



## FRIDAY MUSINGS

9/23/2016



Boy, it has been quite a week. We started with an emotional, but very positive remembrance of our friend, Teacher Patrice on Monday. Many nice stories and memories were shared about her throughout the day. The school is working on when and how we will honor her endless positive impression she had on the community. Rest in peace our dear friend!

### Book Fair

Next week, books become the treasure at the PTO's "Pirate" themed Scholastic Book Fair! We will be open for business in the great room for 30 minutes before and after every drop-off and pick-up time next week: **September 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**. There will be selections of books for all ages of children and we can accept cash, checks and credit cards. PTO receives 25% of the sales to use towards our Lasting Impact Project for the school this year. Please check the display board in the foyer if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help.

**On Tuesday (Sept 27<sup>th</sup>)** at each pick up time, the PTO will also host our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Family Reading Fun Day at the book fair. There will be snacks and activities set up in the great room for families to enjoy together while visiting the book fair. All are welcome, so come make your own treasure map, or even walk the plank... and help us make this book fair the best yet!

## NEXT WEEK

28 – New Parent Coffee 8.45am please join us...

29-30 – Picture Days - turn forms in now, or bring on picture day. One form for each child please.

30 – Wheels in School Day

- **Do you 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.



***Thank you so much for your support during the Give More 24! fundraising campaign. We received 17 donations for a grand total of \$4,320! You are an amazing community Team Gardner.***

## Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have jumped in to help with the planning and preparation for this year's Harvest Festival. We understand that it truly takes a village to make this event happen, and we are grateful for all of your efforts.

This year, it is our intention to make this year an ALL Gardner community festival that is filled with magic. As we work through our planning, we will be involving the community through updates on Friday Musings with requests and feedback. To kick it off, we would like to put out two asks this week:

1. In need of fall decor: Do you have old fall decorations stored away that you never pull out anymore? Or are you in the process of clearing out your decorations in time for new? We'd love to take any extra pieces you may have to help liven up our decor. Please contact Carly Langdon at [carlyalangdon@gmail.com](mailto:carlyalangdon@gmail.com) for more details on this request.

2. In need of creative painters: This year we have decided to revamp the backdrop of our photo booth, but we need help with the execution. For any families (parents and students welcome) who are interested in busting out their creative painting skills for this after school activity, please let Carly know. Date and time are TBD.

Thanks in advance - we look forward to a festive event!

## Current Events



- **Do you ever wonder about what goes on after school on Wednesdays at Gardner?** Well, we meet as a staff to discuss many different topics and learn from each other and professionals in specific fields. Here is a snapshot of what took place this week: We had a team of instructors from the International Dyslexia Association present us with news, information, updates, and even run a simulation with us! We were put in the place of a student with this learning challenge and had to read, write and problem solve from a child's perspective. This

was incredibly frustrating and eye opening. Next week, we will get more into the brain science of the disorder.



- **Doodling and the Brain.**

Do you ever find your mind drifting during a discussion, meeting, phone call or presentation? Well, many of our students do and so do I! Here are two interesting articles on the positive outcomes of doodling!

[DOODLE ON](#)

[DOODLING BENEFITS](#)

## Miscellaneous

- **Family Information Folders:** *As I was adding a surprise into each of the folders this morning, I noticed that most of them are FULL of information! Please, stop by and check these a few times per week for very important news and updates. This is located right as you enter the school foyer.*

## Upcoming events

### October

3-14 – Parent Conferences and Gardner Path in Kalama through Tahoma

5 – PTO Meeting 8.45am

10-21 – Early Childhood Conferences (Tumtum/Mazama)

15 – Harvest Festival 5.00-8.30pm

5,12,19,26 – Open Choice 12.45-1.45

26 – Tumtum/Mazama Informance from 11-11.30am