



Please remember to leave a message on the attendance line if your child is going to be absent or late to school, 618-939-3060.

From Principal Huels

I hope Leapday 2024 was a fun day at school and at home. As February ends, we are planning for our March time of IAR testing. IAR, the Illinois Assessment of Readiness, is scheduled for the week of March 18. Students will be taking one test per day this week in the morning with three math and two language arts. During the week of March 11, teachers will be practicing the IAR test with students so they feel comfortable navigating the test online. 5th grade students will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment from March 25-27. Please know that test scores are used on occasion to determine academic placement for students.



While we want students to do their best on the IAR and ISA tests, let's remember that feeling prepared and comfortable can make a difference. Please mark your calendar with the dates above and encourage your child to get extra sleep during testing week. Eating breakfast and wearing layers helps students feel most comfortable. We will focus on our Don't Let It Bug You theme during our Kids Heart Day on March 15.

POP Update

During our last POP session from February 19-29, students met with Mrs. Ehrenstrom and me for one morning to complete a survey, very much like the one they completed in October that asked them about how it feels to be a Gardner student. It's very important to me that students have a Gardner adult and peer to go to when they need help or ideas. The last two questions were optional but offered students a chance to tell us what POP session this year has been useful or important to them as well as what topics we should plan for the remainder of the year. Mrs.

Ehrenstrom will be noting trends for future reference. Above all, students have shared that they enjoy talking about their "Own" it words, and they realize it is helpful to "Pause." POP stands for Pause, Own, and Practice. Please visit Mrs. Ehrenstrom's [webpage](#) if you would like to hear our POP sessions this year.

Let's work hard to have a pleasant and peaceful March. At Gardner, we work to solve problems with conversations. Thank you for reading the Gazette.

Best Regards,
Mrs. Angie Huels



GARDNER GAZETTE

March 2024

Papa John's Night

Our next [Papa John's](#) night is Wednesday, March 13th. If ordering online, use the school promo code SSG001. If you call in your order remember to mention it is for Gardner. A flyer with coupons is attached at the end of the Gazette.

Half day

There is a half day of school on Friday, March 15th. Town students will be dismissed at 11:10 and bus students will be dismissed at 11:25, or once traffic has cleared and buses can enter the parking lot.

March Madness Cap Collection

The Waterloo Citizens for a Pool is holding a 'Park It' Cap Collection Campaign! Their goal is 5200 lbs; enough to make six tables and ten benches for the upcoming Splash Pad at William Zimmer Park. So far they have collected 908 lbs, How can you help them reach their goal? If you'd like to help, please consider sending in your used caps to Gardner Elementary. We will have collection bins by the entrance doors. We are going to have a March Madness collection, collecting only from March 1st thru March 29th! There is a list of acceptable lids and caps that they are collecting at the end of the Gazette.

April 8th

Please mark your calendars as there has been a change to the current school calendar. There will not be any school on Monday, April 8th due to the Solar Eclipse happening that day.

4th grade Beginning Band

Mark your calendars for the beginning band meeting which will be on Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00 pm. Beginning band registration forms and information will be sent home by the end of March. Please email Mrs. L. Ziegler with any questions. We are looking forward to an amazing band for next year.

Report Cards

3rd quarter report cards will be posted to [Skyward](#) on Friday, March 15th. Paper copies will not be sent home. To view your student's report card, log into your Skyward account and click on the Portfolio tab.

Band and Chorus News

Chorus News

Congratulations fifth grade chorus on a great performance of "The Gardner Comedy Show". The audience loved the singing, jokes, and skits. The spring Band and Chorus concert will be on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Chorus members have the opportunity to sing at the Cardinals game on Friday, May 3rd. They will be singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame". Information was sent home with students about how to order tickets and shirts.

Band News

Band members are reminded that practice records are due every Tuesday. Please remember to also go to your weekly band lessons. Practicing and attending lessons are the ways to improve your playing. On Thursdays we get to listen to band member's talents with "Got Something to Share". We have some amazing talents in our band. Keep working and sharing your talents. The spring Band and Chorus Concert is Tuesday, April 30, 2024.



March Calendar

- Mar. 1st - 29th - March Madness Cap collection
- Mar. 8th - End of 3rd qtr.
- Mar. 13th - Papa John's night
- Mar. 15th - 3rd qtr. report cards
- Mar. 15th - Half day for students; 11:10 town students dismissed, 11:25 bus students
- Week of Mar. 18th - IAR Testing
- Mar. 25th - 27th - 5th grade Science testing
- Mar. 28th - April 1st - Spring break

[March lunch menu](#)

WATERLOO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ZAHNOW—ROGERS-GARDNER

March 2024

2nd	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
LS UT NA CC HK R						1 Cheese Pizza with Garden Salad and Fresh Apples BREAKFAST: Waffles w/ Syrup and Fresh Fruit
G & OG GR UA RM TS	4 Sloppy Joe on Bun with Curly Fries and Tropical Fruit BREAKFAST: Churros with Fresh Fruit	5 Corn Dogs with Baked Beans and Orange Smiles BREAKFAST: Cinnamon Roll w/ Fresh Fruit	6 PIZZA HUT PIZZA with Garden Salad and Strawberries BREAKFAST: Breakfast on a Stix & Fresh Fruit	7 Chicken Nuggets with Crackers and Green Beans and Peaches BREAKFAST: Pop-tart and Fresh Fruit	8 Fish Sticks and Hush Puppies with Sweet Potato Fries and Banana BREAKFAST: Bagel with Cream Cheese & Fresh Fruit	
G C RH I E L S L S D E	11 Popcorn Chicken w/ Crackers and Peas and Pears BREAKFAST: French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup and Fresh Fruit	12 Spaghetti with Meatsauce and Breadstick Pasta House Salad and Applesauce BREAKFAST: Banana Loaf with Fresh Fruit	13 Pizza Bagels with Baby Carrots and Grapes BREAKFAST: Sausage Egg Biscuit and Fresh Fruit	14 Walking Taco with Re-fried Beans and Mixed Fruit BREAKFAST: Donut and Fresh Fruit	15 1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL BREAKFAST: Yogurt with Granola and Fresh Fruit	
DW ER LA IP	18 Cheeseburger on Bun Steamed Broccoli and Mandarin Oranges BREAKFAST: Breakfast Bar & Fresh Fruit	19 Brunch for Lunch Diced Potatoes and Applesauce BREAKFAST: Breakfast Bagel w/ Fresh Fruit	20 Soft Pretzel with Cheese Cup Green Beans and Pineapple BREAKFAST: Funnel Cakes and Fresh Fruit	21 Chicken Fajita with Mexican Beans and Peaches BREAKFAST: Pancakes with Syrup and Fresh Fruit BIRTHDAY TREAT	22 Stuffed Crust Pizza with Grape Tomatoes and Fruit Slushie BREAKFAST: Donut and Fresh Fruit	
S S UA NN BD T R	25 Toasted Ravioli and Sauce Steamed Carrots and Pears BREAKFAST: Breakfast Muffin & Fresh Fruit	26 Turkey Sub with Celery and Strawberries BREAKFAST: Breakfast Pizza w/ Fresh Fruit	27 Chicken Patty on Bun w/ Potato Wedges and Tropical Fruit BREAKFAST: Pancake and Sausage Sandwich and Fresh Fruit	28 SPRING BREAK 		
				29 SPRING BREAK		

Acceptable Caps, Lids, & Bottles:

Any Plastic Cap/Lid with a Recycle Number



or



or



CAPS must be CLEAN and DRY

Any Drink Bottle Caps

Baby Food Caps

Deodorant Caps

Detergent Caps

Flip-Top Caps

Hair Spray Caps

Marker/Sharpie Caps

Juice/Tea/Milk Jug Caps

Ointment Tube Caps

Spray Paint Caps

Shampoo/Conditioner Caps

Medicine Bottle Caps

Spout Caps

Coffee Creamer Caps

Spice & Condiment Caps

Lids must be 8" or smaller

Sour Cream Lids

Butter/Margarine Lids

Parmesan/Feta Lids

Peanut Butter Jar Lids

Cottage/Cream Cheese Lids

Icing/Yogurt Lids

Coffee Can Lids

Mayonnaise Jar Lids

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Food Take Out Lids

Fast Food Drink Lids

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