfield students. We are looking for parents who love to bake and/ cook to help with this gift to Garfield Staff. Our next staff appreciation will occur conference week (10/21-10/24). We'd like to leave goodies for teachers and staff who will be staying late for all those students conferences. If you are able to help, please contact Regina Reeves at (360) 789-5061.

It takes a big  
**heart**  
to help shape  
**little**  
**minds.**

## **Scholastic Bookfair October 21st-24th Garfield Library 11:30am-3:30pm**



The Scholastic Bookfair is a great opportunity to purchase a few books for your students while supporting a great cause. All profits from this fair go directly to our library and classrooms in the form of books. Last year we raised over \$2,000 in book profit! Please plan on adding a few extra minutes before or after your student's conference to allow for a visit to the bookfair. To volunteer for the Bookfair please visit the Garfield PTA website at [www.olygarfieldpta.com](http://www.olygarfieldpta.com)

## **Cougar Mountain Cookie Dough Fundraiser October 9th though October 23rd**

Our fall fundraiser features Cougar Mountain Cookie Dough. We'll be selling 3 lb tubs for \$16.00 and Garfield PTA keeps **\$8.00 of every tub sold**. This all natural and simple ingredient cookie dough will be available in the following yummy flavors: original chocolate chunk, oatmeal raisin cinnamon, double chocolate hazelnut, classic peanut butter, chewy molasses-ginger, lemon cheesecake, all-butter rolled sugar, and pumpkin cookie dough. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 selling classrooms, top selling student, and top seller per grade. Last year we sold a record 600 tubs. Can we beat that mark this year?



## November Movie Night - **Mr. Peabody and Sherman**

Friday, November 14th 6:30pm

Doors open at 6:30pm, movie starts at 6:45pm. Back again by popular demand take advantage of our Free Family Movie or Make it a Date night options. We offer a full concession stand with popcorn at all of our movie showings.

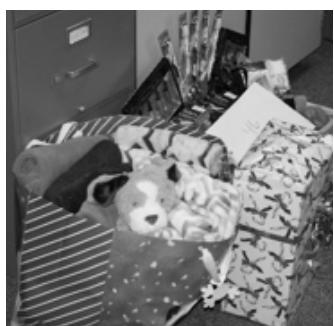


## **Updated school, Updated Apparel Design**

Children will soon be able to vote for their favorite re-design of the Garfield Cheetah logo. Each vote will also serve as an entry into a drawing for one of several t-shirts. Of course, parents, teachers, staff, and students can still show their school spirit by continuing to wear the "classic" Cheetah logo as well as the new one. In anticipation of the new apparel, we will soon be offering a blowout sale of our old stock (limited to stock and sizes in stock). In addition to selling apparel at school events, the PTA is beginning to explore the option of on-line sales. If you be interested in be able to purchase apparel on-line, please send us an e-mail at [info@olygarfieldpta.com](mailto:info@olygarfieldpta.com). Make sure you check our Facebook page or website for the most recent updates!

## **Get into the Spirit....The Holiday Spirit**

Each year Garfield PTA works with the school and the community to bring the holidays to those families who need a little help making the season merry for their school age children. Holiday Spirit is an opportunity to provide a toy and a clothing item for each child. Please watch for gift tags on the PTA bulletin board in mid-November. Each tag will have a child's wish for an item on it.



Whether you are a parent, another family member of a student, a local business owner, or a student interested in helping your fellow students, please consider supporting this very important program. If you are interested in helping bring this program to life by sponsoring or volunteering, please contact Amy McMahan at [amym@olygarfieldpta.com](mailto:amym@olygarfieldpta.com).

## **Don't Forget Our Passive Fundraisers**

### **Shop at AmazonSmile**

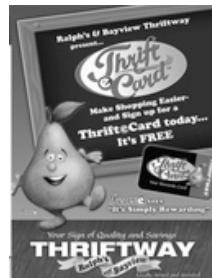
and Amazon will make a donation to:  
Garfield Elementary PTA

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[www.haggen.com](http://www.haggen.com)



## Pavers Are Back For 2014-15!



Have you noticed our beautiful engraved pavers outside the main entrance to the school? Would you like to have your special message there too? We are selling pavers again this year. Prices are \$35.00 for the red 4.5"x9" paver and \$175 for the grey 12"x12" paver with text only. You can make your paver even more unique by adding one of our symbols. Please check out the Garfield PTA website ([www.olygarfieldpta.com](http://www.olygarfieldpta.com)) for more information.

## Children's Store & Bingo Night

On December 12th, Garfield PTA will help students celebrate the gift of giving for the holidays. Our children's store gives them the opportunity to shop for free items for family members with gift wrapping included! While they are waiting to shop, we serve up free hot cocoa, cookies and bingo too. And if we're lucky, Santa may show up again this year. Please contact us at [info@olygarfieldpta.com](mailto:info@olygarfieldpta.com) if you are able to donate small crafts for gifts or are interested in working with the PTA committee.



## Become a PTA Member Today

We invite you to become a member of the PTA! Memberships are \$12 for an individual and \$22 per family (which includes two adults per household). Please fill out and return the form below, along with cash or a check (made out to Garfield PTA), to your student's teacher.

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First Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Second Member Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*If purchasing a family membership*

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_