



Gardner Elementary Board Report, October 2024

Team Member of the Month



Please help me congratulate Jackie Stapf, our new fifth grade teacher, as our Gardner Team Member of the Month. Here are comments about Mrs. Stapf from a fifth grade team member: “Jackie has come into our district strong and determined. She has been putting in tons of hours to make sure she is prepared daily. She is eager to be a team player, and does a great job of asking questions to clarify her instruction. She has been a great addition to the 5th grade team.”

Recent Events

- We are enjoying the conversations about a new reading series. Thank you to Jessica Washausen for leading this team effort.
- Due to Mrs. Traci Biffar’s leadership, Gardner Elementary raised just under \$3,500 for our Sock It To Cancer project. We are now collecting socks to celebrate [Socktober](#), which is a Random Acts of Kindness idea.
- Our PBIS efforts this year have caused us to sponsor a dog dollar team savings account. Grades four and five students are paired on a team, and we have four teams at Gardner. While students are still able to purchase items from our bulldog store, we are thrilled that over three thousand dog dollars were saved for the purpose of this incentive. The following prize choices have been offered. The winning team will select their favorite: Picnic Lunch day to eat outside with extra snacks and drinks, plan a dress up day, Dessert Day at lunch, Pickleball Tourney, Luxury Lunch Table, or Dance Party in the gym. We will offer this incentive each quarter.
- Mr. Brake celebrated his first Gardner concert on October 10. This Showcase Concert got great reviews from Mr. Smith, Mrs. Sheehan-Hoke, and parents.
- Thank you to Mr. Mayer for organizing our recent Scholastic Book Fair.

Looking Forward

- Our Bobo’s fundraiser totals were \$25,235. 00, and we earned forty percent. Pick up is next week.
- We are looking forward to Parent-Teacher conferences. The schedule was shared with parents last week.
- We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week starting October 28.
- Thank you to WHS Agriculture who will visit with cows on November 13.