

# Garfield Wildcat Chat Family Newsletter November/December 2021

We made it through our First Quarter and it was great to see you at our Parent/Teacher Conferences. November and December are already here and we have a lot of information to give to you.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

November 12 Spirit Wear Order Forms are due

November 15 School Picture retakes

PSAT for 8 graders

November 19 Last day of school before Thanksgiving break

November 22-26 Thanksgiving Break

November 29 Students return to school

Family Picture night order forms due

December 8 Garfield Family Picture Night
 December 15 Perfect Attendance Nacho Party

• December 20-31 Winter Break

January 5 Students return from break

# **December Family Night- December 8th**

Professional photographers will be available at the school to take family portraits with a winter theme. Snacks and crafts will also be provided for participating students and their families. Spots are limited so please sign up as soon as possible, for more information please call Ms. Erica in the office. 419-671-7550

# **Thanksgiving Break**

This year we will be having the entire week of Thanksgiving off. Our District is encouraging families to take advantage of the vaccination clinics that will be available for our students ages 5-12 for the COVID vaccine.

## **Cell phones**

Cellphones are **not** permitted in the classroom, cafeteria, recess or the restroom. Students are asked to keep their cell phones in the classroom bins or backpacks during the day. There have been serious incidents with cell phones so this is implemented for safety concerns.

#### Recess

Recess will end November 19, 2021 and resume again in March

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## **School Pictures**

School Picture Retakes will be held **November 15, 2021** 

<u>Nurse Jan</u> - If any of your students need hats or gloves, I have plenty of new ones in a storage cabinet near the cafeteria. There are a few gently used jackets as well.

## **School Reminders**

- Masks are to be worn if you need to enter the school, students must wear masks to school and all day.
- Please stand behind the yellow lines by the front door. This zone was created to ensure that students can enter and leave the school safely.
- Students should not be wearing flip flops or spaghetti straps or jeans with holes in them.

### **Counselor Corner**

In October Ms. Massey, Garfield's school counselor, facilitated bullying prevention and childhood abuse prevention classroom presentations. As presentations are finishing up in November, please remind your child about the seriousness of bullying and treating their peers with kindness. Leading into the month of November and December we are celebrating "Gratefulness"! The Garfield family is discussing what we are thankful and grateful for. The staff here at Garfield is grateful for our Wildcat students and parents/guardians!

Looking ahead...

The Ohio State Young Scholar application portal is opening soon for 8th grade students.

Young Women of Excellence 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade candidates will be selected and participate in a crossing over ceremony in December.

# Parking Lot and Arrival/Dismissal

- Thank you so much for being respectful and aware in our parking lot to ensure that our students are safe.
- Please stay behind the yellow lines, to ensure that our students can leave the building safely.
- No dogs are allowed on campus
- No bicycles are allowed
- No pulling in or parking in the lower level of the building so busses can pull in and out