



On Board Newsletter

Winter 2010-2011



President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone enjoyed a magical holiday season and a very Happy New Year! I want to start out 2011 with a big thank you to our Groton Community Home Tour Co-Chairs, Krista Kubick and Wendy Kelly, and the Home Tour Committee for presenting another incredibly successful Home Tour and raising over \$14,000 for GCS. I also want to thank all of the volunteers who helped to run the event. The Home Tour would not have come together without the enormous gift of time and energy from so many of you.

As we look toward the end of the school year, there will be several openings on the GCS Board. We are looking for a few caring and dedicated volunteers to join us in overseeing school operations and supporting the continued history of outstanding early childhood education at GCS. If you have ever considered joining the Board, we encourage you to attend our upcoming recruitment event (more information will be forthcoming) and/or join us at an upcoming meeting.

Enjoy the wonders of winter!

Amy Lovell Kelly, President, GCS Board of Directors

Board of Directors

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Ask us about great volunteering opportunities!

Consider joining the GCS Board of Directors

At the close of the school year, there will be openings on the GCS Board of Directors, and we will be looking for a few dedicated and caring candidates to fill these volunteer positions. The Board oversees school operations and offers its members an exciting opportunity to enrich our school and promote early childhood education. ***If you would like to explore volunteer opportunities, we encourage you to attend a cocktail social in March*** (more specific information to follow next month). Please also consider attending a future board meeting to learn more about what the board does. Feel free to contact one of the members of the Board's Nominating Committee, Amy Lovell Kelly (a_lovell_kelly@hotmail.com) or Rhea O'Brien (rnbob@hotmail.com) if you have any questions. Remember board meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Spring Spruce Up

GCS is already looking ahead to spring and anticipating landscaping tasks. Please join GCS families **Saturday, April 30th from 8 am to noon** for a day of general yard work and special landscaping projects. Just a few hours of your time helps keep the school beautiful while **saving GCS valuable budget dollars**. For safety concerns, we ask no children please.

Kindergarten/Pre-Kindergarten Information Night

The Kindergarten and Pre-K information night will be held **Thursday, February 3rd at 7 pm**. Join us for an informational evening on these two programs with administration, teaching staff, and classroom visits. Please sign up in advance at the front desk.

Family Lecture

GCS families are invited to a free community lecture, "Freeing Children from Fear" with Jeanine Fitzgerald. The lecture will include helping parents/guardians recognize forms of bullying, determine when to step in to protect their children, and know how to empower them to deal with these situations. The lecture will be on the evening of **Thursday, March 3rd, 7 pm to 9 pm**. Please see an upcoming flyer for more information for registration.

Open House

GCS Open House will be **Sunday, March 6th, 1 to 3 pm**. We encourage you to spread the word and invite other interested parents whose children may be future GCS students. More information will be coming soon!

Garden Club Kicks Off

The 2011 Garden Club will kick off in **May**. Join us on Friday mornings this spring while your child is in school. Feel free to invite a friend to catch up and relieve some stress. And remember - many hands make light work and a beautiful place to go to school! If you would like to sign up, please email Natina Perrotti nperrotti@charter.net.

Fundraising Opportunities

In 2011 there are a number of ways you can help **maintain and enhance the quality of education and childcare at our school**. Please watch your mailboxes in February for more information on a new, fun, and creative children's art fundraiser which will take place in late spring. **Class photos**, our third major fundraising event, are scheduled for late April. Please continue to clip **box tops and Tyson labels**; and remember to recycle your paper in the **Paper Retriever** recycling bin in the parking lot.

The beautiful thing about learning is that no
one can take it away from you.

B.B. King

You can teach a student a lesson for a day;
but if you can teach him to learn by creating
curiosity, he will continue the learning
process as long as he lives.

Clay P. Bedford