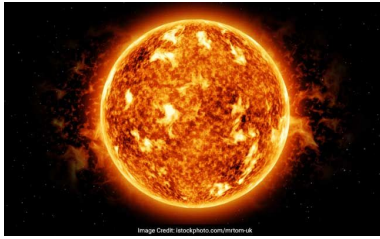


Friday Musings

5/19/2017



“ It always seems impossible until it’s done” Nelson Mandela

Wow! I hope you all were able to watch our annual Gardner School Talent Night! Holy smokes what an awesome and talented group of students we have here. Thanks again to Teacher Dana and Teacher Jason for helping arrange amazing musical pieces for our students. It looks like we have about 8-10 days of sun ahead of us! YES!

JEFF'S CORNER

- **Smart Tuition REMINDER**
A friendly reminder to encourage you to complete your Smart Tuition registration. Please let me know if you don't have any students returning next year so I can remove you from this mailing list. Thanks!
Here is the link: [CLICK HERE](#), School Code is: 13725
- **JADE** -The perfect Mnemonic for difficult family members: [READ](#)

PTO

"Gardner Groove" - PTO is looking at launching a "buddy" program matching current families with new families. If you are interested in serving as a buddy family next year, please reply with your interest to ptochair@gardnerschool.org. We will follow up as next year's enrollment is finalized.

More PTO information can be found here:

<https://gardnerschool.org/community/recent-pto-meeting-minutes/>

MISCELLANEOUS

- Don't miss out on our AMAZING **Summer Camp Offerings**:
<https://gardnerschool.org/learning/summer-camps/>
- *All are welcome to join the auction team for our last meeting of the school year. Come share your ideas and help make next year's auction the best one yet! **Wednesday, May 31 at 8:45 am**, in the Farmhouse*

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At Wednesday night's (5/17) board meeting, the board elected three new trustees. We welcome Sangeeta Chopra, Nikki Cook, and Kevin Fischer to the Board of Trustees. The board is grateful for their service and looks forward to their contributions to our school community.

The board discussed a new board policy regarding the Financial Delegation of Authority Policy and reviewed existing board policies with an eye to necessary updates and revisions. This work will continue through May and should be approved by the June 2017 meeting. The board discussed additional financial aid and approved a new team charter to examine the equitable distribution of tuition discounts in keeping with our mission. The charter group will convene to evaluate our policies and

recommend possible revisions for SY 2018-2019. The board received an update from the facilities committee, namely their work to develop of an offer to purchase 1.8 acres from our neighbor Smith Root, Inc. The facilities committee also reported their efforts to resolve our space constraints for next year. The solutions include a semi-permanent yurt, a temporary portable, or possible renovation of the barn on Smith Root's current property should a purchase be successful.

The Head of School also reported the untimely death of one of our compressors. Next week is slated to be warm; he is working to resolve this problem as soon as possible. Finally, the board heard from the Head of School regarding his recommendations for the annual assignment of the Ye-Marso Family Volunteerism award which honors family service to the school that has exceeded all expectations.

Finally, the board has elected to conduct a limited search for an interim head. We hope to have a new Head of School in place within the next three to four weeks. We are reaching out to trusted advisors who have recommended a few candidates and beginning our search.

Our last meeting for the year will take place in the farmhouse on 6/21/2017 at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Next Week

22-25 – Klickitat Islandwood Trip

22-29 – Tahoma Civil Rights Trip

May

29 – Memorial Day-No School (NCC)

31 – Auction Meeting 8:45 am, in the Farmhouse

June

2 – Gardner Market! 12:45-3:15

7 – PTO Meeting 8.45am

5-9 – Whole School Assessment Week

12 – 8th Grade Project Presentations 8.45am

13– Field Day Early Childhood 9.45-11.15am; 8th Grade Graduation 12.45pm

14 – Community Appreciation Breakfast 8.30am

15– Loowit/Tahoma Field Day 12.45pm

16 – Last Day 11.30am Dismissal (NCC); Potluck Picnic 11.30-1.30pm

27 – Progress Reports Released



3 Superheroes! Willis, Charlie and Miles :)