

## News for GCS Families from the Board of Directors



### On Board Newsletter, Fall 2018

#### Welcome back!

We've had such a great time seeing all our old GCS friends and greeting new families after a hot end to summer! We hope that all of our families have transitioned well into the 2018-2019 school year.

In addition to the Weekly Email Updates that you have been receiving, the Board of Directors will periodically send this On Board Newsletter, which aims to give you a bigger picture of the Board's recent accomplishments and upcoming events.

Mark your calendars! The 14th Annual Groton Community Home Tour will take place on Nov. 17. It is GCS's biggest fundraiser (bringing in nearly \$25,000!) and is such a fun and unique way to kick off the holiday season with friends and families. See more on the Home Tour below or [email](#) if you have any specific questions!

As always, we welcome feedback, questions and participation - please feel free to talk to any Board of Directors member or [email me](#).

#### **Kate Ferriola**

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## Buildings and Grounds Update

Buildings and Grounds had a successful 2017-2018 school year, completing general maintenance around the grounds, including securing fencing, edging flower beds, and re-setting timbers in the parking lot. The greenhouse and stone pathway were both repaired.

Many helping hands support the raking, weeding, mulching, sanding and painting to keep the grounds well maintained year round.



We are working on a list of minor improvements needed for our upcoming **Fall Fix-up Saturday, October 13th (8 a.m - 1 p.m.)**. Every bit helps! In conjunction with fundraisers, the Fall Fix-Up is one of several ways GCS volunteers are able to keep tuition costs down. It's a fun and rewarding day shared by GCS parents and high school students from Groton and our surrounding towns, making it truly a community effort!

[Volunteer for Fall Fix-up Here](#)

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## Parent Representative Update

We hope everyone is having a great start to the school year! Room Parents are critical and provide a tremendous amount of help to the classrooms, the school, and our families. Please familiarize yourself with your classroom Room Parent(s) and keep your eye out for periodic email updates. Throughout the Fall, Room Parents will be organizing class play dates. These play dates will provide a wonderful way for children and parents to socialize outside of the school day.

Also, a thank you to all of the volunteer bakers who have contributed delicious treats to our fall events!

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## Fundraising Update - Every Bit Counts!!!

As many of you know, GCS relies on fundraising to bridge the gap between tuition revenue and operating costs. *There are several opportunities for you to take part in our 2018-2019 fundraising efforts, including the following events happening this fall:*

\* **The 2018 Groton Community Home Tour** (see below)

\* [The Annual Fund](#). Don't forget to see if your company has a matching gift!

\* **The GCS Fall Apparel Sale starts Tuesday, Oct. 2!** We're launching a new product line and new ordering process so you can get the exact size and color you want. Be sure to stop in the lobby at pick-up or drop-off next week to check it out.

\* Back by popular demand is our [Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser](#). When you order the gift cards you normally buy through the Scrip program, a percentage of your purchase goes back to GCS! Last year, we raised more than \$600 through the Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser.

\* Also, don't forget to use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) or clip your [BoxTops](#)! Both are surefire ways to give back to GCS!

On behalf of GCS, we thank you so much for all of the ways you support Groton Community School in our fundraising efforts. Our success relies on the community spirit and dedication of all of you!

**Questions?** Contact [Heather Spinney-Laidlaw](#) or [Bill Rochefort](#), Fundraising Co-Chairs

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## Volunteer for Home Tour 2018

The 14th annual Groton Community Home Tour will take place on Saturday, November 17th. It is our hope that all GCS parents will support our largest fundraiser in some capacity, whether you come as an attendee to tour the amazing homes, purchase Chance Table tickets to take a chance on winning some fantastic prizes donated by over a hundred local businesses and individuals, or simply by donating some of your time to help plan the Home Tour! The planning committee can use your help during the months of October and November with tasks like making follow-up calls to prospective advertisers and chance table donors, picking up donations, setting up for the event, and staffing the homes the day of the event.



Please consider helping with our biggest fundraising event of the year. If you are interested in helping (in any capacity) with the event contact: [Jen Burke](#) or [Cindi Lane-Hand](#) if you are available to help! Or for general info email [hometour@grotoncommunityschool.org](mailto:hometour@grotoncommunityschool.org).

## [Volunteer Here for Home Tour](#)

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## Grotonfest was Fun!

We hope you had the opportunity to visit us at the GCS booth at Grotonfest. It was a beautiful SUNNY, fun-filled day! GCS Board of Directors and parent volunteers spent time providing information about our programs to interested parents in the community, while children created a fall-themed craft and enjoyed time at our sand table.

It was great to see prior, current and future GCS families!

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## Want to help GCS grow? Join the Board!

Our 2018-2019 Board of Directors is hard at work kicking off the year with our Annual General Meeting and welcoming our Room Parents!

Are you interested in learning more about the Board of Directors and what role we play in the school? Please join us at any of our monthly Board of Directors meetings. Our meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Big Room at GCS. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. We welcome parents to join the Board of Directors or participate as a volunteer at any one of our fundraisers or events.

Please reach out to [Trisha Winroth](#) or email [boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org](mailto:boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org) with any questions. We welcome new ideas and would love to hear from you!

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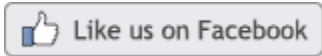
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