



On Board Newsletter

Summer 2011

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Ask us about great volunteering opportunities!



President's Message

HOORAY FOR SUMMER!

Well, it feels like summer has finally arrived in New England. We certainly deserve it after this past winter! The end of the year is always a bit bittersweet as the children say goodbye to teachers and classroom friends, but look onto a summer full of sunshine and fun. I hope all of the children are enjoying those special end-of-year classroom events and, of course, the Wet 'N Wild Days!

Believe it or not, we are already gearing up for the 2011 Groton Community Home Tour which will take place on Saturday, November 19! We will need lots of help to run another successful event – the school's largest annual fundraiser. If you are interested in a role on the Home Tour Committee or volunteering the day of the event, please contact our new Co-Chairs, Jen Kane at gojen40@hotmail.com and Jessica Williams at pallis1212@aol.com.

For those families who are continuing on at GCS next year, we look forward to seeing you in the fall. If you are moving on to primary school, we know you will have a great start at a new institution and hope you will come back and visit!

Enjoy the lazy days of summer!

Amy Lovell Kelly

Peace Picnic

Thanks to GCS staff, many children enjoyed the Peace Picnic. The weather cooperated and the children were able to share classroom peace songs, display peace artwork, and enjoy a "peace picnic".

We look forward to the continued tradition of rededicating the Peace Pole to the school and community each fall and celebrating peace throughout the school year to inspire caring and a sense of helping all individuals.

Building and Grounds

We would like to extend a special thank you to the many board, staff, and family members who volunteered their time during the school year. Volunteering at GCS helps to reduce the schools overhead costs, therefore preventing additional costs to be passed onto tuition rates. GCS families benefit substantially from the efforts of many volunteer hours. This year our school faced many building and grounds challenges, from ice dams to pot holes. Together we tackled many projects of all sizes including: repair of ice damage, adding attic insulation, interim repairs to the parking lot, repair of playhouses, as well as dozens of hours gardening. Our larger volunteer efforts were the Fall Fix Up and the Spring Spruce Up. Special thanks to Don Landry for his many hours of often intense labor, Ben Griffith for designing and creating the new white cap on the roof of the white playhouse and also Jennifer Griffith for attending the Garden Club. Through volunteering we build camaraderie while making our overall workload lighter and more enjoyable. We hope to see you at our volunteer events next year!

Home Tour Head Start

The 2011 Home Tour is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 19! We welcome volunteers to help out with the event, including two raffle coordinators. If you own a business or know a local business owner, please contact us regarding special sponsorship and advertising opportunities. If you would like to volunteer or to find out more information about the Tour, please see the contacts above!

Fundraising Opportunities

Thank you to all the families for volunteering and contributing to GCS fundraisers. It takes many hands and hours to raise the funds that help balance the GCS budget. Beyond the Home Tour, we had very successful fundraisers such as the Stove Campaign, Apparel sale, Square 1 Art, and Class Photos.

Class photos were a hit for all children. Congratulations to our raffle winner, the Congdon Family of the Purple PM and Pink PM classrooms! The Congdons received a free class photo for their family by completing the GCS family survey. A special thank you goes to Jen Kane and Wendy Kelly for organizing and photographing the children.

Thank You Staff!

The board would like to thank the GCS staff for another wonderful year for children! From your everyday energy and enthusiasm, to our peace celebrations, to children's Big Room events (and the many more events beyond these), you created a magical environment for our children to thrive and grow in. We appreciate all your long hours and tremendous efforts!

Welcome to the Board

We would like to welcome Pam Keith to the GCS Board of Directors as a Member at Large. Pam's son, Kyle is in the Yellow room. Welcome Pam! Please contact Amy Lovell Kelly (a_lovell_kelly@hotmail.com) if you are interested in joining the Board of Directors.

