



# GARDEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## *Thoughts for the week*



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Thank you for participating in last month's Garden School Parent Survey. The survey is a component of institutional self-assessment as we prepare for the NYS AIS accreditation process next year. Based in part on your feedback, we are able to focus our school development efforts to enhance our program, develop strengths within our community and support our sustainability for the future.

To that end, the Garden School board and administration have been working to design a plan that will inevitably involve all members of the school community. We would like to share those plans with you at a series of Board and Administration Coffee Mornings at the end of this month and early March. At these hour long meetings organized by grade level cluster, you will have a chance to ask questions, understand how plans may affect you and your child, and better appreciate our strategic development rationale as we move forward. We very much hope you will be able to attend one of these meetings so, to entice you further, before we begin the meetings, the students from each cluster will prepare a short presentation or performance.

There will be coffee and refreshments served at each event and the meeting agenda will likely include:

- A short student presentation/performance
- Feedback from Parent Survey
- 2015-2016 School/Program Development Plan
- Parents' Role in Garden School Advancement

All the coffee mornings will be held from 8:15 - 9:15 AM in the Library. Here is the schedule of the Board and Administration Coffee Mornings:

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| • Tuesday, February 24 | Grades 1-3   |
| • Tuesday, March 3     | Grades 7-9   |
| • Thursday, March 5    | Grades 4-6   |
| • Friday, March 6      | Grades 10-12 |
| • Tuesday, March 10    | Grades N-K   |

Please make every effort to attend these important meetings. Thank you and I look forward to sharing this information with you.