

# The Gardener: A Joint Publication from Your PTA and Foundation

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## A Message from our Principal, Gail West

I am proud to share that Garden Road was named to the Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll. We will be receiving a banner to honor this wonderful recognition.

**11 PUSD Schools Named to California Honor Roll:** Canyon View Elementary, Garden Road Elementary, Los Penasquitos Elementary, Midland Elementary, Rolling Hills Elementary, Sundance Elementary, Sunset Hills Elementary, Westwood Elementary, Mesa Verde Middle, Mt. Carmel High, and Rancho Bernardo High, have all been named Honor Roll schools for the 2017-18 California Honor Roll presented by Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE).

The 2017-2018 Honor Roll recognizes public elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement over time, and reduction in achievement gaps. For high schools, Honor Roll recognition includes high levels of college readiness in students.

On behalf of Educational Results Partnership (ERP) and the Campaign for Business and Education Excellence (CBEE), I am writing to congratulate you. After an extensive analysis of student data for every public school in California, Garden Road Elementary was a clear leader in getting students to grade level and beyond and has been named an Honor Roll school for the 2017-2018 California Honor Roll. Your school will receive recognition in the press as a leader in student achievement, will be provided with a free banner to display on campus, and will be featured on our website where educators and policy makers seek out high performing schools so that they can replicate success.

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[Congratulations to Mr. Chris Koreerat](#) who was selected for an Excellence in Special Education Award. I was proud to honor him at the ceremony. It is a well-deserved recognition.

## A Message from our Principal, Gail West, continued

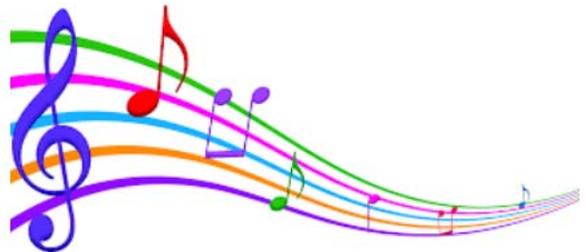
### Volunteer Tea

I want to thank all of our wonderful and special Garden Road Volunteers. We had a lovely Volunteer Tea, where our staff was able to thank our volunteers for all they do for us and for our students. We truly could not do what we do without you. "Volunteers are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts."

**Congratulations to Mrs. Judy Fish** for her recognition as the **Garden Road Volunteer of the Year**. "Mrs. Fish has made her mark here at GRES. She has been a tireless volunteer for many years. She had been a Character Coach, Wednesday Wonder, served on the Foundation and PTA boards, and has been involved with numerous volunteer functions from the Country Fair, the Book Fair, All-You-Can-Read Diner, and spearheaded the Shoe Box staff lunches. She truly deserves this honor for all the years she has gone above and beyond for our school and community." Thank you Mrs. Fish.

### Music Program – 5th grade Band and Orchestra

- Spring music concert on Tuesday, May 29 at 6:30 p.m.
- Strings students' arrival time is 5:30 p.m.
- Band students' arrival time is 6:00 p.m.
- Doors for audience seating will open 5 minutes prior to concert.
- Please have the children dress nicely for the evening concert. In addition, students will perform an assembly for the school the same morning.
- The final music class of the school year will be Tuesday, June 5th.



Welcome to our new School Office Administrative Assistant – **Mrs. Pam McMaster**. Pam has been an office substitute over the last few years at many schools, different school levels, and at the district. She brings her office experience and interest in helping us grow and bloom. We are very excited to have her join our Garden Road family. Please stop in and welcome her and introduce yourself so she can get to know our families and community.

Our last **Friday Flag** will be on Friday, June 8th. We hope you can join us as we recognize our students and honor our special GRES Retirees.

**GRES Auction:** Thank you to **Claudine Hagerstrom** and her dedicated Foundation committee for a very successful auction.

Thank you to all of our generous and supportive parents and families. Your financial support helps us provide valuable resources to our children, staff and our instructional program. Thank you.



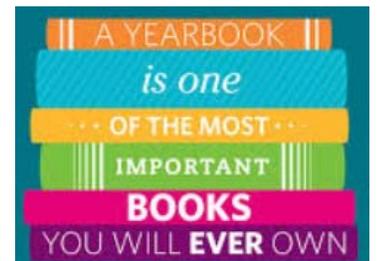
## **Garden Road's Annual Auction: HUGE SUCCESS**

The GRES Silent & Live was held Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bernardo Heights Country Club. Together we brought in **more than \$20,000.00** for Garden Road.

## **\*\*\*Yearbooks\*\*\***

5th-grade yearbooks will be distributed to students on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. All other grades with pre-ordered yearbooks will receive them the following day— Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to pre-order yearbooks is now past due. A limited number of yearbooks will be sold at the front of the school starting Friday afternoon, June 8<sup>th</sup> for \$30 cash or check payable to GRES. First come, first served until sold out.

If you'd like to join the yearbook team please email Ginette Sundin at [yearbook.gres@gmail.com](mailto:yearbook.gres@gmail.com).



### **BOX TOPS UPDATE**

Together we have collected \$1,496.70... and we're still counting. Remember to keep collecting during the summer and get excited for our contests next year!

\*\*Special thanks to Kristin VanSant for heading up our BoxTops program!



### **CALLING ALL DADS!**

Field Day/Dad's Club Lunch is Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup> and we need your help. Everything will be at the school; all you have to do is show up and help hand out food. Please join us for this fun event and help celebrate the end of another great school year. It is a great chance to create memories that will last a lifetime. Your kid's eyes will light up when they see you at school serving hot dogs for lunch! And the best part, it gets you away from work for a couple hours. Or make it the start of the weekend (if I get any questions, you were there all afternoon). All dads interested in joining us for this event (or all moms interested in volunteering their husbands), please contact [gresdadsclub@gmail.com](mailto:gresdadsclub@gmail.com).

A look ahead for the PTA next year...



To all my fellow Garden Road Parents,

My name is Mikki Trusheim and I wanted to take just a moment to say hello, as I'll be taking over next year as the President of the PTA at Garden Road. I will have 3 children attending GRES next year and I feel very fortunate for all the wonderful experiences that they, and our family, have had and will continue to have as a part of the community here. I have been a member of the PTA in various positions and capacities for the past 4 years and overall, I have found it to be a pretty rewarding organization to be a part of – otherwise, I probably wouldn't have been involved for so long!

When I first started, my oldest was in 1<sup>st</sup> grade, I had a preschooler, and I had a toddler at home as well. I knew I couldn't do a ton but I did want to start to do *something* that was more than taking my kids to playdates and running errands for my family. So why did I choose to join the PTA in the first place? Well, for a couple of reasons:

1. I wanted to know what was going on in the school and meet the people who would have such an impact on my children's formative years – and the PTA (and the Foundation as well) works closely with the staff/school so it's a great way to get more knowledgeable about what's going on.
2. I wanted to meet other moms (and dads too!) who seemed like they'd be cool to know and maybe hang out with. The PTA was a way for me to enlarge my social network of friends and meet new people that I wouldn't normally see and have the time to get to know.
3. I just felt it was important to show my children that I was committed to making their school/community, in whatever capacity, the best it could be for them. Because if I wasn't willing to do it, I couldn't expect anyone else to either. Just as there are no magic laundry fairies at home to do laundry for us (no matter how much we wish otherwise) there's no invisible workforce at Garden Road that makes things happen. It comes from the parents who volunteer and the teachers who work long hours for the different events at the school to be possible.

I think that there's a lot of misconceptions that exist around the PTA. That it's a clique. That if you express an interest, you will automatically be sucked into a volunteer vortex to never escape again. That it's an all or nothing. Which is really is not true! At least, for me it's not. The PTA should be fun— it should be a place where friendships extend outwards and it should be engaging. Yes, there's work but it shouldn't be overwhelming or excessively stressful. I firmly believe that if the support for an event isn't there, it shouldn't happen. Demanding too much of a few is not sustainable and just not a good idea.

The board-elect for next year consists of several new faces which is pretty exciting. I really hope to make the PTA in the coming year as positive an experience for them as it has been for me. So, keep an eye out for more from me in the future and if you ever want to check out what we're doing, or just want to say hi, let me know! I'll be the one making a mad dash in the mornings through the front gates to beat the second bell!

Mikki  
PTA President-elect for the 2018-19 school year

# FLIPPIN' PIZZA SCHOOL'S OUT



## FREE DOUGH

Bring in your report card for a  
**Free slice & a drink**  
(Month of June)

### PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS ONLY

#### 4s Ranch

16615 Dove Canyon Road  
San Diego, CA 92127  
(858) 674-9977

#### Long Beach

6269 E. Spring Street  
Long Beach CA, 90808  
(562) 421-3460

#### Encinitas

215 S El Camino  
Encinitas, CA 92024  
(760) 632-1497

#### Vista

2440 S. Melrose Drive  
Vista CA 92081  
(760) 598-8005

#### Carmel Mountain Ranch

11975 Carmel Mountain Rd., St. 605  
San Diego, CA 92128  
(858) 521-8433

# FLIPPIN' PIZZA

### Last-Day-of-School Fundraisers

Join us at Kaminski's BBQ and then head over to In the Mix for some dessert. Both Kaminski's and In the Mix are hosting a GRES fundraiser—all day. Be sure to stop by.



Friday, June 8th is **Family Fun Night**. We will be showing "Ferdinand." This film is rated PG.

The MPR doors will open at 6:00 and the movie will start at 6:15. This is the last movie night of this school year.

Free pizza, popcorn, water and a special treat (be sure to get your ticket at the door) will be provided by the generous donations of the families of Garden Road. Thank you!

Children must be supervised by an adult.

Come join us and feel free to come in your pajamas!





Here's  
what's  
coming  
your way!



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**Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Memorial Day Holiday  
No school

**Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Band Concert, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Yearbooks distributed to  
5<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Friday Flag  
Field Day  
Dad's Club Lunch  
Yearbooks Distributed  
Family Fun Night: Ferdinand- doors open at 6:00, movie starts at 6:15

**Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>**  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion, 8:30-9:30

**Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Last Student Day  
Progress Reports  
In the Mix Yogurt Fundraiser: All Day  
Kaminski's Fundraiser: All Day



*Congratulations*  
**GRADUATES!**



Have a good  
**Summer!**