



## Kitelet – News from the Director

January 2017

### Dates to Remember

Friday, January 27th

*Parent/Teacher  
Conference*

**NO SCHOOL**

Thursday, February 2nd

*K/Pre-K Information Night  
6:30 PM*

Monday, February 13th

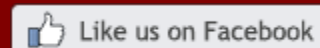
*Board Meeting 7:30*

Week of February 20th

*Winter Recess*

**NO SCHOOL**

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### Quick Links



### Dear GCS Families,

Happy New Year!! We hope the year is starting off with some fun and good health for families. While the cold, snow, and ice are all making their appearances, there isn't quite enough of that white fluffy stuff to cover our playground sledding hill. It takes a lot of hard work, patience, and coordination on a child's part to carry a bag bigger than themselves through a crowded classroom and then manipulate a small body to completely dress in gear for outside time. One would hope that there was at least a sledding hill with snow waiting for them on the other side of that classroom door to make their efforts worthwhile. A child's day of play is work... no doubt! Last week was mud, let's see what this week brings. Thankfully there is still plenty of space for riding trikes, role playing in the pretend houses, and making music on our outdoor instruments, as well as making visits to see things growing in the greenhouse.

### Children's Observations

I hope you enjoyed reading about your child's growth and development through this first half of the school year in their mid-year observations. So much fun and learning has taken place. Please take pride in the many accomplishments in your child's development and cherish all the special moments. School is where your child is learning to be strong, wise, independent, courageous, creative, and the list goes on and on. We will be closed this Friday, January 27th, for a special day of family conferences. We will have coffee and danish available to you, as well as childcare in the BIG Room (8am to Noon & 1 to 4:3pm). Communication

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with families is so important for a good school experience, and we look forward to sharing with you all.

## **2017-18 Registration**

The distribution of registration materials for next year's enrollment is also happening this week. Please stop by the front desk to pick up your packet and take time to read through the materials. We welcome questions of any kind or if you are looking for clarification on programming. There will be a Kindergarten/Pre-Kindergarten information evening on Thursday, February 2nd at 6:30pm for folks who may want more information about these two programs (see attached flyer). Please register at the front desk if you plan on attending to help us better gauge attendees.

## **K/Pre-K Information Night**

### **Awareness**

With some of the concerns and publicity that have been expressed and headlined in our country as of late, be cautious as to what your children are exposed to overhearing and viewing. As adults, we are all role models that young children emulate and desire to be like. We collectively need to take this job with wisdom, truth and grace. Surround your children with people you aspire to be, ones who give them good advice, while also helping them to be creative thinkers and to formulate their own opinions. Conversations when you think your children aren't listening, news broadcasts, and photos seen in passing can be influential and worrisome in a young child's mind. I hope 2017 proves to be a year of memory making and prosperity with your children.

### **Snow Days**

We want to thank you for your patience with our recent morning snow day notifications. A reminder to families that GCS does follow the Groton-Dunstable school system with regard to school closings. The only exception is that when Groton-Dunstable has a 2-hour delay, Groton Community School only has a **1-hour** delay. If you opted not to receive the early morning phone call, or if there is a problem when receiving the call, you may also check the local news stations or log onto our website or Facebook page.

### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the Chapman family on the birth of their daughter (brother, Harrison is in AM Pre-K and sister, Raegan, is in the Toddler class).

### **Thank You!**

We'd like to thank the following families for their contributions to the school this month: The Bearer family for cardboard blocks, the Bouris family for boxes of pencils, the Bubnikovich family for house & pet sets, and the

Dewing family for hand soap. A special thanks to GCS Board members for providing snacks and lunch for the staff during this busy time of year.

Thank you to Michelle Ruby, a GCS alum and former Summer Camp staff member, for visiting the Aqua Room and sharing a science experiment with the children. We'd also like to thank the Huff family (past family) for also visiting the Aqua Room and sharing information about their son, Curran, who is in Afghanistan. The Aqua Room children will be "pen pals" with Curran for the rest of the school year.

**Hoping you all have a very Happy and Healthy 2017!**



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