



UPDATES FOR WEEK OF April 26, 2021



## A Note from Mrs. Long

Hello Garfield Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in our last week of April. I don't know about you but the year has seemed to fly by!!

As the weather gets warmer, we start to have more outside activities and field trips. While covid has put a bit of a damper on our college field trips, I am happy to announce that grades 2-5 will still be able to have our annual Tanager Field Trip. K-1 are also planning an outdoor event as well. We will provide more details soon. We will have Covid protocols in place on these field trips but because the bulk of it is outdoors we are confident we can keep kids safe. Masks will still be required to be worn and unfortunately, we will not be able to swim at Camp Tanager. But they promise to have a fun alternative activity. Please join me in thanking our wonderful PTA as they are sponsoring these events and the fund raisers we have throughout the year pay for these trips. One of those events is the Walk-a-thon. You should have received a flyer on Thursday with information on how to gather pledges to help with this event. You can also check the PTA Facebook page for additional information.

As a reminder, additional days have been added to the end of the school year. Our last day of school will be Friday, June 4th with an early dismissal at 2:20. Please mark your calendars with the additional days.

## Remote Device Return

Remote students-Device/materials return will be Friday, June 4th from 3:00-4:00 or Monday, June 7th from 8:30-4:00. More information to come.

## Student Drop Off

**We still have students arriving before 8:40. Please do not drop off students before 8:40 as there is NO supervision!**

## Middle School Music Information Attention 5th Grade Families

Franklin will hold it's virtual informational session tonight, Monday, April 26 at 6:30. Please join at this link. [Middle School Music Information Night](#)

During this session, you will learn more about:

- The music programs at your middle school
- Your future music teachers
- Picking an instrument, getting an instrument, and summer lessons
- Getting registered for your music choice
- And the answers to any other questions you may have!

All 6th grade students must participate in either vocal or instrumental music.

## PTA Walk-a-thon

Friday, May 14th during the school day!  
Get those pledges collected!!

## Preschool/Kindergarten Registration

Preschool and Kindergarten registration is open now. Preschool spots fill quickly so register early to save a spot!! The link to register can be found here.

[Preschool/Kindergarten Registration Info](#)  
Interested in AK. Click here for the [AK Information Video](#)



## How Has Child Care Impacted Your Family

Have you noticed child care in the news more often in the last two years? Access to quality, affordable child care is important for parents to go to work or attend school.

Governor Reynolds also thinks child care is important in Iowa and has established a Child Care Task Force. The Task Force is gathering information on the current condition of child care in Iowa and will develop strategic recommendations to reduce the challenges parents and child care businesses experience.

### SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES

#### Tell the Child Care Task Force About

- ▶ How child care has helped your family
- ▶ Challenges your family has experienced
- ▶ How we can improve child care in Iowa to meet your family's needs

Child Care Task Force Meeting Date: May 7, 2021 from 2-3 p.m.

**First step:** Send an email to the following address to let the Task Force know that you want to share your family's child care experiences: [cctaskforce@iwd.iowa.gov](mailto:cctaskforce@iwd.iowa.gov)

**On May 7th,** you will receive an email with a link to the meeting. You will have 1-3 minutes to share your experiences with the Task Force (amount of time depends on the number of parents requesting the opportunity to share their experiences).