

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

10:15 - 10:30 3rd

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

Lunch Schedule

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 5th

2:15-2:30 1st & 2nd / 4th

Dismissal Bell

3:15



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Athol Elementary	Kathy Thomas, Principal	683-2231
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Garwood Elementary	Gabrielle Hensyel, Principal	687-1265
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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:

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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

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



Paraprofessionals	Kelly Brown Babe Baker Michelle Cornelsen Cynthia Draper Kim Flasch Sabrina Hesse Vicky Hill Cassie Patterson Amy Reynolds Terri Rubin
Chartwells Nutrition Services	Tessa Youngwirth Jennifer Lohf
Recess Coach	Rebekah Sprague Suzanne Lynott Katie Walters