



Lorain City Schools

We can. We will.

Garfield Elementary School

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August, 2009

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Garfield Elementary, I welcome you to the 2009-2010 academic year. Each school year brings new challenges and successes. Our goal is to create a positive learning environment in order to promote academic excellence for each student.

“How Full is Your Bucket?” is a book that describes one day in the life of a child. It creatively shows how adults and children impact each other every day in how we talk to and respond to one another. Our teachers and students will be talking about how children and teachers can “fill each other’s imaginary buckets” throughout the year. We hope that you can discuss this book with your child at home. It is a wonderful way to create an environment at home and school that is caring and positive.

DAILY SCHEDULE:

8:00 Students enter building, eat breakfast

8:15 Classes begin (tardy bell)

9:00-10:30 SFA Reading, all students, all staff

11:00-11:30 Lunch, Grades K-1

11:35-12:05 Lunch, Grades 2-3

12:10-12:40 Lunch, Grades 4-5

2:15 Dismissal for students (except early release Tuesdays at 1:15)

DRESS CODE: (2009-2010)

- Black, khaki, or navy pants, skirts, or jumper (knee length)
- White, navy, hunter green, black collared shirt (polo, oxford, or dress shirt)
- Athletic shoes, loafers, or oxford type shoes
- Black, khaki, or navy dress shorts for seasonal wear
- Belts are optional since pants need to be fitted properly
- No jeans, sandals, flip flops, or open-toes shoes are permitted
- No sweat outfits or tee shirts will be permitted.

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION:

Each student will receive a blue plastic folder, a planner, and a back pack to use for home school communication. These are to go home and be returned to school every day. The first Monday of every month, I will send home a letter to parents. That will be in the plastic cover of your child’s blue folder. The yearly calendar will also be placed within the plastic cover of the blue folder. Each night look at the planner to see what your child has for homework. Every student, grade 1-5 has 20 minutes of reading and that paper needs to be signed nightly.



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CONGRATULATIONS: Garfield Elementary was awarded \$3,266.75 for the use of incentives in our Garfield Gator Store. Garfield Gator Bucks can be earned through excellent attendance, good behavior and wonderful work within curriculum. On our OAT (Ohio Achievement Tests) we have seen great student growth in 8 of 9 areas of the curriculum. We have also received a point for reaching the state standard for attendance. We are on an upward growth curve and will be focused this year on continuous improvement.

The September newsletter will be coming to you after Labor Day. By then, dates for open house, parent conferences and fundraisers will be in place. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher or me. With this clear, direct, three way communication our children CAN and WILL succeed!

Sincerely,

Ms. Barb Kapucinski
Principal, Garfield Elementary