



# FRIDAY MUSINGS

9/9/2016

## Wow!

I am still in shock (the happy kind) and humbled after yesterday's whirlwind of events. Here is a recap: Over 15 yards of mulch moved and distributed. Debris hauled away. Exponential piles of blackberries eradicated. Ivy clipped away. A composter built and ready to use. Windows washed. Chairs cleaned. Hedges, plants, and trees trimmed. Then... We ate, laughed and watched the children play.

This is only a snippet of what took place yesterday at the Annual Sweat Equity/Family Picnic

Event my friends. I am honored, blessed, and so grateful to be a part of this community. Thank you to all parents, friends, family, trustees and staff that took part in this "giving back" community bonding experience. I can't wait until next year!

See our Garden FB, School FB and website for pictures!



## Parking lot etiquette



Please continue to practice using an extremely slow speed while driving onto school property. If you are late, be late, but do not speed. We have too much to lose. Also, remember to practice mindfulness and patience as you cruise on the pavement by smiling to others. As we continue to practice walking on the paths, and using the crosswalks, this area we call our parking lot will become safer and more efficient. Thank you for your continued

efforts on helping us all.

## Upcoming Events

Remember to save the dates for these important events:

*19-23 – Whole School Assessment Week*

*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.

Remember to direct any classroom issue or question to your child's teacher first. Here are the ways to stay connected to the many great things we are doing!

All staff have email and will respond within 24 hours, most likely sooner.

- 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.
- Newsletters from your homeroom and specialist teachers will be sent home regularly.

Please let us know how we can further improve!

## Miscellaneous

- **PTO**: Thank you to all who attended our first PTO meeting and thank you to Denise, Donna and the rest of the amazing Board. Please look out for the minutes from the

meeting to be distributed soon, or to be posted to our Website. The next meeting is October 5th, at 8:45am in the Farmhouse. Please do what you can to be a part of this amazing school organization.

- **Chair Project:** Hand painted Adirondack Chairs will be on display throughout the community this upcoming year. Look for more news and information as the year progresses.
- 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.
- **Family Folders:** These file folders are located in the school foyer and need to be checked on a regular basis. Picture forms, news, updates, etc are in them, so please come by and take a look!
- **School Forms:** Please help Melinda by turning in health forms, registrations and other necessary paperwork asap.
- **Start Time:** Instruction begins at 8:29 each morning. Please do your best to have your kiddo at school on time :)

### **Giving? Gifts? Asks? Campaigns? Tuition?**

Here is a nice article to help differentiate some of the myths about the costs associated with Private and Independent Schools and why some people are frustrated by it:

[http://www.case.org/Publications\\_and\\_Products/2013/October\\_2013/Directed\\_Giving.html?site=mobile](http://www.case.org/Publications_and_Products/2013/October_2013/Directed_Giving.html?site=mobile)



### **A Great Read on Attention Deficit disorder and some natural remedies:**

<http://www.healthline.com/health/adhd/natural-remedies#Overview1>

**Have an amazing weekend:**

**Read, Play, Relax, Laugh, Sleep, Meditate, Breathe and Smile...a lot**