

# Garwood Elementary Handbook



Garwood Elementary  
17506 N Ramsey Rd  
Rathdrum, ID 83858

(208) 687-1265



Dear Garwood Families,

Welcome to a new school year! I am incredibly proud to serve as your principal and to continue our work together in making Garwood Elementary a place where every student can truly thrive.

At Garwood, our commitment remains rooted in creating an inclusive, supportive learning environment. We believe in maintaining high expectations while providing the compassionate, individualized support that meets the unique needs of each learner. Our goal is to ensure that school is not just a place of academic growth, but a safe space where students feel seen, valued, and inspired.

We also know that our school is at its best when it serves as a true community hub. Building and sustaining strong partnerships among our students, families, staff, and neighbors is at the heart of everything we do. Together, we will continue to foster a collaborative culture that champions both the academic success and personal growth of our children.

I am so excited for the opportunities this upcoming year holds and for the chance to deepen the connections that strengthen our school family. Thank you for your continued partnership, dedication, and for being an essential part of the Garwood community.

Warmly,

Gabrielle Hensyel  
Garwood Elementary Principal



## **Garwood Elementary Mission Statement**

At Garwood we inspire each other to achieve our personal best and build a community through compassion, creativity, safety and a mutual love of learning.

### **SCHOOL MOTTO**

"Garwood Grizzlies Grow With Greatness! We are: Brave, Engaged, Always Respectful, Responsible and Safe!"

## Daily Bell Schedule

### School Begins

8:55 First Bell

9:00 Tardy Bell

### Morning Recess (North Side)

10:00 - 10:15 Kindergarten

10:30 - 10:45 1st & 2nd

### Lunch Schedule

*(exact times subject to change before Sept 3rd)*

| Grade | Lunch | Recess | Return to class |
|-------|-------|--------|-----------------|
| K     | 11:00 | 11:20  | 11:35           |
| 5     | 11:20 | 11:05  | 11:40           |
| 3     | 11:40 | 12:00  | 12:15           |
| 4     | 12:00 | 12:20  | 12:35           |
| 1     | 12:20 | 12:40  | 12:55           |
| 2     | 12:40 | 1:00   | 1:15            |

### Afternoon Recess

1:15-1:30 Kindergarten

1:30-1:45 3rd

2:00-2:15 4th & 5th

2:15-2:30 1st & 2nd

### Dismissal Bell

3:15



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## **District Administration Office**

15506 N. Washington Street  
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Jake Massey, Interim Superintendent  
Rebekah Davis, Exec. Asst. to the Superintendent.  
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Chad Parson, Instructional Technology Director  
Brook Cunningham, Human Resources Director  
Olivia Jones, Human Resources Assistant  
Morgan Stehr, Payroll  
Judy Gerstenberger, Head School Nurse

### **Elementary Schools and Support Services**

|                                |                              |          |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Athol Elementary</b>        | Kathy Thomas, Principal      | 683-2231 |
| <b>Betty Kiefer Elementary</b> | Lisa Hoffman, Principal      | 687-5206 |
| <b>Garwood Elementary</b>      | Gabrielle Hensyel, Principal | 687-1265 |
| <b>John Brown Elementary</b>   | Shannon Rider, Principal     | 687-0551 |
| <b>Spirit Lake Elementary</b>  | Shynne Price, Principal      | 623-2501 |
| <b>Twin Lakes Elementary</b>   | Tiffany Melton, Principal    | 687-5870 |
| <b>Transportation</b>          | Summer Bilski , Director     | 687-0221 |
| <b>Nutrition Services</b>      | Chaar Boyd, Director         | 687-5451 |
| <b>Facilities</b>              | Tim Haag, Director           | 687-2248 |



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## **Lakeland BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Members of the Board of Trustees are elected for a four-year term by the patrons of their respective zones. Board members receive no payment for their services. School district policies are set by the Board, which in turn hires professional educators to carry out these policies. Regular business meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Opportunity is provided at each meeting for citizens to address the Board.

### **Trustees are:**

- Randi Bain - Zone 1- Vice-Chair  
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- Ramona Grissom - Zone 2  
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- Michelle Thompson - Zone 3 - Chair  
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- Sara Broderius, Clerk of the Board  
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**Lakeland Jt. School District's daily mission is to maximize student learning and ensure every student is growing academically, social-emotionally, and behaviorally every day in all environments!**

*Lakeland Joint School District #272 does not discriminate or deny services on the basis of age, race, religion, color, national origin, sex, and/or disability.*

## Garwood Elementary Staff

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Principal<br>Principal Assistant<br>Admin Assistant<br>School Clerical<br>Counselor | Gabrielle Hensyel<br>Jessica Johnson<br>Amy Peterson<br><br>Heather Hunter                       |
| Kindergarten                                                                        | Jodie DeVore<br>Amanda Leach<br>Tessa Wickham                                                    |
| First                                                                               | Sara Bartram<br>Keely DeVore<br>Amy Finnicum                                                     |
| Second                                                                              | Gina Cooksey<br>Brandi Gwin<br>Lynsey Kiefer                                                     |
| Third                                                                               | Kelsie Gooch<br>Sara Longstreet<br>Lauren Whygle                                                 |
| Fourth                                                                              | Amanda Marshall<br>Shyenne Mason<br>Stephen Von Till                                             |
| Fifth                                                                               | Jessie Roraback<br>Scott Siebert<br>Jordan Way                                                   |
| Special Education                                                                   | Neko Wells                                                                                       |
| Speech & Language Pathologist                                                       | Leah Williams                                                                                    |
| Specialists                                                                         | Sarah Layman - Music & Art Teacher<br>Rachel Jensen - STEM Teacher<br>Emily Marshall- PE Teacher |
| Library                                                                             | Wendy Ziesmer                                                                                    |
| Nurse                                                                               | Rob Susca                                                                                        |
| Custodian                                                                           | Rena Gould- Head Custodian<br>Crystal Isbell                                                     |
| BASE GE Coordinator                                                                 | Kaci Parson                                                                                      |



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| Paraprofessionals             | Kelly Brown<br>Michelle Cornelsen<br>Cynthia Draper<br>Sabrina Hesse<br>Vicky Hill<br>Amy Reynolds<br>Terri Rubin |
| Chartwells Nutrition Services | Tessa Youngwirth<br>Jennifer Lohf                                                                                 |
| Recess Coach                  | Rebekah Sprague<br>Suzanne Lynott<br>Katie Walters                                                                |