



Gardner Elementary Board Report, April 2025

Team Member of the Month



Mr. Alex Brake's nomination:

He is a wonderful addition to Gardner Elementary. His music classes are engaging and interactive! He develops ways for ALL students to participate in his musical activities!

Alex has been phenomenal at implementing adapted music for EC! He has lots of creative ideas for working with young children and allows them to interact with music in such a fun way. He is open to new ideas and flexible when working with our schedule. The kids (and I) are always so excited for music with Mr. Brake!!

Recent Events

- Josh Hogan organized a fabulous Kids Heart Challenge assembly on March 21. Our American Heart Association representative told me that most schools do not have assemblies anymore, and that Gardner's was outstanding.
- We survived all IAR and ISA testing, and the makeup testing is finished. What an accomplishment!
- Fifth graders have their puberty lesson this week, and fourth graders are learning about hygiene. Boys meet with Josh Hogan, and girls meet with Nurse Marla.
- Thanks to Brooke Mitchell who is sponsoring our Oh Sugar Ice Cream surprise for our Kick Off Night. We are going to share *Out of My Mind* with students on April 24. Please join us if you are able. The evening starts at 6:30 pm.
- To promote spring fever survival, I have revised our before school schedule so that some students will have playtime outside. We have also started a secret student incentive to promote recognition of students who are consistently respectful, responsible, and safe.
- Teachers who are piloting Amplify met online with Katie Sojewicz from the Reading League about our piloting opinions and future decisions. Thank you to Jessica Washausen for organizing this meeting.

Looking Forward

- April 29. Fifth grade field trip to Sportsman's Club for Conservation Day
- April 30. Our gameday incentive time
- Week of May 5. Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 13-14. Fifth grade students tour WJHS
- May 27-28. Gardner Getaway
- June 3. Fifth grade choir students sing at Busch Stadium