

Garfield Elementary School

Home of the **CANTONESE IMMERSION**
and **ENGLISH LANGUAGE Pathways**
on Telegraph Hill



Garfield Elementary is a small and devoted community of educators and families. We promote the intellectual and personal development of our students by creating an environment that brings out the best in them; and believe that there should always be joy in the thoroughness of a quality education!

Vision

We are a diverse community that believes each child will:

- *Achieve academic and personal success.*
- *Build a foundation to become a lifelong learner.*
- *Enjoy and take pride in being a student at Garfield School.*
- *Come with tools and talents for success.*
- *Appreciate that their families are an integral part of the Garfield Community.*



Teaching and Learning

Garfield School has collaborative and engaged teachers, who are excited about teaching with purpose and creativity. Teaching through multiple modalities, Garfield has solid academic programs in both Cantonese Immersion and English Language, which are tied to project-based learning and current events. With the ever generous support of our Parent Teacher Organization, learning is enhanced by the Tech 4 Teachers Program that puts LCD projectors, document cameras, and interactive boards into classrooms. The school has a library, a computer lab, and all classrooms are equipped with computers to supplement student learning.

School-wide Support

From Kindergarten through fifth grade, across our Cantonese Immersion and English Language pathways, students have access to differentiated learning and support which includes:

- *Early targeted academic intervention with on-site reading and math tutoring during and after school.*
- *A Student Success Team that includes the principal, facilitators, teachers and parents. This team identifies students that require special attention and utilizes parent, school and community resources to achieve success for these students.*
- *30 minutes of English Language Development that supports and challenges students for whom English is a second language.*
- *High Functioning Autism programs which focus on academic and social growth by promoting independence through integrated studies.*
- *Majority of our staff are multi-lingual to easily communicate with all members of the community.*

K-5 Technology & Arts Curriculum

Garfield's technology curriculum goals are to increase technological literacy and to teach students how to manage information on computers. Students' introduction to computer skills begins in Kindergarten and extends throughout their years at Garfield. Students explore technology through multimedia PCs, with a variety of creative application tools and software. Networked computers are placed in classrooms as an integral part of the student's learning. Garfield has made multimedia technology a school-wide standard.

We also provide a robust and diverse physical education and arts program that includes chorus, instrumental music, creative writing, dance, visual arts, theater, and Western and Chinese Opera.



Community Partnership

Garfield teachers and students are fortunate to see the smiling faces of many community members and volunteers who come in every week.

Through our partnership with the San Francisco Art Institute, work-study students serve as reading and math tutors, as well as classroom assistants. We have two physical education coaches from the Chinatown YMCA, and staff from the San Francisco Opera and Symphony who work with our students. This combined with the many parents who give their time to support Garfield classrooms—we truly have a community connection that helps us provide our students with a well-rounded educational experience.

Garfield students have access to community resources offered by North Beach, Chinatown, and the Embarcadero.

After School Care

Garfield has one on-site after school program from 1:50 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. The Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center also provides after-school care to Garfield students. For convenience, the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center staff picks up the Garfield students at approximately 1:50 p.m.

Why Garfield?

No brochure could fully express the many reasons why families choose Garfield. Here are a few:

- **Winner of California Achievement Award** in 2003, 2005-2008, 2013-2014
- **Winner of Outstanding Achievement Award** from the California Business for Education
- **Programs:** Cantonese Immersion pathway, General Education pathway, and High Functioning Autism Special Education
- **Population:** 230 students, 13 teachers and classes, 6 support staff, and many volunteers
- **Location:** Near the top of Telegraph Hill, just two blocks from Washington Square Park in North Beach

Moreover, Garfield is modernizing to suit the new educational climate. We are a collaborative school where educators are proud to teach and students are happy to learn. Families are confident that through Garfield, their children are receiving a strong academic foundation under a caring and committed community.

Garfield Elementary is a hidden gem in North Beach, just steps from Chinatown, where our children's voices and laughter shine brightly.

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Cantonese Immersion & English Language Programs

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