

News for GCS Families from the Board of Directors



On Board Newsletter, Summer 2019

Thank you to everyone for another great school year at GCS! While the days may seem long, the years are certainly short and this one seemed to go by more quickly than ever. Our Board of Directors was able to accomplish so much during the 2018-2019 school year and we're excited to highlight some of those details below.

Thank you to everyone who completed the **annual family survey**. Your feedback is invaluable as we look back and plan ahead. A summary of the survey was released in last week's Kitelet. If you missed it, [you can view it here](#).

If you're not joining us for Camp K this summer, stay connected through the [GCS website](#) and all our social media platforms, including [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#). While you can always check out important dates on the GCS Online Calendar, please make sure to mark the first 2019-2020 school year dates down now:

- Family Orientation, **Thursday, August 29, 2019**
- First day of classes, **Tuesday, September 3, 2019**

As always, we welcome your feedback, questions, and participation anytime! Please talk to any member of the Board of Directors or [email me](#).

**Have a Wonderful Summer,
Kate Ferriola**

President, GCS Board of Directors



Want to Help? The Board of Directors and the Home Tour Committee are Seeking Volunteers!

[*Join the Board*](#)

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 for the 2019-2020 school year! Feel free to speak with any Board of Directors member, [email us](#), or join us at our upcoming meetings in August and/or September.

[Volunteer for 2019 Home Tour](#)

Calling all volunteers! The **15th Annual Groton Community School Home Tour** will take place on Saturday, November 23rd. Please consider joining the Home Tour Committee and helping with our biggest fundraising event of the year. If you are interested in planning the event this summer or assisting in the fall, please contact the [Home Tour Committee](#) for more information!

The BOD Needs Buildings & Grounds and Parent Rep Co-Chairs for 2019-2020! Come learn about these positions now from our experienced co-chairs already in these spots. Contact [Laura](#) for more details.

Buildings and Grounds Update

A huge thank-you to all of the hard-working volunteers (GCS parents, staff, BOD, and local high school students) who contributed their time, expertise, and energy to spruce up our gardens and playscape for our children during a 'mostly' dry Spring Spruce-Up! Projects were selected that made the most sense for summer camp, as we anticipated the potential of relocation for the renovation, which has now come to fruition! If you're around this summer, keep an eye out for communication about an opportunity to help enhance the playground at our new temporary site nearby. There is lots of space for the children to play there too!



Spring Spruce-up 2019

Parent Representatives Update

We celebrated the end of a successful school year at the annual GCS Family Picnic on May 31st! The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed relaxing outdoors after a rather damp and cool spring. The children danced and sang with our live performer, Mr. Vic, and made good use of the playground running and playing with current classroom friends as well as cherished alumni. It is always so nice to see siblings who graduated from Groton Community School excited to take part in this annual event to spend time with fellow Groton Community School graduates. Thank you for sharing this special evening with us.

The Board would also like to acknowledge our hardworking and dedicated **2018-2019 Room Parents!** Their tremendous support in the classrooms, in the school, and to families is essential to ensure our students and families have the best possible experience here at GCS. We truly appreciate all of their help in communicating so many important pieces of information to classroom families. Thank you for the play dates, support with our fundraisers, teacher luncheon and appreciation efforts, beautiful front door decorations and every other special project!



GCS Family Picnic 5/ 31/19 with Children's Musician Mr. Vic

Finally, we would like to thank our incredible **GCS Volunteer Bakers** for all of the refreshments they provided throughout the year. Every donation helped to make our many school events special, welcoming, and delicious!

Fundraising Update

We are so grateful to all of the GCS families for your willingness to volunteer your time and participate in our fundraisers which help balance our budget and keep our tuition rates affordable. Every penny counts! We had a very successful year again this year, raising just short of \$30,000! Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!

Here is the breakdown of how we earned this money:

FUNDRAISER	RAISED
Home Tour	\$23,090
Square One Art	\$1,337
Class Pictures	\$2,092
Apparel Sales	\$1,274
Amazon Smile	\$279
Scrip Gift Cards	\$582
Box Tops	\$368
Moe's Night	\$217
2018-2019 Fundraising Total	\$29,239

In response to comments on our family survey this year, we've made a cheat sheet to give our families a better view of how each fundraiser is important and helps GCS in its own way. Our fundraising team has worked hard to balance our fundraisers to make sure we offer ways you can contribute to GCS at **no additional cost to you.**

[Check out our 18-19 Fundraising Information Sheet Here.](#)

Keep GCS in Mind This Summer!

1. Volunteer on the Home Tour Planning Committee - contact Kate Ferriola at hometour@grotoncommunityschool.org to find out how you can help out over the summer! From phone calls to donation pickups, we can use your help!
2. Keep clipping those Box Tops!
3. When placing an order on Amazon.com, remember to switch to smile.amazon.com and select Groton Community School as your charity of choice. A portion of your purchase goes right to GCS at no additional cost to you!

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A Fond Farewell to Outgoing Board Members

With the close of the school year, we would like to thank the outgoing Board of Directors members for their tremendous service to Groton Community School: **Trisha Winroth** (Vice



President), **Shannon Baxevanis** (Secretary), **Jennifer Burke** (Parent Representative), **Jessica Snow** (Treasurer), **Dan Quinn** (Buildings and Grounds), and **Heather Spinney-Laidlaw** (Fundraising).

A big thanks to [Filho's Great Road in Acton](#) for helping us celebrate GCS staff longevity and these outgoing board members at our annual Board/Staff Social in May with some delicious food!

Come On Board! There are a few openings on the Board of Directors for the new school year. Please attend one of our upcoming meetings or contact [Kate Ferriola](#) for further information.

Announcing the 2019-2020 Board of Directors

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{open}, Treasurer
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Megan Black and Bill Rochefort, Fundraising
Cindy Lane-Hand and {open}, Parent Representatives
{open} Members-at-Large



The 2018-2019 Board of Director at the May GCS Family Picnic

Contributors to the 2018-2019 Annual Fund

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the generous contributions to this year's Annual Fund. Your donation makes a difference for every child at GCS. These gifts are spent on the area of greatest need the year the gift is made.

There is still time to donate! The 2018-2019 Annual Fund runs through Aug. 31. [Donate Here Now](#)

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Stay Connected with GCS!



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