



Kitelet – News from the Director

April 2017

Dates to Remember

Friday, April 14th

Good Friday

NO SCHOOL

Mon. - Fri., April 17th -
21st

Spring Break

NO SCHOOL

Week of April 24th

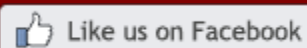
Week of the Young Child

Saturday, April 29th

Spring Spruce-Up

9 AM - 2 PM

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Dear GCS Families,

We welcome the month of April with this beautiful sunshine and warm spring weather. Our swings are finally back in full use by young children, as are the trikes and sand toys. Even the dinosaurs have found their home back in the GCS "Dinosaur Den." Our greenhouse has been keeping young seeds warm through the cool nights and are readying themselves to be moved into the planting beds soon.

Spring Spruce-Up

Now that the snow has finally disappeared, the remnants of winter are apparent. Please consider sharing an hour or two of your morning, between 9 AM & 2 PM, on Saturday, April 29th for a festive Spring Spruce-Up. Many hands make light work, and our sandbox could use some raking, our gardens some cleaning and mulching, and the playground some general maintenance. While our landscape company takes care of the sand removal and general lawn care, there are so many other areas of need that the budget is unable to handle. Take a peek at the sign-up in the front entrance and see if there is a time slot that might fit into your schedule.

Special Guest

We were so excited to have been joined by a very special guest earlier this week. On Monday morning, the children and staff warmly welcomed Early Education and Care (EEC) Commissioner, Tom Weber. Early Education and Care is the state agency that governs early childhood programs in the state of Massachusetts. Among its many responsibilities, they set regulations, oversee health and safety needs, confirm teacher credentials,

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and are responsible for licensing early childhood centers. It was an honor that Commissioner Weber made some time in his busy schedule to spend time in the field and meet all of our wonderful children and teachers. We were incredibly inspired by his genuine interest and down-to-earth interactions with young children. We couldn't have been prouder, as the children enthusiastically greeted him in each of their classrooms and then gathered in the Big Room to present him with gifts and share some special songs that they had been practicing. After all, how often are we joined here by "a Man in a Suit"?

Week of the Young Child

With spring vacation upon us, we hope you are able to enjoy some relaxing time with your children next week. The weather certainly seems to be cooperating. We are busy preparing for an exciting "Week of the Young Child" when you return. This is a special week that is celebrated nationally to honor children and all of those who work to give them the best early experiences possible. There will be special classroom activities, a delicious staff luncheon, musical entertainment, and an opportunity for us to participate in a special community service project called Kylee's Kare Kits for Kidz. Please go to our website, www.grotoncommunityschool.org for more details about the Week of the Young Child, and open the link below for more information about our community service project. We hope you will read the following and share with your children.

[Kylee's Kare Kits for Kidz](#)

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the DiStefano family on the birth of their daughter, Hannah (brother, Hunter, is in the Aqua Room).

Thank You!

We'd like to thank our resident photographer, Nancy Beckwith and videographer, Kate Ferriola, for taking photos/videos for us on GCS Spirit Day and during our visit from the EEC Commissioner, Tom Webber.

Thank you to the Bozkurt Family for their donation of art materials, and to the Adamy & Joyce families for a donation of diapers.

We'd also like to extend our thanks to this month's donation of baked goods and beverages for our Board of Trustees meeting, staff curriculum day, and special visitor: Jill Adamy, Denielle Babey, Andrea Barrett, Amanda Barry, Julia Borger-Green, Darcy Bussiere, Rachel Culley, Kerry Cusick, Kate Ferriola, and Lisa Gervais.

Happy Spring!



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