

News for GCS Families from the Board of Directors



On Board Newsletter, Winter 2019

Although it seems like we just eased back into our normal routines after the holiday craziness, GCS is busier than ever! The Board is hard at work planning Spring events while the GCS staff has spent countless hours on observations and preparing registration for the 2019-2020 school year. GCS is supported by a village of hard-working people, and there are always ways - big or small - for parents to help. Spread the word about our fabulous school, chip in some time to our Spruce-Up efforts, or donate to the [Annual Fund](#), which helps bridge the gap between tuition and operating expenses.

Speaking of spreading the word - we are just a few weeks away from our **Annual Open House on Sunday, March 3 from 1 to 3 p.m.**, which gives prospective families a chance to see why we all love GCS so much. If you know of someone looking for an early education center, please encourage them to attend!

Don't forget to read below for reports from our Committees on what they've been working on and what you can look forward to this Spring.

We welcome your feedback, questions, and participation anytime!

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Want to Help GCS Grow? Join the 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 7:30 p.m. in the Big Room at GCS. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. Come be a special part of your child's education.

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

Good with numbers? We're looking specifically for someone to fill the Treasurer spot for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact [Trisha](mailto:Trisha.Winroth@grotoncommunityschool.org) for more details on the time commitment for this particular position.

Buildings & Grounds Update

While we had to utilize the rain date for our October Fall Fix-Up, our patience paid off - we had a bright sunny day during which to work and we accomplished much. We also learned that the transfer station is not open on Sundays! Curveball aside, we made great progress at general landscaping maintenance as well as a few bigger jobs, including removal and replacement of the pergola roof on one play structure.



Thanks to all who volunteered to work and contributed tasty refreshments - We're So Grateful!

PLEASE Save the Date for our Spring Spruce-Up: Saturday, May 4!

As you well know, a non-profit like GCS relies upon volunteers to help raise funds - or in this case to donate their time - to reduce expenses. Whether you come to rake, paint, or bake a snack for those that do - every little bit matters and is appreciated!

If you have questions or would like additional information reach out to our B&G Co-chairs: [Emily](mailto:Emily@grotoncommunityschool.org) or [Dan](mailto:Dan@grotoncommunityschool.org).

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 year. They have been busy organizing classroom play dates, decorating the school's front door each month, and helping classroom teachers with various tasks. Their help in creating beautiful Chance Baskets and volunteering 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.

Families had some fun during Fall/Winter play dates at the Groton playground, Tyngsboro Sports Center and local libraries. The Parent Representatives are hard at work planning the Groton Community School Family Picnic which is scheduled for Friday, May, 31st.

Fall Fundraising Recap

It is hard to believe our Fall Fundraising is complete and we are looking ahead to the Spring! We would like to thank all of the families and friends of GCS who participated in the Fall Fundraisers. They were all so successful! Following is a summary of the funds raised, which go toward making up the difference between tuition and expenses.

Fundraiser	Amount Raised
Home Tour Profit	\$24,470.24
Fall Box Tops	\$279.60
Fall Apparel Sale Profit	\$607.15
Fall Scrip Gift Card Profit	\$541.00

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, newsletters and hallway bag notices for important information and deadlines on your favorite fundraisers!

- **Square 1 Art:** Your child will soon be creating a one-of-a-kind masterpiece! A customized catalog showing your child's work of art will be sent home the first week of March.

- **Spring Apparel Sale:** Coming March 18-22, be sure to check out the latest styles of GCS gear and apparel to suit up the whole family for GCS Spirit Week!

- **Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser:** This April, you will have another opportunity to purchase gift cards just in time for end-of-year teacher gifts, graduation presents, and Mother's and Father's Day gifts. It costs you nothing extra to buy the gift card through us, but supports GCS with a rebate on every card purchased!

- **Class Pictures:** Coming this May! All class photos are group photos with the exception of Kindergarten, which will offer individual picture options.

As always, you can support GCS by using [Amazon Smile](#) and submitting your Box Tops. Thanks so much for your support of GCS Fundraising! Every dollar we raise helps keep tuition costs down!

Question? Email us at: fundraising@grotoncommunityschool.org

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