

February 10, 2012

### **Kitelet From Director**

Dear Families:

One of the best things about being a child and growing up in New England is SNOW! But where is it? The sledding hill outside on our playground is just waiting for a blanket of white fluffy stuff and some little bodies. Just yesterday, I saw a few children trying catch a ride on the snow saucers down the grassy hill. I fear that the birds might get confused and start flying north too early. Even though it is already February, we are still holding out some hope.

February also marks the midpoint of our school year together and mid-year observations for all children. I hope you all enjoyed time meeting with your child's teacher during conference week. It is always exiting to have a few minutes of special one-on-one time to just talk about your child and share in his/her many successes. A big thank you to all of the Teachers for their hard work and commitment, to Noreen Keras for her serene "beach presentation" of coffee and refreshments, and to Terri Martin for coordinating our wonderful Assistant Teachers, who provided child care so that families could have a few minutes of discussion without disruption. Good communication is the key to any successful partnership.

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year is in full swing. We are working diligently to fit all of the pieces into the GCS Enrollment "puzzle" (so to speak). We do try our best to meet the needs of all of our families. Acceptance letters are scheduled to be sent out this week. In the meantime, feel free to call either Bonnie or me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

Have you ever wondered how many string beans your child really needs at dinner time? Or, how about how much juice is too much for your child? Please save the evening of Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, for our community lecture on Nutrition and Young Children. Joanne Csaplar, a licensed nutritionist and past parent of GCS, will be here to answer all of your questions. Please call ahead to reserve your seat, as we are limited by the Big Room space for attendees.

We have some news to share with the GCS community. Sadly, in January we had to say goodbye to one of our Yellow Room teachers, Tracy Gerner. Tracy has been dealing with a delicate family matter and felt that she would not be able to fully commit herself to the children and families at this time. The children have been in contact with her; and, hopefully, she can rejoin us here at GCS sometime in the future.

It has been a busy time of year for the arrival of many new babies here at GCS. Congratulations to: The Phaneuf family on the birth of Paige (sister, Avery, is in the MWF AM Blue Room), the Murphy family on the birth of Cullen (brother, Owen, is in the TTh AM Yellow Room), the Lippman family on the birth of Alexander (brother, Will, is in the TTh AM Yellow Room), the Hollingshead family on the birth of Sarah (sister, Marin, is in the MWF PM Yellow Room), the Zmijewski family on the birth of twin sisters Aubrey & Ava (brother, Trent, is in the Aqua Room), and the Kinnon family on the birth of Chloe (sisters, Leah & Anna, are in the Kindergarten & TTh AM Yellow Room, respectively). What a great way to grow our future wait list!!!

Our school's front door has had some festive designers this year. Thank you to the Bloom and Hollingshead families for January's design, and the Daigle & Seager families for February.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Cheryl Steinhoff for volunteering her time and expertise to take pictures that will be used to update our GCS digital photo frame located in the reception area. Visit her website at [cherylsteinhoffphotography.com](http://cherylsteinhoffphotography.com) if you or someone you know is in the market for some professional photography.

A special thank you to Amy Kritzer for running a Teddy Bear Clinic for the children in our Tuesday/Thursday programs. Thanks to all of the many families that provided delicious treats for the staff during the holidays. And thank you to the following families for their contributions to GCS during the months of December & January: Jessica Williams for a projector, the Cooper family for donated clothing, the porter family for toys, the Davis & Kane families for plastic bags, and the Delandy family for a coffee cake for the staff. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

### **Dates to Remember:**

Week of February 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

School Vacation Week – **No School**  
Community Lecture at GCS: 7 PM  
GCS Annual Open House: 1 – 3 PM