



## Gardner Elementary Board Report, March 2026

### Team Member of the Month

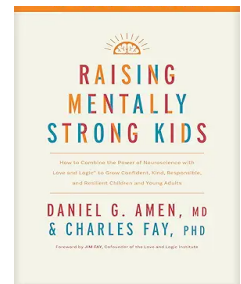


Thank you, Amber Crusier! Here is a nomination I received from a Gardner teacher:

“Amber asked just a few days in advance to attend one of our math data meetings, and she immediately committed. Not only did she show up, but she also put in an incredible amount of preparation behind the scenes to ensure the meeting was impactful. During the meeting, she guided us through how to use Gemini to develop new questions across different levels of rigor and expectations. In addition, Amber has been instrumental in organizing and streamlining our preparations for the 5Essentials Survey. The week following the survey she committed to helping us get absent students a time to make this up. Thank you for all you do for us!”

### Recent Events

- Our Gardner Parent Book Club is sponsoring a Good For Our Brains Challenge in March. Whether inside or outside, students are challenged to find an activity or game that does not involve a screen.
- Our SIP team has met for the third time, and we have drafted SIP goals for the 2026-2027 school year. We are motivated to take steps in student leadership and instructional fidelity.
- Our most recent POP lessons are about how to move on after we make a mistake and how to squish ANTS, automatic negative thoughts. These topics are included in the book pictured to the right.
- Thanks to Sean Wiegand and his team for offering us our 4E training.
- Congratulations to Jamison Joniak, who will represent Gardner Elementary at the ROE 45 Spelling Bee.
- Congratulations to fourth grader Claire Rippelmeyer and fifth grader Yahya Baghmanli for winning Best of Class in the Science Fair this year. Thank you, John Schmiege, for leading this event.



### Looking Forward

- We are excited about our annual Kids Heart Challenge Assembly on March 20 led by Mr. Hogan.
- We are preparing in many ways for IAR, starting on March 24. You are invited to our Kickoff Assembly on March 23 at 8:30 am.
- We are planning for our April 23 Kickoff evening when third and fourth grade families are invited to learn more about Gardner and learn about our book reveal. Students voted on our book choice this year.