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Thoughts for the Week

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As we move into the fourth quarter and into the last weeks of school, I am moved by the amount of work that continues to be done by members of our community. The Gala Committee still continues to evaluate, debrief and finish with any final details. The Walkathon Committee is busy planning that event, which will take place on May 12. The Library Committee is moving ahead with plans for the renovation of our Library into a more effective space. The Technology Committee continues to meet and work on plans for the remainder of this year and for the beginning of next year. The Long Range Strategic Planning Committee is getting ready to continue its work on long term thinking and planning. The Finance Committee is getting ready to put the finishing touches on the budget for 2016-2017.

Clearly an enormous amount of important and necessary work continues to be undertaken on behalf of Garden School. The school is better off for these efforts and all of us benefit and are very appreciative. What is most striking and affirming is how many of these Committees consist of volunteers, among them teachers, administrators and students. Volunteering remains one of the most important aspects of independent school life.

Our schools, Garden School included, depend heavily on the ability and the willingness of parents, teachers, alumni and students to volunteer. We are a community who needs to support the mission of the school through action and an affirmative endorsement of the school's program and culture. This endorsement involves volunteering and donating to support the vision of the school for the future.

This year's Gala established the science and technology initiative as the areas needing support from families and other members of our community. The Walkathon has targeted the library renovation as the recipient of the funds raised. This spirit of giving and active support rests at the heart of the independent school experience—responsibility for our school rests with every member of our community.

I encourage you to support the Walkathon; I encourage you to endorse the mission and vision of the school's future through volunteering for the PTA events and activities, in contributing to fundraising efforts and in taking ownership of the school's future through your active and generous support. These activities go back to the very beginning of independent schools, which were usually founded, as was Garden, by the desire and the vision of a community. Let's all be true to that founding principle and donate time and resources to Garden School.

Save the Date for this year's Walk-a-thon on May 12th!
Watch last year's video! <https://youtu.be/UuDxdKD2wVY>

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