



Kitelet – News from the Director

March 2017

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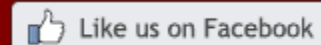
Monday, March 13th

Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, March 15th

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Dear GCS Families,

Despite the unpredictability of the weather as of late, SPRING IS COMING... in just 9 short days... but who is counting? We are so looking forward to sunshine, green grass, and longer periods of time outside on our beautiful playground. So many things are happening here at GCS during this time of year. The Kindergarten Program just celebrated 100 Days of School with a grand "100" museum, our grow-light cart is getting ready to make its way down the hallway welcoming new seeds, and the greenhouse is welcoming classroom plantings. Also, registration for in-house families is just about complete, which is never a small feat! Acceptance letters have been distributed to these in-house families. We recognize that this time of year is often stressful for families, and we are grateful for your patience as we worked hard to make placements that were both educationally sound and met the needs and requests of many. As always, please call me if you have any questions.

Curriculum Day

Our Curriculum Day this week was so wonderful. It is always so incredibly valuable to gather together as an entire staff for collaboration and training, so we truly appreciate the time. We are continuing our focus on our year-long theme of "It All Adds Up!" with emphasis on the Eureka Math Program in the Kindergarten Class, and enhancing math activities throughout all of our classrooms. During Curriculum Day we focused on "Team Challenges" regarding a variety of early math topics, and shared in-depth concepts and fun math games with each other from the [Games for Young Mathematicians](#) program of research in early mathematics at the Education Development Center (EDC), which is funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Heising-Simons Foundation. We also had time for team building as a staff, planning and goal setting, as well as lunch together to share our progress of our Forward Motion Project. Architectural plans are

being finalized, town permitting is almost complete, and fundraising is in high gear.

Open House

The Board of Directors and all staff were present last Sunday afternoon to host our annual Open House for families who may be interested in joining GCS. We were fortunate to have great weather to welcome new smiling faces to our GCS Community. Many thanks to all who contributed delicious snacks and baked goods: Jill Adamy, Denielle Babey, Andrea Barrett, Marie Bearer, Julia Borger Green, Caroline Bouris, Lori Chabot, Lisa Gervais, and Genuhyo Park.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Maclsaac family on the birth of their son (brother, Nate, is in the TTh AM Yellow Room; to the Nekongo family on the birth of their daughter (sister, Ayanna, is in the TTh AM Yellow Room; and to the Quinn family on the birth of their son (brother, Jayden, is in the Aqua Room).

Thank You!

A special thank you to Steve Robertson (Owen's dad in the Blue Room) for helping Shelley to shovel out around the greenhouse after all of the big storms, and to Peter Myette & crew from Great Road Farm & Garden for fixing our school sign after being blown over in last week's wind storm.

Thank you to the following for contributing food & beverages for Parent/Teacher Conference Day: Jill Adamy, Amanda Barry, Julia Cardoso, and Nat DeLorie.

We'd also like to thank the following families for recent contributions made to the school: The Adamy family for clothing; the Adamy and Gervais families for Valentine's Day snacks for Staff; the Basile family for cooking oil; the Delaney family for a bouncy house; Jen Delaney and Groton Veterinary Hospital for helping with GCS pets; Kate Ferriola for acrylic brochure holders; Betsy Kehoe for sandwiches for staff; the Shyjan family for puzzles & games; and Betsy Reeves for recyclables.

Happy Spring!



Linda Kosinski

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