

FRIDAY MUSINGS

3/17/2017

Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Today everyone is Irish

**"May your pockets be heavy and your heart be light. May good luck pursue you each morn' and night."
Author Unknown**

We are just a click away from our 2nd Culminating Event! Please plan on joining us Wednesday, March 22nd at 8.30am and prepare to be blown away!

Thank you to all of you that came out and supported our Tahomans at Burgerville last night. In donations alone, we took in over \$300.00! We will know the receipt totals soon and hopefully reach our goal of \$400.00.

JEFF'S CORNER

- We have received 105 contracts for enrollment next year already! Our classes are filling up quickly, so if you intend to have your kiddo attend The Gardner school next year, please get your paperwork in asap.
- If you plan to apply for Financial Assistance for tuition, please go to: <https://sssbynais.org/schools>. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2017. You must have your required paperwork in, or we cannot make a tuition discount decision for your family. Don't miss out!
- Our Student Tardy numbers are increasing and through the roof! If you are consistently late, please try to begin your morning routine a few minutes earlier. It is so important that all students arrive ready to learn and in classes by 8.30am.
- **Article:** "Why staying calm is easier said than done" [Read Here](#)



Spots are filling up for the Experiences! Please come by and sign up in the lobby for what promises to be an epic and amazing time!

- *Beer tour (best ever with Jeff and Andy), 2 openings*
- *Rockets and Rum (super cool with Scienceman Jared), 6 openings*
- *Ballgames and Beer (phenomenal time with Jackie), 2 openings*
- *Margaritas and Salsa (Most epic salsa with Norma), 2 openings*
- *Enchanted Fairy Gardens (wonderful imagination play with Liz and Piper), 3 openings*

FROM THE BOARD

Five trustees, Head of School Jeff Kubiak, and guests Sangeeta Gupta, Nikki Cook, and Meade Thayer attended this month's Board of Trustees meeting on March 15th, 2017. The board would like to say thank you to our auction chair, Sarah LePage, and the auction committee for an outstanding job at this year's celebration of our school. What a wonderful evening filled with the spirit of community support. Thank you!

In old business, the board continued to prepare for our State of the School meeting at WSU-V on April 24th. We also continued discussions around the School's governance and our committee structure. There are so many opportunities to get involved; if you're interested in serving on the facilities, marketing and development, or finance task forces, please reach out to a Trustee or to Jeff Kubiak. With regard to facilities, our contractor will undertake repairs covering approximately 60% of the roof that should be complete by mid-April. We will then finish the repairs due to water damage.

In new business, the board set the date for the annual work retreat in August, we discussed the annual report, and responded to a request from the finance committee to set guidelines for financial aid. Additionally, there's a plan to review the board's policies by next month.

Our next meeting will be held on April 19th, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the farmhouse. All community members are welcome to attend.

Don't forget the State of the School meeting on April 24th, 2017 from 6:30-8:00 PM at WSU-V. The Head of School and the board are excited to share details about our plans to ensure Gardner's continued success!

MISCELLANEOUS

- Musical Permission Slips are due on Monday, March 20th! Don't Miss out on what looks to be an amazing experience for all! Our MCT Directors (yes, fingerprinted and background checked) are ready to bring **Peter and Wendy to life!**
- I'd like to have an off site Staff Retreat after Culminating Event on Wednesday, March 22nd from 3pm to 5pm, but need the help of 3 parents to supervise our aftercare. If you can lend a hand and play, watch and oversee our kiddos for a few hours, please let me know. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Next Week

Parent Conferences and Gardner Path Continue

21 - Development Committee Meeting, 8.35 in Farmhouse

22 – *Culminating Event; Buddy Walk*

23 – *All Day Read and Pajama Day*

24 – *Klickitat Whipple Creek Field Trip to learn about ecological restoration and to do restoration work*

March

Parent Conferences and Gardner Path Continue

27-31 Musical Week!

31 - Deadline to get all of your Tuition Assistance information into SSS

31 – *School Musical, 3.30pm and 6.00pm*

April

3-7 – *Spring Break-No School (NCC)*

3-7 - *New Roof/Roofing repairs*

10 - *Kinderkonzert*

12 - *PTO Meeting, 8.35 in Farmhouse*

13 - *Kalama Field Trip to Winningstad Theater, 10.30-1.30*



Kalama at the Zoo!