A Note from the Principal:

Is Your Student at Risk of Failing in School?
Did you know that students who miss a lot of school are more at risk for failing in school? According to research, poor school attendance leads to increased school failure and dropout rates. This is called chronic absenteeism. Students are considered chronically absent if they miss 18 or more days of school a year. This equals two absences a month on average. The message here is that we have many students at Garfield who have missed more than three days of school already this year. Obviously, there are good reasons sometimes like illness or family emergencies. Other times, there is no reason. As parents, we must teach our students the importance of being to school as much as possible as this will create good habits for the future, including successful graduation.

Respectfully,
Mr. Steve Brownlow

Strategic Planning Initiative
The Yakima School District is working with Performance Fact, Inc. to develop a new strategic plan for the district. The process launched on September 16, 2019, with student voice sessions that engaged over 100 students! In addition to the student voice session, stakeholders will be engaged through the core planning team, the alignment team, school board sessions, and community forums. The process will conclude in early 2020. We invite you to attend community forums to share your voice in the process. Community Forums will be held from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm on:
- October 14 (Davis Commons)
- October 15 (IKE Commons)
- November 18 (Washington Middle School)
The same content will be presented at all three sessions. They are all open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Important Upcoming Dates:
Fridays @ 7:30-8am - Dads & Drills
October 7 - Hearing & Vision Rescreening
October 9 - Biztown Fieldtrip (5th Grade)
October 11 - District Directed Day (No School)
October 14-18 - Socktober Drive
October 14 - Community Forum (Davis)
October 15 - Community Forum (IKE)
October 25 - Harvest Festival (5:30-7pm)

Book Fair Volunteers Needed!
Garfield is in need of volunteers for our Book Fair happening during conference week on November 4-8. To volunteer for one or more shifts, please call the office or sign up on the poster outside of the office.

Dads & Drills - Friday Mornings
Dads/Moms/Guardians: You are invited to bring your child(ren) on Friday mornings from 7:30-8am for fun, light physical activities that highlight team work, friendship, and a healthy lifestyle. This is a FREE program available to all Garfield students! We hope you and your student(s) can join us!

A Note From The Nurse
We have finished our Vision & Hearing screening for Garfield students. If you receive a referral in the mail for your student, please follow up with your physician as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the nurse at 573-5712.

Nondiscrimination Statement:
Yakima School District encourages workforce diversity and complies with all state and federal laws prohibiting unlawful discrimination.