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## Thoughts for the Week



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It's hard to believe that our Gala is only two weeks away. We have been preparing for this event for months and we expect that it will be as successful as our other Galas, and perhaps even more fun, if that's possible! However, this success and enjoyment only happens with you, parents, alumni, and faculty and staff, being there to share your appreciation and enthusiasm for the daily work and the mission of Garden School. *There are still tickets available*, and I urge you to please come to the Gala and to support Garden School.

Our school is a community—a rather large community with a variety of stakeholders. Each one of us has a special relationship with Garden. Of course, our *students* are the most important group of stakeholders, since they provide the for the school's existence and they are the reason for the time, talent and treasure that we all provide each day and each year.

*Parents* are a very important group within the school, since it through their support and trust that the school carries out its mission. Parents are our partners in both the delivery and execution of the educational program, and in ensuring the sustainability and continued richness of our community. Naturally, *Teachers* have always been the backbone of the school, carrying out the school's mission and bringing the vision to life on a daily basis. *Administrators and staff* support the teachers and the community by ensuring that everyone has what they need to function well, and in planning strategically and accomplishing those activities that help to move the school confidently into its future. *Trustees* provide the oversight and ensure the financial support to sustain our long-term vision. And finally, but never forgotten, *alumni* play an important role in validating our mission and in sustaining that mission into the future.

These groups make up the Garden School community. All will be present at the Gala to show their support in both moral and financial ways. The Gala is the most important and largest fundraising event of our year; however, the evening is about more than just fundraising and having fun. It is our night to celebrate our school, our community and our mission. That is why it is so important for every stakeholder group to be represented in large numbers. We will gather to affirm and support the mission of the Garden School.