

News for GCS Families from the Board of Directors



On Board Newsletter, Spring 2017

Welcome to Spring at GCS! In this edition of the On Board Newsletter, we have exciting accomplishments to share, as well as important dates and details. In addition to highlighting our fundraising successes in the past few months, we wanted to mention that our Annual Open House was held in March and the continued enthusiasm for GCS is overwhelming! The GCS Staff and Board of Directors were happy to welcome many families who have expressed an interest in learning more about our wonderful school.

We also want to thank you everyone who has contributed to the [GCS Annual Fund](#). We appreciate your generosity; your continued support plays such a valuable role in sustaining the incredible early childhood program that GCS holds for our children. If you have not had a chance to contribute, there is still time to donate for this school year. Please stop by the front desk or visit the [GCS Annual Fund](#) website to learn more.

At GCS, we share the mission to create a positive and nurturing early childhood experience for children and their families. You will soon receive an email asking for your feedback on the Annual GCS Family Survey. We carefully review your input and use it when planning future events and activities at GCS.

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.

Enjoy this warm weather!

Jenn Greenwood

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Come On Board! The Board of Directors is seeking new members!

The GCS Board of Directors supports daily school operations and assists the staff in creating a strong community for the entire school. Members play an important role in fundraising efforts and spearheading many fun events.

Interested? The Board of Directors is looking for new members! Feel free to speak with any Board of Directors member, [email us](#), or join us at our next meeting: **Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. in the Big Room at GCS.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Week of the Young Child

The children are enjoying a special week celebrating NAEYC's (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Week of the Young Child. It brings awareness to the needs of young children and their families, and emphasizes the importance of centers like GCS to meet those needs. Every classroom is enjoying wonderful activities, and the classes together shared a fantastic concert by Rick Goldin!



Groton Community School children, families and staff are collecting food items to feed local children this week. We are inspired by, and delighted to collaborate with, Kylee and her amazing team of volunteers!



Buildings and Grounds Update

Please join us for the Spring Spruce-Up this **Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** (Rain Date: Sunday, April 30 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.). Come for an hour, or the whole day, and choose a project you enjoy.

[Sign-Up to help here!](#)

All experience levels and abilities are welcome! Work alongside other GCS families and local community members to enrich the school grounds for our children. Every job we accomplish translates into quality creative play for our kids. For safety reasons, this is a high school and adult volunteer event only. Thank you in advance for being a part of this rewarding event!



GCS's 2016 Family Picnic was fun for both kids and adults!

Parent Representatives Update

We hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather! Room Parents have been very busy as they continue to support classroom teachers, organize class play dates, and keep the front entrance of the school looking fabulous.

A big thank you to all of our Room Parents for providing our wonderful staff with two delicious luncheons as GCS celebrated the Week of the Young Child this week.

Mark Your Calendar - We are busy planning our annual Groton Community School Family Picnic scheduled for **Friday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m.** (rain date Friday, June 9) - *keep an eye out for more information on this fun event!*

Fundraising Update

Our thanks to all GCS families for their support during recent fundraising efforts! Our Square 1 Art and GCS Apparel Sale fundraisers were a great success - look for our full fundraising report for the 2016-2017 school year in the June On-Board newsletter! In the meantime, please consider supporting our current fundraising efforts:

- **Box Tops for Education:** Please keep clipping your Box Tops! It is a wonderful way to earn money for the school **with no cost for you**. We earned more than **\$161.60** from our March submission, very generously counted by parents Danielle Biehler and Andrea Barrett.
- **Amazon Smile** is another great fundraiser that **has no cost for you!** It has raised **\$555.50** for GCS so far this year. Please remember to use the link www.smile.amazon.com each time you shop on Amazon so that 0.5% of all purchases are automatically donated to GCS.
- **Scripts Gift Cards - Due Now!** Please submit your orders for our Scripts Gift Card Fundraiser. **The deadline is tomorrow, Friday, April 28 at 5 p.m.** Get gift cards for restaurants and stores for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduations, and teacher gifts. Purchase **online** using the GCS enrollment code **ED41C7F218393** or fill out the order form sent home with your child. The gift cards will be ready for distribution on May 4-5.
- **Class Photographs:** Be on the look-out for more information on Class Photographs, to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 10-11. They are a wonderful way to preserve your child's memories of their time at GCS!

Upcoming Events at GCS

Friday, April 28 at 5:00 p.m.:

Scrip Gift Card Orders Due

Saturday April 29:

Spring Spruce-Up (April 30 rain date)

Monday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m.:

Board of Directors Meeting, *All Welcome!*

Wed., May 10 - Thurs., May 11:

Class Pictures

Friday, May 26:

My Grown-Up and Me ends

Monday, May 29:

No School, Memorial Day

Friday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m.:

GCS Family Picnic (June 9 rain date)

Monday, June 12 at 7:30 p.m.:

Board of Directors Meeting, *All Welcome!*

Wednesday, June 14:

Last Day of School

Monday, June 19:

Full Day Camp Kaleidoscope begins!

[View the Full School Calendar Here.](#)

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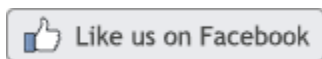
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