

# FRIDAY MUSINGS

1/6/2017

## OPEN DOORS DAYS

The Gardner School teachers and staff extend an invitation to your family to look ahead and observe what your child will be doing next fall when they move upward and onward at Gardner.

If your child is transitioning into a new classroom with a new teacher or if you are just plain curious, sign up in the foyer for a time to observe a subject of your choice. Open Doors Days extend for three consecutive days: January 18, 19 and 20th. Curious about math or literacy, music or art? Sign up for a time and check it out!

## 2017 ART CALENDARS

***Only a few left!***

**The Gardner School**

**2017 ART Calendars**

**Celebrate children's art every month of the year**

**Easy to wrap and easy to mail**

**\$15.00 each ... 2 for \$25 ... 5 for \$60**

**Thanks for supporting the visual arts for kids!**

## ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Thank you to those of you who gave during our Fall Annual Giving Campaign. We have had over 15 families and 6 employees donate over \$11,000.00! What a positive difference you all make!

## AUCTION NEWS



## The Auction's Success Depends on OUR Participation!

Please mark your calendars for March 4, 2017 and join The Gardner School in the 'Enchanted Garden' as we celebrate our school community with an evening of dinner & cocktails, silent & live auctions, and an unforgettable time.

*Don't Miss Any Gardner School Gala & Auction News!*

Make sure [gardnerschoolauction@gmail.com](mailto:gardnerschoolauction@gmail.com) is added to your Safe Senders List to ensure you don't miss out on any important auction news and updates. Be on the lookout for our first email (sent yesterday) for ways to get involved, donate items, and attend our enchanted event!

Visit our Gardner Auction Facebook page for updates. You can find a copy of the recent email there as well: <https://www.facebook.com/GardnerAuction/>

## MISCELLANEOUS

- My Latest Blog: #OneWord2017 [Click Here](#)
- Learn about our new Tuition Management system that we will begin using this Spring: [Smart Tuition](#)
- Learn about our new Student Information System (MSP), our replacement of ORCAS: [HERE](#)

- **From the PTO:**

Greetings all and happy 2017! The Gardner School PTO would like to thank everyone for their help in 2016. We're looking forward to making 2017 another successful year for our students and teachers.

As Head of School Jeff advised in October, we have some families within our Gardner Community facing financial challenges, and those hardships don't stop with the holiday season or the turning of a new year. To make it easier to identify those needs, the PTO has created an *anonymous* "Giving Tree" located in the Main Lobby. On that tree are tags identifying such items as "gasoline gift card," "grocery store gift certificate," and the like. If you would like to contribute, please take a tag from the Giving Tree (located in the Main Lobby). Contributions can be left with Jeff or Melinda in the Office, who will disburse them anonymously. General monetary donations can also be made in the office and will be used to purchase specific items or gift cards. Please consider participating. If you have any questions, you can email [ptochair@gardnerschool.org](mailto:ptochair@gardnerschool.org).

- **Calling all painters!!!** We still have a few chairs available for you to paint! Pick up an application and let your creativity go wild. Hand into Ellen (Rogers) Geurden or email to [ellenrogers@gmail.com](mailto:ellenrogers@gmail.com). We will contact you soon to let you know how to receive your chair.
- **Lost and Found! Please claim your kiddos clothing and/or items from our lost and found bucket by next Friday, January 13th, or it will be donated to a charitable cause.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Next Week

**Tuesday** - Meeting for new and returning Loowit'rs (Parents only) in Farmhouse: 8.35am

**Wednesday** - Auction Committee meeting in Farmhouse: 8.45am

### JANUARY

16 - *Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School or Child Care*

17 - *Faculty Work Day - No School, Child Care Available*

18-20 - *Open Doors Days for current families*

18 - *Board of Trustees Meeting, 6.00-8.00pm in the Farmhouse*

22 - *Open House for prospective families, 1-4pm*

25 - *All Day Open Choice, 8.30-12.00pm*

25 - **GardneReach Blessing Bags w/A Dog's Best Friend: 12:45pm, help needed!**

26 - *Alumni Night...come meet and greet and hear Alumni success stories! 6.30-7.30pm*

30 - *Progress Reports Released*

31- *Re-enrollment contracts sent out*