

## News for GCS Families from the Board of Directors



### On Board Newsletter, Summer 2016

Summer has arrived! We would like to thank you for another great school year at Groton Community School.

As we reflect on this special **70th Birthday Year**, it is amazing to consider all that we, as GCS families, have accomplished together: from the hard work of the Fall Fix-Up and Spring Spruce-Up, to the incredible community effort of the 2015 Home Tour, to classroom playdates and family celebrations, and so much beyond.

Thank you to everyone who completed the annual family survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable as we look back and plan ahead. Be sure to read a summary of the responses distributed by Linda yesterday.

Our very popular **Camp Kaleidoscope** is underway! There are more sessions to come and a few spots available -- do not miss your chance to sign your children up for a fabulous ocean adventure.

Please take a moment to visit the superb new **GCS website**. The site offers continuous announcements, updates, and resources for our families, our alumni, and our community. Stay connected to us by visiting our **GCS Blog** for the latest news and events, and view our up-to-the-minute GCS online calendar. Here are a few back-to-school dates to keep in mind:

**Family Orientation** will be held Thursday, September 1st.

**Fall Classes** will resume on Tuesday, September 6th and Wednesday, September 7th.

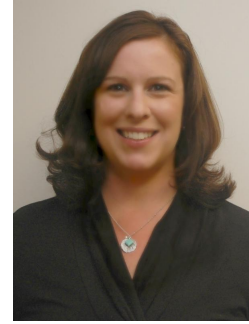
As always, we welcome your feedback, questions, and participation anytime! Please talk to any member of the Board of Directors or email me at [boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org](mailto:boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org).

Have a wonderful summer!

Best wishes,

**Jenn Greenwood**

President, Board of Directors



## Buildings and Grounds Update

A huge thank-you to all of the incredibly hard-working volunteers who contributed their time, expertise, and unending energy to make our gardens and playscape shine for our children and our licensing visit! Despite the rain, we were able to complete almost all of our projects during **Spring Spruce-Up** through the help of GCS parents and students from Groton Dunstable High School and Lawrence Academy. Amazing volunteers sacrificed even more of their weekends to finish our

new greenhouse -- and just in time to grow beautiful plants for many of our GCS moms for Mother's Day! Finally, the new log surround has been carefully crafted and installed in the sandbox, with special black locust wood that will ensure it remains safe and beautiful for years and years to come.

## Parent Representatives Update

We celebrated a wonderful end to the year at the annual **GCS Family Picnic**! The children danced and sang with our live performer, Jeannie Mack, and we all enjoyed catching up with friends old and new over sunset popsicles. Thank you for sharing a special evening with us.



The Board would also like to acknowledge all of our excellent **2015-2016 Room Parents**. They offer a tremendous amount of help to the classrooms, the school, and our families. Thank you for the playdates, Scholastic Book orders, email notices, teacher presents, and every other special project!

## 2015-2016 Fundraising Results

Our deepest thanks to all GCS families for participating in our fundraisers throughout the past year! Every moment dedicated and every penny raised helps to balance our budget and keep our

tuition rates low. Yet again, we had a extremely successful year, reaching over \$31,580 in fundraising. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Fundraiser	Raised
Home Tour	\$ 25,820
SquareOne Art	1,520
Class Photos	1,370
GCS Apparel Sales	900
Target Redcard	600
Scripts Gift Cards	600
Boxtops for Education	320
Family Photos	230
Amazon Smile	180
Other Fundraising	40
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 31,580</b>

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## Help GCS this Summer

Please keep GCS in mind over the summer, and help us continue our fundraising efforts **with no cost to you!**

Clip your **Box Tops!** We will be collecting them throughout the summer, and submitting them on October 1st.

Give back to our school every time you shop online at **Amazon Smile**. Use the link (<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-2111386>) so that 0.5% of all purchases are automatically donated to GCS.



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## Volunteer for Home Tour 2016

Calling all volunteers! The **12th Annual Groton Community Home Tour** will take place on Saturday, November 19th. Please consider joining the Home Tour Committee and helping with our biggest fundraising event of the year. If you are interesting in planning the event this summer or assisting in the fall, please contact Kristyn MacInnis ([kristynmacinnis@gmail.com](mailto:kristynmacinnis@gmail.com)) or Trisha Winroth ([twinroth@gmail.com](mailto:twinroth@gmail.com)) for more information.

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## A Fond Farewell and Welcomes to Extend

With the close of the school year, we would like to thank the outgoing [Board of Directors](#) for their tremendous service to Groton Community School: Charlie Lippman (Treasurer), Caroline Bouris (Public Relations), Stacie Moeser (Public Relations), Hannah Pugh (Buildings and Grounds), Marie Bearer (Fundraising), Kerry Cusick (Parent Representative), and Rachel Culley (Member-at-Large).

**Come On Board!** There are a few openings on the Board of Directors for the new school year. Please attend one of our upcoming meetings or contact [Jenn Greenwood](#) for further information.

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## Contributors to the 2015-2016 Annual Fund

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the generous contributions to this year's [Annual Fund](#). Your donation makes a difference for every child at GCS. These gifts are spent on the area of greatest need the year the gift is made. It offsets the difference between tuition and the actual cost to provide a quality first school experience, enhances the frequency of enrichment programs offered, and supports increased staff compensation and professional development.

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