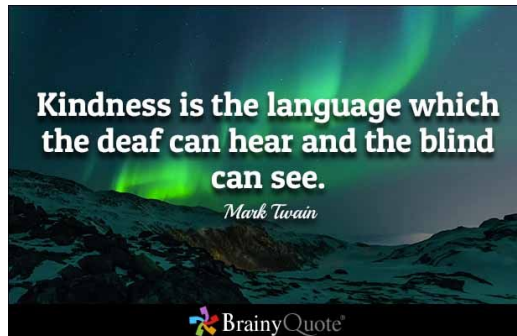


FRIDAY MUSINGS

1/27/2017



On Monday, I challenged the students with a schoolwide “KINDNESS CHALLENGE” in hopes of a trickle down, domino effect or a chain reaction. Throughout the week, I saw many smiles and written compliments and also heard kids truly embracing this. Wednesday’s GardneReach was the pinnacle of Kindness and Community. Let’s try to keep this momentum going!

SNOW DAYS

Because we have had more than our share of Snow Days this year, several people have asked about make ups and extending the school year. The State of Washington mandates 1,000 hours of instruction time and 180 days for Public School Grades 1-8. At Gardner, we have 182 days and over 1,200 hours built into our school calendar. Since we lost approximately 42 hours of instruction, we are still over the minimum. My thought is that we will not extend the school year, but may extend some early release Wednesdays if need be. This means that the teaching staff and I will closely monitor the growth and assessments of your child to see if we need that extended time. We want to ensure that Gardner Students are getting the maximum exposure to instruction, curriculum and education and will continue to communicate where we are as the year progresses. We cancelled the All Day Open Choice Day and used it as a regular teaching day. Just an FYI, Vancouver Public Schools has requested waivers for 4 of the Snow Days so they don’t have to extend their year any further. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns

CHAIRS...LAST CALL

LAST CHANCE FOR CHAIR PROPOSALS!!! If you are interested contact Ellen Rogers - [360.921.4235](tel:360.921.4235) or ellenrogers@gmail.com. We still have 3 gray chairs to be designed by YOU!

Thanks - Ellen

AUCTION NEWS



Auction countdown: 5 weeks until we enter the enchanted garden!

This week's focus is **Procurement**

The Auction's Success Depends on OUR Participation!

Both our live and silent auctions are successful because of the support of our awesome families and community members who **donate or procure** items to be auctioned at the event.

Deadline Reminder: Procurement forms are due on Friday, February 3

Need some ideas to help with your procurement efforts?

Procure or donate items to complete fun packages the auction team is putting together:

- **Seattle Overnight Package** -- including items like: Dinner Gift Certificate, tickets for families favorite thing to do in Seattle
- **Bend Weekend Package** – including items like: Dinner Gift Certificate, tickets for families favorite things to do in Bend
- **Brewery Tour** – including items like: Limo ride, gift certificate for appetizers at favorite brewery in Portland
- **Enchanted Garden Basket:** including items like -- Quality pruners, wheelbarrow or garden cart, hummingbird or bird feeder
- *Medium or Large plant/garden pots to create item baskets*

Visit the auction's Facebook page where we'll be posting daily procurement tips:

www.facebook.com/GardnerAuction/

Have more questions? Contact Sarah LePage, Auction Chair, at

gardnerschoolauction@gmail.com

Need an item donation form? Forms can be found in the lobby, on the gardnerauction.org website, and directly at:

<http://www.gardnerauction.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Item-Donation-Form-2017.pdf>

JEFF'S CORNER

- **GardneReach:** Thank you so much to all of you who came out to support our partnership with A Dog's Best Friend to fill 500 Blessing Bags which were donated to SHARE Vancouver. This was an amazing event, and a heart filled day for us all. Check out the Thursday Edition of the Columbian for a cool picture.

- **Do you ever ask your child “How was school today?” It may be the wrong question: [READ HERE WHY](#)**
- Does ADHD affect your child? Here are some great resources for home and classroom, many of which we already support here at school: [READ HERE](#)
- **GARDNER GEAR IS BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND! Please order by 2/10/17**
 Shirts: <https://www.customink.com/g/een0-00aw-b7p2>
 Hoodies: <https://www.customink.com/g/een0-00aw-b7z0>
 Beanies: <https://www.customink.com/g/een0-00aw-bn88>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week

- 30 - *Progress Reports Released*
- 1 - *PTO Meeting, 8:45 am*
- 3 - *2017/2018 enrollment packets mailed home*

February

- 6 - *Klickitat Field Trip to Clark College Science Facility, 8:45am-12:00pm*
- 8 - *Auction Committee Meeting, 8:45am in the Farmhouse*
- 14 - *Music Informance for Tumtum and Mazama, 11:00am*
- 20 - *Presidents’ Day, No school (NCC)*
- 28 - *Re-enrollment Contract Due for Returning Families*

