



## Kitelet – News from the Director

October 2016

### Dates to Remember

Wednesday, November 2nd

*Final Day for Breakfast  
Food donations for Loaves  
& Fishes Food Pantry*

Friday, November 4th

*Scrip Orders Due*

Friday, November 11th

*Veterans Day*

**NO SCHOOL**

Monday, November 14th

*Board Meeting - 7:30 PM*

Saturday, November 19th

*Groton Community*

*Home Tour 9 AM - 4 PM*

Wednesday thru Friday

November 23rd - 25th



**Dear GCS Families,**

Happy Fall... one of my favorite times of the year! While the nights are starting to get a little chilly, the daylight hours bring about the warmth of sunshine and plenty of time for the children to enjoy running and playing in our backyard playscape. It is hard to believe that we are already two full months into the school year. So much fun, learning, investigating, making friends, and growing are taking place here at GCS.

### Celebrating Peace

We had such a fabulous and meaningful time together rededicating our Peace Pole earlier in October. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate peace and honor our commitment to kindness, caring and compassion for others. Of course, the highlight for many children was the chance to hear themselves speak into the microphone. Thank you to the many families who were able to celebrate with us and share in our community of peace. Classes will continue to visit the Peace Pole throughout the year, but we will convene as an entire school again in the spring for our annual Peace Picnics.

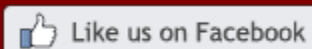
### Fall Fix-Up Recap

What a fantastic group of hard-working helpers we had a couple of weeks ago as everyone pitched in together to complete the long list of tasks on the Fall Fix-Up list. Everything from sanding the gazebo and spreading mulch, to weeding gardens and replacing fence posts were accomplished. We are

*Thanksgiving Recess*

**NO SCHOOL**

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grateful for the many volunteers and bakers who offered their time and energy and for the leadership of Heather Spinney-Laidlaw and Jeremy Chapman for organizing the event. Don't worry if you missed out, we will have a Spring Spruce-Up event that will take place closer to the end of the school year. Thank you to the following volunteers for giving part of their day to help out: Marie Bearer, Jim & Sarah Belcher, Caroline Bouris, Mike Burgess, Mike & Jen Burke, Michael Castorano, Pat & Emily Crouse, Rachel Culley, Jenn Greenwood, Shelley Grove, Sandra Habe & Liam Healy (LA students), Matt Lynde, Dave & Kristyn MacInnis, Stacie Moeser, Bill Rochefort, Lori & Anika Svoboda, John & May Truesdell, Brendan Wahlberg, and Scott Winroth. A special thank you to Peter Myette from Agway Great Road Farm & Garden for lending us landscaping tools for the day. Many hands made light work - Thank you!

## Imagimotion Kidz

Patty Barr is back at GCS! Please open the link below to find out what Patty's been up to with your children so far this year!

[Imagimotion Kidz with Patty Barr](#)

## Portrait-of-Me Calendars

Please take a moment to stop by the front desk to see a sample of our Portrait-of-Me Calendar, featuring a self-portrait of each and every child (and staff) at GCS. Order forms are also available at the desk. Please include payment with your order.

## Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate the Castorano family on the birth of their daughter, Morgan (sister, Rowan, is in the Aqua Room) and to the Schrader family of the birth of their son, James (sister, Paige, is in the AM Pre-K class).

## Thank You!

We'd like to thank the following GCS Bakers who donated food & beverage items for Fall Fix-Up and for our recent Curriculum Day: Jill Adamy, Crystal Aharonian, Denielle Babey, Amanda Barry, Caroline Bouris, Bridget Collins, Kerry Cusick, Kate Ferriola, Kate Foster, Lisa Gervais, Donna Haggerty, Leslie Howard, Danette Johnson, Heather Kneeland, Sally Ricard, Kelli Robertson, Oi Sze Lo, and Julie Tyler.

We would also like to thank the Burgess family for spare clothing & staff snacks, the Dowd family for clothing & a toddler toy, and to the Paul family for a Melissa & Doug mailbox.

**Happy Fall!**



**Linda Kosinski**

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