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Thoughts for the Week

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Tonight is our Gala Wine Tasting Kick Off in the Library from 7:00-9:00PM. This is an important night for us as we gear up toward our major annual celebration and fundraiser—The Gala. So much of independent school life revolves around responsibility and community that it is very fitting for us to begin the month before the Gala (on Friday, April 8) with this type of event.

Community and responsibility are two of the hallmarks of independent school life that pervade every aspect of what we do and who we are. The words "empower" and "involvement" are key words in Garden's mission statement. Throughout the developmental and educational process, teachers and parents empower students in an age-appropriate manner with the responsibility for their own education and success. We offer extracurricular activities and clubs and service opportunities. We encourage our students to participate in these opportunities because we recognize the value of this for our students, our school and our communities. Similarly, Garden and our students are

well served when our family members remember the value of participating in THIS community for the good of themselves and for Garden. Our school belongs to us all and each of us is a stakeholder who has the responsibility for its well-being and future. As we launch our Gala-related festivities tonight, we come together to ensure that we will make Gala 2016 our best ever.

Certainly, we ask our students to show up every day both physically and in effort and engagement. Shouldn't we expect the same thing of ourselves? When we gather together to celebrate and raise funds, we are in reality making a public statement of support for the school, its history, its future and our children who have been, are being and will be educated here. Our goal of supporting programs and honoring individuals reflects our commitment to the mission of our school. When our students witness and experience this commitment, they feel doubly supported in their own efforts and achievement.

My message this week is brief: Come to the Wine Tasting tonight and to the Gala on April 8. By joining in with our community, we all support Garden in the present and build its future. This is our goal; this is our mission.
