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## Gardner Elementary Board Report, April 2024

### Team Member of the Month

Congratulations to our Team Member of the Month, EC Teacher, Sarah Bartosik. Her peers offered the following nominations:

"Sarah came to Gardner & joined the EC Team. She has worked hard to provide not only the best education for her students, but she goes above and beyond to do so much extra. She has reached out to 4th grade classes sharing community members with us for example during Read Across America Week. She is bringing her own incubator in to hatch chicken eggs. She meets and collaborates with her team often. I observe her sharing ideas in the hallway and working closely with Mrs. Gotto to give support to their students. One thing that has really stood out to me is the fact that she is working really hard to encourage high school students to get a para certification after they graduate. So when they finish high school they can start working part time while in school. I think that it is wonderful that you take time from your plan time to service a homebound student multiple times a week. That child is so lucky to have you! Thank you Sarah for bringing so much to the EC program at Gardner!"

"Sarah works for kids EVERY, SINGLE, DAY! She goes above and beyond to make sure students have all of their needs met. She feeds them, clothes them if needed, and emotionally supports to ensure learning. Her dedication is unmatched!"

"Sarah goes above and beyond everyday. Sarah has many challenging students in her class, and she continues to keep on keeping on. Sarah demonstrates extreme compassion with all adults and children she touches the lives of."

### Recent Events

- Gardner students have finished all IAR and ISA testing.
- Thank you to the WHS Jazz Band for offering us a concert on the afternoon of April 9.
- Mr. Schwartz and Mrs. Brown visited Gardner on April 11 to introduce WJHS to fifth graders. Thank you for visiting!

### Looking Forward

- Our Dental Safari is planned for April 18.
- PK/EC will be concluding screenings on April 18 and 19.
- First Baptist Church is treating us to lunch on Friday. What a wonderful gift!
- Andy Mayer and I are planning on a Kickoff Night for 2024-2025 on April 25 from 6:30-7:30 at Gardner. We will invite current third and fourth grade families. Please attend if you are able.
- On April 30, the band and chorus will treat us to a concert, the last of Leah Ziegler's career. Please join us.

"I think a hero is any person really intent on making this a better place for all people." ~Maya Angelou