

FRIDAY MUSINGS

12/16/2016

"Never stop believing in Hope, because miracles happen everyday." Unknown

**Wow! What a Culminating Event
Spectacular!**

Well, If you didn't see it, you probably would not believe it. Songs, dances, art, music, poetry, writing, films, food and more. Thank you to all that braved the cold weather to come out and support our school! Here are a few snippets from the day:



2017 Art Calendars

Don't Delay!

The Gardner School

2017 ART Calendars

Celebrate children's art every month of the year

A holiday gift from the heart...that's ART!

Easy to wrap and easy to mail

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

On sale now in the office....

Thanks for supporting the visual arts for kids!

Fall Annual Giving Campaign

Only 2 weeks left! If you can contribute, now is the time! We have 15 families who have participated. Although that is far short of my 100% goal, it definitely makes a difference. Curriculum, Salaries, Facilities, and Equipment are just a few things that could be improved upon. We want to be The Premier Independent School in the NorthWest! So let's do it! Any amount will help.

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 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

With the Winter Break around the corner, it is a perfect time for you to begin thinking of ways to fill those quiet or empty moments for your sons and daughters during the two-week holiday. Vacations offer the perfect time to catch up or enjoy an academic challenge!

Along with board games, books, and the great outdoors, I encourage you to familiarize yourselves with multiple on-line learning opportunities. Online magazines such as [Time for Kids](#) or the [Smithsonian](#) are wonderful places to learn and explore the world around us. [Code.org](#) offers a creative outlet to learn or practice coding. [Typing Club](#) is a great way for our third through eighth grade students to practice their keyboarding skills. In addition to technology, we encourage our families to use the holidays to stock up on board games, books, magazines, comic books, and picture books for your children to enjoy. Visit the local library or bookstore and make the trip a special family outing. All of our young students can benefit from a little time away from school. I hope you will encourage time to play outdoors, explore these worthwhile online resources, and time to curl up with the kiddos to share a good book!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

19-Jan.2 – Winter Break (no school or day care)

JANUARY

3 - First Day back to school after Winter Break **(Full Day for Kalama begins)**

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

17 - Faculty Work Day - No School. (Child Care Available)

18-20 - Open Doors Days for current families

22 - Open House for prospective families

25 - All Day Open Choice

30 - Progress Reports Released

If you haven't been in the foyer or hallway lately, please come by and see the amazing photos taken by Gardner students under the tutelage of Teacher Betsy...Mind. Blowing. Stuff!



*Have a safe, amazing, joy filled Holiday my friends!
Happy New Year!*