



On Board Newsletter

Fall 2011



President's Message

Hi!

I want to deliver a big welcome back to all of our new and returning families from the GCS Board of Directors! Everyone is so excited to embark on another year of fun and adventure at GCS. As a parent of one GCS alumna and one current student, I always enjoy looking into all the different classrooms to see what wonderful new activities are taking place each year.

Throughout the fall, we will be organizing a number of events and activities to benefit the school. On Saturday, November 19, our annual Groton Community Home Tour will take place. This is the school's largest annual fundraiser and a wonderful way to spend the day with friends and family, touring gorgeous properties throughout Groton and surrounding towns. Be sure to contact one of the Home Tour Co-Chairs, Jen Kane or Jessica Williams, if you would like to help out with this fantastic event! We need lots of helping hands to make sure all of the events are a success!

Throughout the year, I hope to meet as many of you as possible. We welcome everyone to our monthly Board meetings and hope everyone will use the Board as yet another resource at the school.

Have a great start to school!

Amy

Amy Lovell Kelly, President, GCS Board of Directors

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Ask us about great volunteering opportunities!

Board of Director Volunteers

The GCS Board of Directors is looking for a few dedicated and caring candidates to fill Member-at-Large volunteer positions. The Board oversees school operations and offers its members an exciting opportunity to enrich our school and promote Early Childhood Education. Come see what we're all about at one of our Board of Director meetings.

Please feel free to contact Rhea O'Brien (Rnbob@hotmail.com) for more information about the board, upcoming board meetings, or to express an interest in joining the board.

Home Tour Head Start

The 2011 Home Tour is scheduled for November 19th, and GCS needs some enthusiastic **volunteers** to staff the event, help spread the word, and recommend homes and home tour artisans/vendors or potential advertisers that may be a great fit for the event. We also need volunteers for the parent talent table and at GCS the day of the tour. If you have some time, please consider volunteering. In addition to all the excitement and social opportunities, you'll enjoy a **half price ticket** to this very popular, and GCS's most important, fundraiser! To volunteer, please contact Jen Kane (thekanefamily04@gmail.com) or Jessica Williams (pallis1212@aol.com).

Room Parent Update

I hope everyone is having a great school year thus far! The room parents will be organizing classroom play dates to help the families and classmates get to know each other a little better. Be on the lookout for more information!

Garden Club Kicks Off

The Garden Club kicks off in September. Parents are welcome to assist during the hours of 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Feel free to invite a friend and catch up while volunteering for minor garden chores. The garden club helps make GCS a beautiful place for our children and its many families. Please contact Natina Perrotti (nperrotti@charter.net/978.808.6400) to receive a garden assignment or to set up a time to garden with a knowledgeable gardener.

Helping Hands Bulletin Board

Take a glance at our Helping Hands Bulletin Board located in the front lobby. You will discover ways to support many caring endeavors available within our GCS Community. We also welcome you to use this resource to post your own outreach and causes.

Fall Fix Up

The GCS Fall Fix up will be held on Saturday, October 22nd from 8 a.m. to noon. The Fall Fix up is a huge help in maintaining our school grounds. Volunteering offers the opportunity to meet other GCS parents and enjoy beautiful fall weather. Just a few hours of your time helps keep the school beautiful while **saving GCS extensive landscaping and repair fees**. A sign up sheet will be posted in the lobby. Bring your garden gloves and any landscaping tools you might find helpful, i.e. rake and lawn edger. For safety reasons we request adults only.

Grotonfest 2011

GCS will be represented at the Grotonfest on Saturday, September 24th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, with a rain date of September 25th. We hope you can stop by and bring your friends to learn more about GCS.

Constant Contact

We are putting into action the feedback from family surveys and will be going green with "Constant Contact"! What does this mean? This is the first of four Board of Director newsletters. The remaining three will be emailed to all parents via "Constant Contact". A few hard copies will be available in the lobby. Remember to inform Bonnie at the front desk if your email address has changed!

Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is, not a preparation for life; education is life itself.

John Dewey