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## ***Thoughts for the week***

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Today is Faculty Workshop Day, which is an important part of the school year. Even though our students are not a school today, our teachers are spending the day examining important issues for Garden School as we continue the process of growth and development as a community.

Throughout the day, teachers and administrators will work together on a number of projects and ideas for the future. We will review the results of the Parent Survey and look for ways of responding to and implementing some of the suggestions. We will examine the process of communication, of the way in which the curriculum and the extra-curriculum implement the mission, of how to create and structure a character/values education program for our school and finally, we will have our first discussion of the upcoming NYS AIS accreditation process.

Our day will be filled with ideas, plans, strategies and requirements to realize these plans. It is a time for us as educators to come together as a community and strengthen the bonds and the goals of that community. As Garden School moves into its future, it is important to understand what the challenges will be for the educated person of the next two decades. All of the challenges of collective work, global viewpoint, group problem solving—all of these need to be addressed, explored and implemented in ways that prepare our students for this world.

Reminder: our Gala is just one week away. I urge all of you to attend and to support this vision of the Garden School's future. We are a community that has strength, vision and goals. Please join me at the Gala to support these values.