



GARDNER GAZETTE

April 2024

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. School starts at 8am

It felt so great for us all to finish IAR testing last week, and 5th grade finished ISA this week. What a relief! I want to say thank you for taking the time at home to help students feel prepared with some extra rest and a good breakfast. As Spring Break arrives, we are looking forward to fun with family and friends.

Please take some time over spring break to find water bottles to use at school this spring. Water bottles are allowed at school, but it is important that they can fit in a backpack. Please find a bottle that does not have a straw and can be stored in a backpack without spilling. Some conflicts and problems have occurred at school with some cups that do not fit this description, and I would like to prevent these issues. Thanks in advance for making this adjustment over spring break.

April will offer fifth grade students a chance to learn about WJHS life. Dr. Schwartz, WJHS principal, and Mrs. Brown, WJHS Assistant Principal, will visit Gardner on April 11 to meet students and teach them about WJHS life. In addition, students will have the opportunity to visit WJHS and take a tour as May begins. We are excited for them as they start planning for their life after Gardner.

Fourth grade students have a busy April as they are preparing for their Blue and Gray play on May 6. With this important day being Mrs. Leah Ziegler's last Blue and Gray performance, we are excited and sentimental about this milestone.

Our Above and Beyond Trait for April is empathy, making the effort to understand how others feel. Here's a [video](#) shared today if you would like a resource to use at home. If you need ideas for Spring Break fun, here are some ideas from Common Sense:

- [Best Spring Break Podcasts for Kids](#)
- [Spring Break Activities for Families](#)
- [Parents Ultimate Guides](#)

If you want children
to keep their feet
on the ground,
put some
responsibility
on their shoulders.

-Abigail Van Buren -

Book Fair

The Literati Book Fair will be at Gardner Elementary April 22 through April 26. Students will be able to shop during the day with their class during their designated shop time, OR students can shop after school from 2:30 to 3:30 with a family member. The Book Fair will also be open on Thursday, April 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm during the Gardner Kickoff Event, a night planned for our 2024-2025 students.

As a payment method that can't get lost in a backpack, digital gift cards are a useful tool for parents and teachers. Here is a quick guide on how you can purchase digital gift cards for your student or student's teacher: <https://openbook.literati.com/resources/gift-cards/>

You can also shop at the online book fair. All purchases will be sent out AFTER the book fair closes on April 26. You can access the online book fair [here](#). If you have any questions, you can contact Andy Mayer: amayer@wcusd5.net



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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 is Tuesday, April 30, 2024. We will be singing “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” at the Cardinal baseball game on Friday, May 3, 2024.

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. The spring band and chorus Concert is Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

The incoming 6th grade Summer Band Camp is July 8-11 & July 15-18, 11:30-12:15 in the Gardner music room. Information about band camp will be heading home soon.

Beginning Band for 4th grade

Beginning Band meeting is Tuesday, April 23. Beginning Band registration forms and information will be sent home the week of April 2. Please email Mrs. L. Ziegler with any questions. We are looking forward to an amazing band for next year, and you will have the opportunity to meet our new band teacher at Gardner.

Beginning band camp is July 8-11 & July 15-18. All band sessions are before noon in the Gardner music room.

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Dental Safari

The Dental Safari is coming to Gardner on April 18th! A licensed dentist and dental hygienist from the Dental Safari Company will be offering a dental exam, cleaning, fluoride treatment and sealants to participating students. If you are interested in this opportunity please complete the consent form (there is one at the end of the Gazette) or you can register online at dentalsafaricompany.com. If you have any questions you can call the Dental Safari Company at 618-993-8333 or the school nurse at 939-3060.

Solar Eclipse

There is no school on Monday, April 8th. Enjoy viewing the Solar Eclipse with your family.

Half day of School

There is a half day of school on Friday, April 19th. 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.



The lost and found is overflowing. Please remind your student(s) to check it for anything they may have missing. All items left after the last day of school will be donated.










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April Calendar

- April 1st - No school
- April 2nd - Students return to school
- April 4th - Cardinals home opener, wear Cardinals gear/red and/or a hat
- April 8th - No school - Solar Eclipse
- April 12th - Midterm
- April 18th - Dental Safari
- April 19th - Half day of school. Town students dismissed at 11:10, bus students at 11:25
- April 22nd - 26th - Book Fair
- April 23rd - 4th grade beginning band meeting, 7:00 pm
- April 24th - 5th grade field trip
- April 25th - Gardner kick off night for incoming 4th and 5th grade, 6:30-7:30 pm
- April 25th - Book fair 6-8 pm
- April 30th - 5th grade band and chorus concert 7:00 pm

[April lunch calendar](#)

April 2024		WATERLOO ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS Zahnow—Rogers—Gardner				
	2nd	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
LS UT NA CC HK R	1 SPRING BREAK 	2 Cheeseburger on Bun French Fries and Mixed Fruit BREAKFAST: Mini Cinni w/ Fruit	3 Chicken Alfredo and Bread- stick with Garden Salad and Peaches BREAKFAST: Funnel Cakes and Fruit	4 Mini Corn Dog with Baked Beans and Applesauce BREAKFAST: Pancakes with Syrup and Fruit	5 French Bread Pizza with Baby Carrots and Craisins BREAKFAST: Donut and Fruit	
G & OG GR UA RM TS	8 NO SCHOOL 	9 BBQ Chicken Breast Sand- wich Steamed Broccoli and Pears BREAKFAST: Breakfast Muffin & Fruit	10 Macho Nachos with Mexi- can Beans and Strawberries BREAKFAST: Breakfast Pizza w/ Fruit	11 Chicken Rings with Green Beans and Pineapple BREAKFAST: Pancake and Sausage Sandwich and Fruit	12 Cheese Pizza with Corn and Raisins BREAKFAST: Waffles w/ Syrup and Fruit	
GC RH IE LS DE	15 Turkey Sub with Celery and Peaches BREAKFAST: French Toast Sticks w/ Syrup and Fruit	16 Spaghetti with Meatsauce and Breadstick Pasta House Salad and Applesauce BREAKFAST: Banana Loaf with Fruit	17 Bosco Sticks with Sauce and Baby Carrots and Mixed Fruit BREAKFAST: Sausage Egg Biscuit and Fruit	18 Brunch for Lunch with Tater Tots and Craisins BREAKFAST: Donut and Fruit	19 1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL BREAKFAST: Yogurt and Granola- with Fruit 	
DW ER LA IP	22 Cheeseburger on Bun with Potato Wedges and Tropical Fruit BRKFAST: Mini Pancakes with Fruit 	23 Chicken Taco with Mexi- can Beans and Raisins BREAKFAST: Cinnamon Roll w/ Fruit	24 PIZZA HUT PIZZA with Baby Carrots and Pears BREAKFAST: Breakfast on a Stix & Fruit	25 Pulled Pork on Bun with Steamed Broccoli and Straw- berries BREAKFAST: Pop-tart and Fruit	26 Popcorn Chicken with Green Beans and Fruit Slush- ie BREAKFAST: Bagel with Cream Cheese & Fruit	
SS UA NN BD T R	29 Toasted Ravioli and Mar- nara Sauce Mixed Veggies and Pears BREAKFAST: Breakfast Muffin & Fruit	30 Hot Ham and Cheese French Fries and Pineapple BREAKFAST: Funnel Cakes and Fruit				

STEM Girls Camp

The ROE is excited to be able to offer the STEM Girls Camp again this summer. If you have a student that would like to attend, but finances are a hindrance, please contact the ROE. They do offer scholarships, as they do not want finances to be the reason a girl cannot attend. You can also register your student using this [link](#).

Monroe & Randolph Counties'

2024

STEM girls Camp

We are excited for the variety of experiences we will be able to offer our campers!

Campers will:

- ➔ explore the intricate physiological systems and their functions
- ➔ learn how scientists and engineers analyze and intervene in system malfunctions

Questions?

Contact Marybeth McCormick at mmccormick@roe45.net.

J U N E

10-14

2024

9 AM - 3 PM

SWIC Red Bud Campus



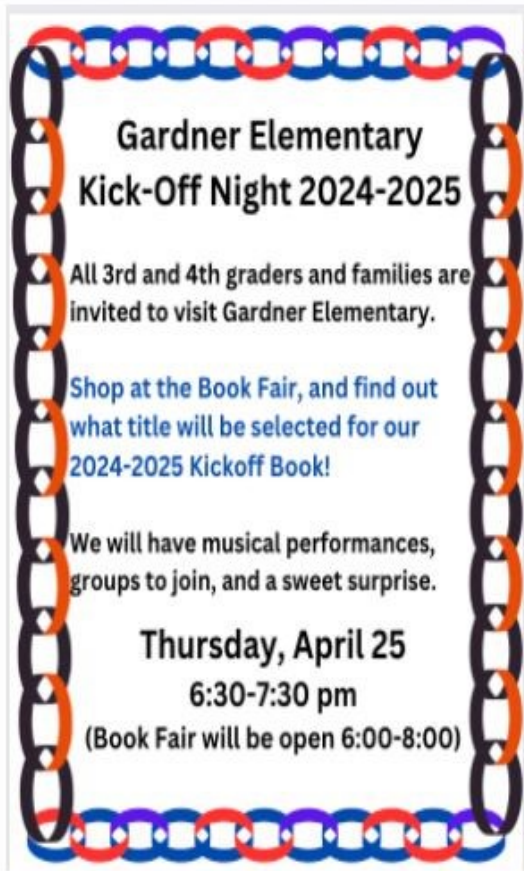
Registration fee: \$50.00*

GIRLS ENTERING 3RD-8TH GRADE IN FALL 2024 MAY APPLY.

REGISTRATION ACCEPTED UNTIL MAY 3
OR UNTIL MAX NUMBER IS REACHED.

*Please contact our office if you have financial hardship. 618-680-0154

Dear Third and Fourth Grade Families,



I am excited to let you know about an end of the year event we are planning at Gardner. We have named it our Kickoff Night for 2024-2025. On April 25, you are invited to visit Gardner to walk through the building, meet teachers, learn about activities, and take home a book to read over the summer. Mr. Andy Mayer, our district librarian, and I will share two book titles for you to consider.

Please mark your calendar for April 25 at 6:30 pm when you can pick from a list of places to visit, including our book fair. During the second half of our time just after 7:00 pm, we will meet in the gym to learn about our kickoff books and end the night with a sweet surprise. If you will attend, please [complete this RSVP Form](#) by April 12, so we can save a sweet surprise and a book for you.

Above all, we want to give you and your family a chance to see Gardner before the summer. Life in a new school building or year can sometimes feel challenging. We hope our kickoff night will help it feel comfortable by meeting people, seeing our building, and sharing a book.

I look forward to seeing you on April 25. Wishing you a wonderful fourth quarter!

Best Regards,

Mrs. Angie Huels
Gardner Principal

Thursday, April 4th

St. Louis Cardinals Home Opener

All Staff and Students are encouraged to wear Cardinals gear or the color Red, along with a hat.



DENTAL CONSENT FORM



School _____ Grade _____
County _____ Teacher _____

Child's Name _____ Male Female

Child's Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____

Cell Phone _____

e-mail _____

Address, City, State, Zip _____



Medicaid / All Kids (9-digit ID# required)

SEND A PIC of Medical Card to MyCard@dentalsafaricompany.com

Medical Card KidCare / All Kids Card RECIPIENT ID# _____
(9-digit # on back of Card)

Private Insurance

SEND A PIC of Insurance Card to MyCard@dentalsafaricompany.com

Insurance Company Name _____ Employer _____

Primary Name _____ Phone _____

Primary Address _____

Primary: Birth Date ____ / ____ / ____ Primary Soc. Sec. #: _____

Insurance Company Phone _____

Member ID#: _____ Group #: _____

Uninsured – Reduced Fee Services. \$75 pay via PayPal on website: www.DentalSafariCompany.com

Provisional (Need-Based) Services – No Charge – qualify for Free/Reduced Lunch AND No Insurance

Yes No I want 6-month recall – exam, proph, Fluoride, sealants, SDF (topical cavity treatment)

HEALTH HISTORY – Check ALL that apply:

- AD/HD Blood Disorders Heart Speech Disorder Allergies Asthma Cerebral Palsy Growth Issues
- Pregnancy Tobacco/Drugs Autism Chronic Sinusitis Hearing Other: _____

Have you been told your child requires antibiotics before dental procedures Yes No

Is child allergic to ANY medication? List _____

Is child taking ANY medication at this time? _____

Parents/Guardian: DENTAL SAFARI COMPANY, a fully licensed, professional corporation, will be at your child's school. By signing this consent form, child receives an exam by a licensed dentist or a (PHDH) Public Health Dental Hygienist, cleaning, Fluoride, sealants and SDF (topical cavity treatment).
I give permission to treat child and understand my HIPAA rights-view at www.DentalSafariCompany.com

PRINT NAME _____ relation _____ SIGNATURE _____ date _____