



Gardner Elementary Board Report, February 2025

Team Member of the Month



Here are the comments offered by Gardner teachers and staff about Mindi Bremer:

Mrs. Bremer is always ready to adapt to any situation in order to help out. She is consistently kind, patient, and loving. She is someone that we all count on to take on any challenge with grace. She teaches the students with love in her heart. I will forever be grateful to work with her and to know her. She is very deserving of this award!!

Mindi is one of the most amazing people I know. She cares about everyone and is continuously going above and beyond to ensure the welfare of adults and students. I feel she flies under the radar with her awesomeness. She is always looking for work to do and is never slacking.

Mindi recently attended a Mental Health First Aid conference and shared her takeaways on our February half day.

Recent Events

- Fourth graders with a birth year of 2015 recently took the NAEP test with visiting proctors who shared that our students were well behaved and charming.
- I am thankful that our Gardner Parent Book Club is reading *Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. We will meet again on March 3.
- We celebrated Kindness Week from February 10-14 with a daily kindness challenge.
- Our current POP lesson is about being kind online in addition to at school. I am stressing the importance of not using a keyboard to share a message when we are angry or frustrated. Many Gardner students do not understand how even “private” settings do not end up truly private.
- On our recent half day, our time related to Mental Health First Aid, planning our Kickoff Night on April 24, planning Read Across America, and collaborating about piloting a new reading/writing curriculum.
- We have chosen *Out of My Mind* by Sharon Draper as our 2025-2026 Kickoff Book.
- Congratulations to Nikki Ehrenstrom and Megan Perschbacher who were recently awarded a SCORE grant through IEA for student hygiene.

Looking Forward

- February 22. Bulldog Spirit Rummage Sale sponsored by SHOW Student Senate.
- February 25. Spelling Bee
- March 3-7. Read Across America week.
- March 4. Live Line Safety Demonstration with Monroe County Electric
- March 21. Kids Heart Challenge
- Week of March 31. IAR Testing