



Gardner Elementary Board Report, January 2026

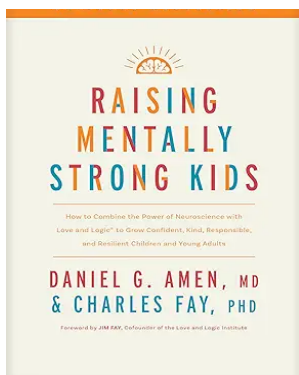
Team Member of the Month



Becca Krebel was nominated last year as Gardner Team Member of the month when she worked in our kitchen, and this year she is excelling as a paraprofessional. A fourth grade team member nominated her for “doing SO much for us this year in terms of student engagement and supervision. She is consistent, reliable, dependable, and an incredibly hard worker. We are incredibly grateful she came to join 4th grade and hope she never leaves us!” Thank you, Becca, for the time, energy, and ideas you share at Gardner.

Recent Events

- We now have two advanced math classes at the fourth grade level as we are attempting to nurture growth for all learners. Test scores were used to determine placement, and students and parents were informed about our math changes on January 6.
- On Friday, January 15, our Gardner teachers completed a needs assessment survey to guide our next steps for school improvement. Our Gardner SIP team members, Kay Bieber, Marci Cooper, Lisa Gilbert, Melissa Ziegler, and I will review the results this week to discover trends and determine next steps.



- During POP in January, we started the semester reviewing our one word goals. Common goal words are kind, helpful, patient, and focused. Our most recent POP lesson models how to respond to someone who might encourage or pressure us to do something we know is wrong or regretful and to accept that someone who does this might not be our true friend. We are trying to be thinkers.

- We have started an incentive program to reduce late morning arrival. Let's see how many zero heroes we have on February 13.

- Our Parent Book Club met in January with new members and a new book, *Raising Mentally Strong Kids*. Our next meeting is on February 6 at 6:30 pm in the Gardner Library.