



Greetings,

The holiday season is in full swing. We have several fun events coming up in the next four weeks and hope to see all our families. Be sure to check out our calendar of events below.



In November Title I Teacher, Megan Barron, and I traveled to Washington, D.C. to attend our National Blue Ribbon award ceremony. Garwood was one of two schools in Idaho recognized for this prestigious annual distinguished schools award program. This award recognizes outstanding achievements by Title I schools from each state. Garwood Elementary out-performed 88.6 percent of other Idaho schools in the measure of mathematics proficiency. Between 2015 and 2017, Garwood increased our mathematics proficiency rate by 13.5%, with strong improvement in the performance of students with disabilities. Getting to accept our award on behalf of the dedicated teachers and students whose hard work is always valued and now nationally-recognized was an incredible honor.

We have a fabulous PTO and group of parents who support and participate this wonderful organization. A huge thank you to all the families that brought in soups, salads and desserts for our workday in November. It is rare that we get time to gather as a staff to enjoy a meal together and it provided us this opportunity. The food was delicious and much appreciated.

As always I would love to visit with you about any comments, questions, or concerns you may have. Please feel free to contact me.

*~Monique*

Monique English, Principal

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### **Calendar Reminders From the Garwood Office**

- November 30 -- 11:00 am Awards Assembly
- December 3 -- 9:45am Picture Retakes
- December 3 -- 4:30pm to 6:00pm Santa and a Book
- December 6 -- 4:30pm-6:30pm Golden Ticket @ Rathdrum Trading Post Hardware
- December 10 -- 3:00pm to 4:00 pm Hour of Code
- December 11-13 -- PTO Holiday Gift Shop
- December 13 -- Winter Program
  - 9:00am Winter Concert K-2-Rehearsal
  - 1:30pm Winter Concert K-2
  - 5:30pm Winter Concert K-2
- December 18-20 -- Invent Idaho
- December 18 -- 10:00am Coffee Klatch
- December 24-January 4 --Winter Break!!!
- January 7 School Resumes

### **Seasons Greetings from the Music Room!**



Our 27th annual Garwood Winter Program is Thursday, December 13th, @ 1:30 and 5:30pm, featuring the Kindergarten, First, and Second grade classes.



Hope to see you there, **Mr. Morrison**

## WATCH FOR...

Dear Parents:

We are proud to announce that we have chosen Believe Kids' POLAR PALS GIFT SHOP™ for our Children's Holiday Gift Store this year.

POLAR PALS GIFT SHOP™ will give your children the opportunity to shop for high quality gifts for friends and family in the secure atmosphere of our school. POLAR PALS GIFT SHOP™ program provides our children with an opportunity to make real life shopping decisions...plus they learn that giving is as important as receiving.

Gift items start at less than \$1.00, with most in the \$1.00 to \$5.00 range. We are sending this notice home now for two reasons:

1. To give those children who would prefer to purchase their gifts with their own money, enough time to earn that money through chores, etc.
2. To ask for volunteer parents and/or grandparents to help us run the shop. If you are interested in helping, please call the school.

News from  
PTO

Envelopes  
coming  
home soon



## THE HOUR OF CODE IS COMING!

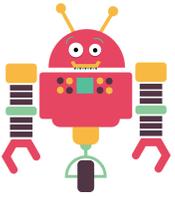
It's a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code" and show that anyone can learn the basics to be a maker, a creator, an innovator.

**WHERE:** Garwood Elementary

**WHEN:** Monday, December 10th from 3-4pm.

**WHO and WHAT:** 2nd-4th grade students will be introduced to code through Bitbox activities where they will write code to create basic apps. 5th and 6th grade students will participate in Code Combat where they will learn computer science while playing through a fantasy adventure game.

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:** The first 25 students in each age range who return the sign up sheet will be able to participate in the Hour of Code Event. We will inform those who are in the class and those who are on a waitlist by December 5th. .



**CALLING ALL INVENTORS!!! Here are some dates to remember for Invention Convention participants. Don't forget, if you'd like help with your invention process, contact Mrs. Lawrie or Mr. Hutson!**

**Please complete the online [registration](#) by December 10th, 2018.**

- December 18th- Project Drop Off
- December 19th- Project Judging
- December 20th- Public Viewing
- December 21st- Project Pick up

Detailed information on the competition as well as district registration is above and I have also included an Inventor's Journal checklist that can help students with their inventing process. For more information visit

<http://inventidaho.com/> or contact Laura Spurway at [lspurway@lakeland272.org](mailto:lspurway@lakeland272.org)



### **Perfect Attendance Campaign!**

We value your child being at school every day ready to learn! We do realize kids may become too sick to attend school and we appreciate you keeping sick kids home.

As you may recall we focused for 3 week on students having perfect attendance and drew at random names to receive a \$25.00 Movie Tickets.com Gift Certificate! Congratulations to our perfect attendance winners.

#### **Week 1**

Gabriella Barnhouse  
Bailee Gordon  
Colleen Hagen  
Keller Jones  
Jada Larsen  
Jonathan Nicolabo Yumol  
Kalyna Vopat  
Kimberley Young

#### **Week 2**

Bryson Bowman  
Adley Garwick  
Kyler Hansen  
Michael Krapfl  
Abigail McDonald  
Levi Parson  
Brea Rogstad  
Shariece Vandever

#### **Week 3**

Lane Fitting  
Naomi Fritts  
Andrew Hiller  
Tucker Locke  
Alexis Parks  
Kyle Quinn  
Alex Taysan  
Benjamin Woodcock

**Garwood Grizzlies are “Brave, Engaged, Always respectful, Responsible, and Safe!”**



Thank you Rathdrum Trading Post for providing a community event for our Garwood Families!

The holidays can be an exciting and wonderful time for everyone. Families, friends and the community as a whole come together unlike any other time of year. However, it can also be a stressful time as families - and kids especially, struggle with how to show their loved ones the appreciation they deserve. While budget concerns and time constraints may stress even the most intrepid adult, the ability for kids to shop for their loved ones can be particularly daunting. At Rathdrum Trading Post Hardware, we would like to help take the stress out of the season and provide an event for our Garwood Elementary community.

On Thursday, December 6th, we are holding an open house for the students of Garwood Elementary and their families. Each student will be given a personalized \$5 Golden Ticket that can be used between 4:30pm and 6:30pm for anything they wish. They can use it towards gifts for loved ones or even as a special reward from themselves. If you have been in before, you know we are far more than just nuts and bolts. If this will be your first time in, we cannot wait to meet you! We have something for everyone including cool toys. Hot chocolate and cookies will be available and of course popcorn!

If you have the opportunity, please come and join us for what will be a great night for the Garwood Elementary community. Staff from Garwood Elementary will be here during the event as well. Mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 6th between 4:30pm and 6:30pm**. We look forward to having you as our guests!

Sincerely,

Matt Smith  
General Manager  
Trading Post Hardware

*It's all about service!*



## Shout out!!!

A big thank you from the GE office! We appreciate you not calling during our safety drills. It was nice and quiet so we could perform our jobs successfully.

Thanks again from Mrs. King and Mrs. Peterson.



**New Staff!!** We have had several new staff members join our Garwood family since September. We would like to officially welcome:

Mrs. Lynsey Kiefer-1st Grade Teacher  
Mrs. Maggie Lyman-Noon Supervisor  
Mrs. Jennifer McDonald-Noon Supervisor  
Mrs. CoraAnn Peterson-BI Paraprofessional  
Mrs. Gail Wyroski-BI Paraprofessional  
Mr. Nick Henrickson-BI Para Specialist

## From the Assistant Superintendent

Dear Parents,

If you have preschool-aged children at home (2-5), we have a program for you! The Lakeland Literacy Project is proud to present "Literacy for Little Ones" at the District Office. Come join us as we share a fun picture book and enjoy art activities that celebrate the learning we do that day. We will host "Literacy for Little Ones" every month on the following dates:

Monday, December 17th  
Monday, January 28th  
Monday, February 25th  
Monday, March 18th  
Monday, April 22nd  
Monday, May 20th

**PTO Meetings at Garwood Elementary 2018**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Time:</b>
December 18, 2018	3:15 PM
January 22, 2019	3:15 PM
February 19, 2019	3:15 PM
March 19, 2019	3:15 PM
April 16, 2019	3:15 PM
May 21, 2019	3:15 PM

## Garwood Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is a wonderful opportunity to give back to our community and support each other during the holidays. The Giving Tree is located just outside of the Garwood office, please stop by and consider picking up an ornament or two. You must write your name next to any ornaments you select on the sign out

sheet located next to the Giving Tree. Wrapped gifts (food items do not need to be wrapped) are due back to the office by **December 12, Wednesday**. Thank you to those community members and Garwood classrooms who have already selected ornaments. This is a great opportunity to make a family's holiday season that much brighter.

# COUNSELOR'S CORNER



## CLASSROOM LESSONS:

IN GRADES KINDERGARTEN-3<sup>RD</sup> STUDENTS ARE IN THE PROCESS OF COMPLETING THE DISTRICT'S ADOPTED PERSONAL SAFETY CURRICULUM, WHICH RUNS APPROXIMATELY 5-6 WEEKS. THEY WILL THEN BE INTRODUCED TO VARIOUS FRIENDSHIP TOPICS, SUCH AS PROBLEM SOLVING, BUCKET FILLING, AND PERSONAL SPACE.

IN GRADES 4<sup>TH</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> STUDENTS WILL REVIEW SAFETY LESSONS, THEN BEGIN EXPLORING THE VAST ARRAY OF CAREER AND COLLEGE ACTIVITIES.

PLEASE ASK YOUR STUDENT WHAT WAS THEIR FAVORITE PART DURING ANY OF THOSE LESSONS.



Have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. Try some of the holiday activities listed here if

you need more ideas for holiday fun. My family's favorites are driving through the neighborhood looking at the glimmering lights, donating toys to a local charity, and decorating cookies for Santa. What is your family's favorite activity for the holidays?

Mele Kalikimaka (Merry Christmas),  
Cassie Martines



## 40 Christmas Activities Your Family Will Actually Enjoy!

### Family Together Time

- Cut or choose Christmas tree
- Have an ugly sweater competition
- Make a holiday greeting video and send it to friends and family
- Go on a Christmas themed scavenger hunt
- Have a Christmas movie marathon
- Make a Christmas song playlist and have a family dance party
- Take family photos with Santa
- Have a silly, Christmas-themed family photo shoot
- Take a ride to look at Christmas lights in the neighborhood
- Attend your community's tree lighting event
- Go to a Christmas show
- Go on a sleigh ride
- Read stories together by the Christmas tree
- Plan a red and green day
- Game night with hot cocoa and candy canes

### Christmas Cheer in the Kitchen

- Have a hot cocoa bar
- Have a cookie decorating party
- Make Christmas cookies
- Make reindeer treats
- Decorate a Gingerbread house

### Christmas Acts of Kindness

- Adopt a family for the holidays
- Donate new toy to charity
- Visit a nursing home and sing Christmas carols
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen
- Donate towels and blankets to an animal shelter
- Donate canned goods to a food pantry
- Leave a 'thank you' note for your mail carrier
- Send care packages or holiday cards to troops overseas

### Christmas Crafts for Kids

- Make Christmas tree ornaments
- Decorate a wreath
- Make your own ugly sweater
- Design Christmas cards
- Make mason jar snow globes
- Design and decorate gift tags
- Make paper snowflakes
- Write a letter to Santa

### Christmas Decorating Fun

- Decorate the Christmas tree
- Hang Christmas lights outdoors
- Deck the halls with Christmas decoration
- String popcorn garland and put on Christmas tree





**Chartwells School Dining Services at Lakeland School District**

**Elementary Lunch Menu December 2018**

**Student Lunch \$2.70 \*\* Reduced Price \$0.40 \*\* Adult \$4.00**

A full student lunch includes a choice of entrée supplying protein and whole grain, up to three (3) vegetable side dishes, one (1) fruit side dish, and milk. Milk choices include 1% white and skim chocolate. **A cold vegetable and fruit bar is available daily** on which we feature a variety of vegetables and fruits including locally grown when seasonally available. Each week we feature deeply colored, nutrient-rich vegetables including red/orange and dark green varieties, as well as beans and other additional choices. We also offer at least one hot vegetable daily on our serving line.

**All of our offerings contain zero grams of artificial trans fat.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3-Dec</b> Classic American Cheese Burger Baked Fries Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk	<b>4-Dec</b> Pancake Breakfast Pancakes w/Maple Syrup Scrambled Eggs & Sausage Patty Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk	<b>5-Dec</b> Beef & Bean Chili Cinnamon Roll Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk	<b>6-Dec</b> Homemade Cheese Pizza Steamed Broccoli Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk	<b>7-Dec</b> Tangerine Chicken Brown Rice Seasoned Peas Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk
<b>10-Dec</b> Sloppy Joes Baked Tator Tots Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk	<b>11-Dec</b> French Toast! Toast Sticks French Syrup w/Maple Sausage Patty Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk	<b>12-Dec</b> BBQ Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes Seasoned Carrots Dinner Roll Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk Milk	<b>13-Dec</b> Homemade Cheese Pizza Seasoned Green Beans Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk	<b>14-Dec</b> Turkey & Cheese Stromboli Seasoned Corn Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk
<b>17-Dec</b> Classic American Cheese Burger Seasoned Wedges Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk	<b>18-Dec</b> Lucky Tray Day! Beef Taco Carrot Fries Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk Soft	<b>19-Dec</b> Custard Cheese Bagel Tomato Soup Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk	<b>20-Dec</b> Homemade Cheese Pizza Seasoned Corn Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk	<b>21-Dec</b> Turkey Gravy w/ Mashed Potatoes, Candied Yams Dinner Roll Fruit and Vegetable Bar Assorted Milk
<b>24-Dec</b> No School Christmas Holiday	<b>25-Dec</b> No School Christmas Holiday	<b>26-Dec</b> No School Christmas Holiday	<b>27-Dec</b> No School Christmas Holiday	<b>28-Dec</b> No School Christmas Holiday
<b>31-Dec</b> No School Christmas Holiday	<b>31-Dec</b> No School Christmas Holiday	<b>1-Jan</b> No School Christmas Holiday	<b>2-Jan</b> No School Christmas Holiday	<b>3-Jan</b> No School Christmas Holiday

The following alternate entrees are available w/daily hot vegetable offering, choice[s] from fruit/vegetable bar, and choice of milk:

Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
Chicken Nuggets w/ Whole Grain Dinner Roll Nachos Fun Lunch	Cheese Pizza Deli Sandwich & Cookie	Whole Grain Corn Dog Fun Lunch: & Cereal Yogurt	Chef Salad w/ Grain Dinner Rolls Whole Grain Muffin, Gold Fish Crackers, Stick & Yogurt Fun Lunch Whole Cheese	Chicken Burger Parfait: Vanilla yogurt, Homemade Granola & Fruit

**Daily Fruit and Vegetable Bar Offerings**

Tossed Salad Fresh Baby Carrots Power Peas Assorted Chilled Fruit Orange Wedges	Tossed Salad Broccoli Assorted Juice Assorted Chilled Fruit Apples	Tossed Salad Fresh Baby Carrots Spinach Salad w Cranberries Assorted Chilled Fruit Orange Wedges	Tossed Salad Legumes Assorted Juice Assorted Chilled Fruit Fresh Fruit	Tossed Salad Fresh Baby Carrots Sliced Cucumbers Assorted Chilled Fruit Orange Wedges
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**This Months Food Focus: Cranberries**

View your menu online at: [lakeland272.nutrislice.com](http://lakeland272.nutrislice.com)

Questions, please call Nutrition Services: 208-687-5451

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