



## Kitelet – News from the Director

June 2016

### Dates to Remember

Monday, June 20th  
*Full Day Camp Begins*

Tuesday, June 28th  
*Camp K Session 1 Begins*

Tuesday, July 12th  
*Camp K Session 2 Begins*

Tuesday, July 26th  
*Camp K Session 3 Begins*

Tuesday, August 9th  
*Camp K Session 2 Begins*

Friday, August 19th  
*Last Day of Camp K*

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Dear GCS Families,

***"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap,  
but by the seeds that you plant."  
(Robert Louis Stevenson)***

Another wonderful year here at GCS has come to a close...with so many wonderful moments of joy and happiness, learning and discovery, and the making of many new friendships. I hope you, as parents and caretakers of all these wonderful children, have enjoyed this school year as much as we have...and learned along the way too. Our year-long emphasis on Brain Builders and Mindfulness has been intriguing. In a society that runs on overdrive, with stressful schedules and long days, I am reminded of this beautiful quote above to help us all to put our role in educating and caring for young children in perspective. For it is not what we accomplish at the end of each day, but all the roots and lessons we have created that truly matters. We are all planting seeds, and that is quite an accomplishment!!

### **Family-to-Family Fund**

It is with appreciation that we were able to acknowledge so many individuals and families who had joys and celebrations, as well as concerns and struggles throughout the year because of the Family-to-

Family Fund. It was the generous, voluntary donations from our families that made this endeavor possible. This fund is overseen by the Executive Board, and I welcome anyone to inquire within if they would like more detail.

### **GCS Family Survey**

Many thanks to 66 families who took time to participate in our year-end survey. Your valuable feedback is vital to our success, growth, and future. We are in the midst of collating all of the information and will follow-up with a survey summary next week.

### **Fond Farewell**

I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all of the GCS families for their continued support throughout the year...whether it be serving as a Room Parent, baker, wish list provider, Fall Fix-Up/Spring Spruce-Up volunteer, or someone who dropped off a special treat or offered a kind word... it is a community of support that makes the school truly a special place. I would especially like to thank all of the Trustees and Board of Directors, for without them the many opportunities offered to your children and the school would not be possible. The GCS community is very grateful for all they have given to us and continue to do. Please see the attached Directors who have ended their term(s) this school year. And finally, tremendous gratitude to the entire GCS staff who worked tirelessly all year long. They are lifelong learners and spend MANY hours outside of the school day in preparation for their work each day! Special congratulations to Bonnie Stanton (20), Debbie Penney (15), Sandy Irving (10), Gale Devens (5), and Katy Sutton-Brown(5) for celebrating longevity years this school year.

### **Board Good-Byes 2016**

#### **GCS Scholarship**

Congratulations to a past GCS student, Daniel Flynn, for receiving our 2016 GCS Scholarship in memory of Taylor Benjamin Young. As always, it was extremely difficult to select a recipient, as we had so many wonderful applicants to choose from that made us proud.


### **Thank You!**

We have many thanks to express as we end the 2015-16 school year:

Thank you to our room parents for their decorating expertise of the front entranceway: Kerry Cusick, Danielle Biehler & Shandren Harrington, Kelley Conley & Beth Blackketter, Melissa Dewing & Kate Engstrom, MC Stewart & Jill Adamy, Lori Chabot & Shannon Paul, Melissa Ackerman & Kerrie Juels, Shagufta Rahman & Trisha Winroth, and Emily Slater & Cherise Edwards.

Thank you to our most recent bakers for the Trustee meeting: Jill Adamy, Denielle Babey, Kelley Conley, Marsha Gilmore, Oi Sze Lo, and Shagufta Rahman.

A special thanks to the GCS Board of Directors who provided a delicious lunch for the hard-working staff today as we clean up & set up for Camp Kaleidoscope!



Last, but certainly not least, we'd like to thank the following people for donations made to the school this past month: Patty Barr for an iPad speaker, the Biehler, Green, & Whitefield families for donuts for Teacher Appreciation Week, Anthony Caiozzo for staining cabinets, the Clarke family for toys & clothing, the Donahue family for staff snacks, the Fieberg family for puzzles & toys, Nicole Hall for a handmade vase with flowers, the Kavanagh family for Edible Arrangement for staff, the Klane family for Starbucks gift cards for staff, the Laidlaw family for chocolate chip cookies for staff, Amy Lovell-Kelly for an azalea plant, the Lynde family for die-cut letters, Nancy Martinage for clothing & for lending her pressure washer to us, the Pugh family for clothing, and the Sprague family for staff snacks.

**Happy Summer!**

**Linda Kosinski**  
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