

GPA Newsletter

G A R D N E R P I L O T A C A D E M Y

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The 2nd graders will be visiting Harvard University Art Museum for the second time this year on Thursday, May 26th
- The Gardner will be having a Welcome Session for all newly assigned students for school year 2011-2012 on May 25th from 5-6:30pm. We welcome current kindergarten families to please volunteer to help greet and meet these families. Please contact Elba Mendez at 617-635-8365 for more information.

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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

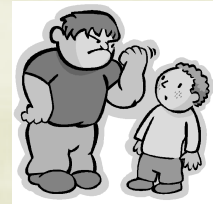
Dear parents and members of the GPA community. We strongly believe that part of our role at GPA is not only to nurture the minds of our students but also help develop their characters as they venture into the social world that surrounds them. As part of our commitment and effort to embody throughout the school our 5 core values, we recognize that we need to create a safe and supportive climate for all students. Part of our efforts in recent years have also been to align ourselves with the recent anti-bullying legislation. We are in the process of once again providing important

information and forums for educating faculty, our students and parents around bullying, what constitutes bullying and



types of bullying. We are taking steps to address bullying at GPA but also recognize there is more work to be done in this area as well as across the country. We have developed protocols to report bullying and a process for following up with any reporting or allegations. We are planning on hosting a parent/GPA community information session in May along

with a follow-up all staff education ses-



sion. We hope these sessions provide us all with important information and ways to support the children to address this very serious and complex issue. Information with dates and times will be sent out once we have confirmed this with the Counseling Intervention Center and the Bullying Hot Line Staff.

Joe Sara
Assistant Principal

MAY IS PERFECT ATTENDANCE MONTH



As part of GPA's goal of having perfect attendance, we are declaring May Perfect Attendance Month. We are hoping that every student in every grade at the GPA will attend school

every day.

In order to make this happen, we are offering incentives for perfect attendance during May.

Students who have perfect attendance for the month will each receive a certificate, and the class with the highest perfect

attendance rating will receive a prize!

We are looking forward to starting this program in May and continuing it for the rest of the year. We love it when all our students are with us at the GPA every day!

UPDATES FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Thanks SO MUCH to all the parents who have donated supplies to the health room! Your kindness is tremendously appreciated. If you received a report from the Smart Smiles program that states that "dental treatment is needed that cannot be completed at school" your child should be taken to an outside dentist as soon as possible. This indicates that your child has cavities or

dental issues that are serious and potentially harmful to his/her health.



Just a reminder that any child who has a fever of 100 degrees or more should

stay home from school until they are fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT medications such as Tylenol or Ibuprofen. Your compli-

ance with this policy is important for your child and his/her classmate's health.

Please submit copies of any physical exams done this year so that your child's health record can be updated.

Thanks and please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns.

Nurse Dana



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ADULT EDUCATION



Teaching the beginner ESOL level at the Gardner Pilot Academy has been a joy. The adult education program is truly remarkable. With a plethora of available resources I am able to help my students learn vocabulary for jobs,

shopping, names of buildings, how to give and receive directions, and different services offered within local cities. They are eager to practice their speaking skills so

we are also currently learning about the present progressive tense in positive and negative forms. They have mastered the present tense and are able to compose accurate sentences while differentiating between verbs, nouns, and adjectives. Questions are being asked on a regular basis in English and I encourage students to stay after class if they have questions or would like to talk about anything including concerns in their daily life. It is wonderful watching them study, try, grow and succeed at whatever they put their mind to.

GPA MARCH AND APRIL GOLDEN HAND WINNERS

March 2011		April 2011	
Room 13 Sabrina Wei Kayli Reinoso	Room 14 Henry Allushi Amara Garbarino	Room 13 Jimmy Pinto Maryann Robinson	Room 14 Anaijeh Hollis Francisco Sosa
Room 16 Mohammed Elamin Eva Mattison	Room 17 Crisanto Rosas Jomal Ortiz	Room 16 Raymond Zapata Reynoso Christopher Gonzalez	Room 17 Lydia Berber Matty Goodwin
Room 18 Jennifer Buruca Alexandro Arevalo	Room 22 Belal Mahmood Roy Nguyen	Room 18 Rahneya Chhay Primus Ruthson Casimir	Room 22 Roy Nguyen Jonathan Mora
Room 23 Melissa Orosco Barrios Eduardo Aquino Gonzalez	Room 24 Aniyah Benders Nathan Dong	Room 23 Josellin Pena Maria Mejia Guzman	Room 24 Kyra Lally Caleb Pinheiro
Room 25 Paola Mejia Guzman Rebecca Jean Baptiste	Room 26 David Maldonado Javier Mota	Room 25 Jeffrey Ardon Wesley Sabala	Room 26 Brian Barrera Erick Mendez
Room 27 Artur Shehu Randy Sem	Room 28 Justin Asabea	Room 27 Oreangela Peña Alaina Aiello	Room 28 Ashley Pires
Room 31 Wesley Ortega Alexandra Hernandez	Room 32 Desiree Ruiz Laura Jean-Baptiste	Room 31 Alex Williams Ashley Warner	Room 32 Desiree Ruiz Laura Jean-Baptiste
Room 33 Katrina Colon Sandy Sem	Room 34 Oscar Donaire Julianna G. Aguilar	Room 33 Shirley Gonzalez Aaron Dingle Diamond	Room 34 Kiara Tamanini Oscar Donaire
Room 35 Woodlens Maximin Mario Pineda	Room 36 Anna Fang Jennifer Palala	Room 35 Natalie Lima Aaliyana Abraham	Room 36 Mehdi Kayi Raulina Melo
Room 37 Danny Matos Sary Bautista	Room 38 Amani Benders Patricia Marty	Room 37 Sary Bautista Jiayi Cho	Room 38 Ulysses Lebron Patricia Marty

JOIN US FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL RUN FOR RECESS (PLAYWORKS)

On May 14th all schools participating in the Playworks program will gather for a day of fun at the Franklin Park Zoo for the 2nd annual Playworks Run for Recess! There will be a 5K run and a 1 mile fun-run. Bring your dog, strollers, and friends to hang out at the Zoo with the Play-

works Run for Recess! The Playworks Run for Recess is aimed to be one of the school's largest fundraisers that will directly support the return of the Playworks program to the Gardner Pilot Academy net year. All participants must contribute a \$20 registration fee that will go di-

rectly to the Gardner Pilot Academy. Any additional donations are welcomed. The first 400 people signed up get a FREE Playworks shirt! Please help support the GPA's partnership with Playworks by coming out on May 14th for a day to run, have fun, and play in the sun! If running isn't

your thing, you can volunteer to help check in participants hand out water, or cheer on runners! Please contact Coach Paul Nelson at pnelson@playworks.org for registration information/questions. Registration forms are also available in the front office.

May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 6-8:30pm Adult Ed	4	5 6-8:30pm Adult Ed	6	7
8	9	10 MATH MCAS Grades 3-5 6-8:30pm Adult Ed	11	12 MATH MCAS Grades 3-5 6-8:30pm Adult Ed	13	14 8:30am Playworks walk for Recess at Franklin Park Zoo
15	16 5:30pm HCH (RM I I) 6:00pm Parent Coun-	17 8:30am HCH (Parent Center) 6-8:30pm Adult Ed	18	19 6-8:30pm Adult Ed SCIENCE MCAS Grade 5	20 SCIENCE MCAS Grade 5	21
22	23	24 6-8:30pm Adult Ed	25 5-6:30pm Kindergarten Welcome	26 2nd graders to visit Harvard Museum 7:30am Governing Board 6-8:30pm Adult Ed	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day—No School	31 6-8:30pm Adult Ed				