



# FRIDAY MUSINGS

9/16/2016

## It's in the air!

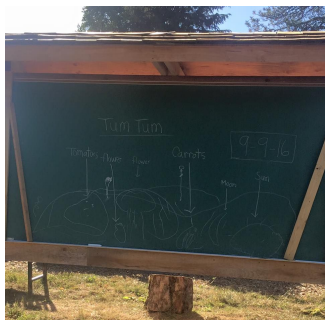


Can you feel it? The chill, the moisture, and scent of change? What an amazing time of year this is!

We have so much to be grateful for and have gotten off to such a great start. Thank you to all who came to our curriculum night this week. We are we blessed to have this amazing group of teachers leading our kiddos! Please continue to check your family folder,

located in the school foyer. There is a lot of information that will be placed in it throughout the year. Have an amazing weekend!

## Garden Greatness



Thanks to Teacher Betsy, all of our students have been able to enjoy freshly picked carrots, tomatoes and other garden goodies this week! Students have been busy harvesting veggies and flowers, and even being taught in our garden classroom! If you have not stopped by to walk through, please do...and take a look at the most awesome

compost box ever!



## Upcoming Events

Remember to save the dates for these important upcoming events:

19-23 – Whole School Assessment Week

21 - Board of Trustees Meeting

26-30 – PTO Scholastic Book Fair

27 – PTO Family Reading Fun Day

28 – New Parent Coffee 8.45am

29-30 – Picture Days

30 – Wheels in School Day

OCTOBER 15: ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL 5pm-8pm

Communication with  
gardner school, staff and  
head of school.

Here's how to keep in touch!

- Our website is up to date and easy to use: <https://gardnerschool.org/>
- Facebook: we have the Gardner School page, and thanks to Teacher Betsy, the Gardner Garden page!
- Twitter: most teachers now have twitter handles. The school is **@Gardner\_School**. My handle is **@jeffreykubiak**. Follow along for articles, pictures, updates, news and information.
- **Remind.** This is a text communication that you get on your cell phone. Just enter 81010 and text: @thegardn and you will begin receiving texts with updates from the school.
- ***Here is an update from our Mad Scientist Jared!***

*Hello Gardner Parents,*

*Gardner has a new Science website. This will be a location for anyone who is interested in what is happening in science to navigate to and see what science is like at Gardner. Curriculum that is taught broken out by class, weekly musing about science and the philosophy of teaching science can be found on the website as well. As time goes on sprinkled throughout the website will be examples of student work. This will be a location you can navigate to, to get the latest on what is happening in science. As time goes on it will grow into a great example of how science is taught at Gardner. Click the links below to navigate to them.*

- [Gardner Science Main Page](#)
- [Weekly Musing](#)

- [Science Curriculum](#)

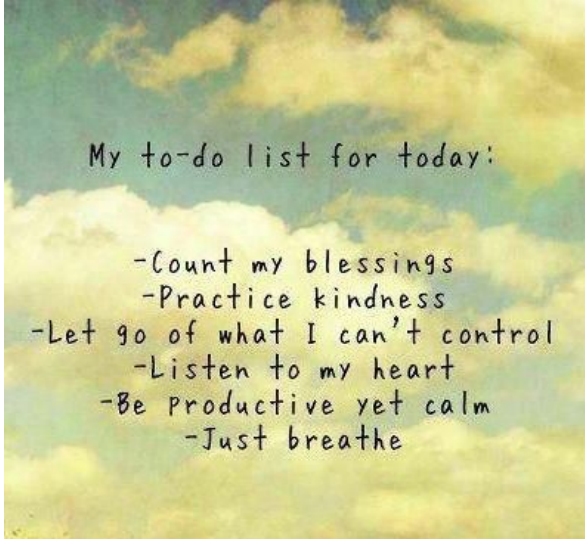
## Miscellaneous

- **Book Fair:** Come on by the school foyer and get the latest on our Scholastic Book Fair! Looks to be awesome...Thanks PTO!
- **Have a bike you don't use?:** If so, a child in Clark County could use it! Bring any old, used, or even a new bike and donate it to Bike Clark County. We will accept them on the 30th of September during our Wheels in School event. Thanks to Gretchen Grey-Hatton for her help with this.
- Are you planning on volunteering or driving/chaperoning for a field trip this year? If so, you **MUST** submit your intent for background check with Melinda at least 2 weeks prior to your first intention. Forms are online and in the office. We need your assistance throughout the year, so please get those forms in as soon as possible.
- **Attendance matters:** Every missed day of school really adds up. Please do your best to have your kiddo at school, and on time. Check out this article on some attendance facts: [Attendance article](#)
- **School Forms:** Please help Melinda by turning in health forms, registrations and other necessary paperwork asap.

## CURSIVE?

Several people have asked about the usefulness of cursive and **WHY** we teach it. The fact is, we still need to be able to read it, **PLUS** there are many cognitive benefits too!

<http://thefederalist.com/2015/02/25/ten-reasons-people-still-need-cursive/>



My to-do list for today:

- Count my blessings
- Practice kindness
- Let go of what I can't control
- Listen to my heart
- Be productive yet calm
- Just breathe