



Gardner Elementary Board Report, April 2026

Team Member of the Month



Thank you, Jessica Poirot. Here is a collection of nominations:

Jessica Poirot has been an incredible addition to our team. From day one, she brought a positive spirit, an open heart, and a genuine eagerness to learn. Her ability to take on challenges with confidence and grace has made a lasting impact. I'm truly grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside her this year.

Your dedication to our students since day one has been incredible. I couldn't imagine working without your passion, thoughtfulness, and kind heart. Thanks for always communicating on time and sometimes early! I appreciate all the time you put into the behavior charts and keeping track of it all with paras and myself. We are so grateful to have you on our 4th grade team!

She goes above and beyond to help support her colleagues.

Recent Events

- We always love our half day before IAR when Mr. Hogan plans our annual Kids Heart Challenge Assembly. Students enjoy a fun filled assembly inspired by their fundraising efforts.
- On the following Monday, we celebrated the beginning of IAR week with a visit from the WHS jazz band, a bright breakfast, and a kickoff assembly to lift our spirits and boost our confidence. We are now almost finished with IAR make-ups. Fingers crossed!
- Our SIP team has met for the fourth time, and we have revised SIP goals for the 2026-2027 school year. We are motivated to take steps in student leadership and instructional fidelity.
- Dr. Schwartz and Mrs. Brown visited fifth grade classrooms last week to introduce the junior high schedule and encore classes.

Looking Forward

- We are planning for our April 23 Kickoff evening when third and fourth grade families are invited to learn more about Gardner and learn about our book reveal. Students voted on our book choice this year. Students who attend will take a copy home with them. Community organizations such as the Girl Scouts, Morrison-Talbot Library, 4H Extension Office, PowerHaus, and Camp Wartburg will be present to share information about their summer services and opportunities for families. Thanks in advance to Brooke Mitchell for treating us to Oh Sugar ice cream to end the night.