



FRIDAY MUSINGS

9/2/16

Happy Friday everyone!

We made it through 3 whole days thus far! I can't tell you enough how happy I am to be a part of The Gardner School. The magic is apparent everywhere on campus. Not only from the amazing, and highly qualified staff, but from the students, and parents too.

Thank you for your flexibility with our "sweat equity/family picnic" schedule, as I try and rely on several of our highly unpredictable weather apps and channels..stay tuned on that subject.

Please remember that instruction begins promptly at 8:30am, do your best to begin your daily routine a few minutes earlier. This really helps the whole class with continuity, daily announcements and routines.

Enjoy your 3-day weekend, please spend some time reading, playing, talking and enjoying life together!

Parking lot etiquette

This year, because of our amazing growth, we have all noticed the challenges of parking. As I continue to look into alternatives and excess space, please put on your mindful, patient hat as you enter the school. Slow down, breathe deep, and remember to be safe. I am not in the parking lot asking you to use paths,

crosswalks, slow down and
growth, it is solely for the
Thank you so much for



be careful for my own future career
safety of our students, your children.
your continued help with this.

Annual sweat equity and family picnic update

Because I so often speak of failure, allow me to show you mine! When rescheduling our event, I FAILED to look at the proper dates, and had not remembered about a tahoma/klickitat retreat. That being said, our new, revised and best date ever will be THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th. We will begin projects at 12:45pm and our potluck/picnic will begin at 5:15pm. There is a lot of work to be done to help maintain and beautify our campus, so the more help, the merrier!

Communication with gardner school, staff and head of school.

There are many ways to keep in touch and maintain communication with us. First, if there is ever an issue with your child, or something that the teacher needs to be aware of, always make that your first course of communication. There is nothing better than an in person chat to clear the air. 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 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!

Upcoming events

- Monday, September 5 is labor day, no school
- Wednesday, september 7 - pto meeting@8:45am, be a part of the action!
- Wednesday, september 7 - klickitat and tahoma curriculum night from 6:30-8:00 pm. This is a parent only event. No childcare is available.
- Thursday, september 8 - family sweat equity/potluck/picnic. We will begin at 12:45pm, picnic at 5:15pm

miscellaneous

Here is a fantastic article on digital overload to the young and impressionable brain:

<http://nypost.com/2016/08/27/its-digital-heroin-how-screens-turn-kids-into-psycho-junkies/>

Empathy is...

**seeing with the eyes of another,
listening with the ears of another,
and feeling with the heart of another.**