

News for GCS Families from the Board of Directors



On Board Newsletter, Spring 2018

It's Spring at GCS!

As we (hopefully) say goodbye to cold temperatures, snow, and ice, the Board of Directors is happy to share what we've been working on the last few months and some exciting things to look forward to this spring. Don't miss reports from our Committees below, including a final tally from our 2017 Home Tour!

As I watch the GCS staff work hard at registration for the next school year and also Camp Kaleidoscope, I want to remind you that one of the best ways to spread the word about GCS are references from families like you! Tell your friends about your experiences at GCS, or share your kind words on many of the online sites parents visit when researching early education centers; Facebook, Google, and Great Schools are just a few where you can spread the word about GCS!

I also wanted to extend a thank you to everyone who has contributed to the [GCS Annual Fund](#). This endeavor is critical to maintaining the exceptional quality of our programs. Contributions can easily be made [online](#) or at the front desk; remember, all donations are tax-deductible. Thank you so much for your generosity and ongoing support. Every bit makes a difference for our school!

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.

Looking forward to warm weather!

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CONGRATULATIONS, KATE ON YOUR NEWEST FAMILY MEMBER!



Want to help GCS grow? Join the Board!

Our 2017-2018 Board of Directors is hard at work and excited to achieve big things together this year!

Come on board! Are you interested in learning more about GCS or how to become more involved? If so, please join us at one of our monthly Board of Directors meetings. Our meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Big Room at GCS. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. Come see what you can do to help GCS reach its goals for this year!

Please reach out to Trisha Winroth or email boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org with any questions. We welcome new ideas and would love to hear from you!



GCS Staff & BOD Social Dec 2017



Buildings and Grounds Round Two!

The Fall Fix-up was a tremendous success this year thanks to the many dedicated volunteer parents and high school students from Lawrence Academy and GDRHS! We were able to complete many important safety-related repairs. Finishing touches were also put on the greenhouse. We are so grateful to all of our volunteers, including our parent bakers who provided wonderful refreshments that day.

However, there is always more to do! Please mark your calendars for our Spring Spruce-Up on Saturday, April 28th from 9AM to 2PM (with rain date of Sunday, April 29th from 12 PM - 5 PM). We look forward to seeing many returning volunteers and hope to welcome some new ones!

To sign up to help at this event, please [click here](#)

Parent Representatives Update

We hope everyone is having a wonderful school year! We would like to extend a big thank you to our room parents for all of their hard work this fall. They have been busy organizing classroom play dates, decorating the school's front door each month, and helping create beautiful Chance Baskets for the Home Tour. Their volunteer help at the Home Tour was also very appreciated!

We would also like to thank all of the volunteer bakers who have contributed delicious treats for many school events.

Keep your eyes out for more play date opportunities this spring as the weather gets warmer. Families had some fun during Fall/Winter play dates at BB Kidz Klub, Makers Farm, local puppet theater, the Groton playground and local libraries.



Fall Fundraising:

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Fall Fundraisers! We are so grateful for the support and generosity of our GCS families and friends, teachers/staff, and the many businesses and organizations who support us as well.

The 2017 Home Tour was a wonderful success again this year, earning the school over \$24,000! The Chance Table alone earned over \$5600! It was a festive day, showcasing a gorgeous

selection of homes opened to our attendees by five very gracious homeowners, and accented by the 26 local artisans and vendors who sold their items and marketed their businesses both at our school and in the homes. As always, the GCS Bake Sale was a huge hit with everyone!

In addition to the Home Tour, we earned a combined \$349 from our Box Tops submissions in November and March, nearly \$540 from our November/December Scrip Gift Card Order, and \$429 from the Fall GCS Apparel Sale! Thank you so much!

Winter/Spring Fundraising:

There are many opportunities to continue to support GCS through our Fundraising efforts this Winter and Spring. Be sure to check the weekly email updates, monthly newsletters, and hallway bag notices for important information and deadlines on your favorite fundraisers!



- Square 1 Art: Your child has created a one-of-a-kind masterpiece! Thank you to those who placed an order, your customized items will arrive April 10th.

- Spring Apparel Sale: Thanks for outfitting yourself and/or you child(ren) this past week in GCS spirit gear! Total revenue from this sale totals over \$900! If you missed it, you can stop by the front desk anytime to purchase something!

- Family Photography Session: Back by popular demand, we will once again be offering treasured family photo opportunities this Spring with professional photographer and GCS parent Erin Chapman.

- Scrips Gift Card Fundraiser: This April you have another opportunity to purchase gift cards just in time for end-of-year teacher gifts, graduation presents, and Father's Day gifts. It costs you nothing extra, but supports GCS!

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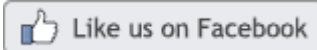
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