

News for GCS Families from the Board of Directors



On Board Newsletter, Fall 2019

Welcome back!

We've had such a fun time greeting our families in our temporary home! We are so grateful to **all** those (staff, alumni, parents and students!) who were able to make our transition a smooth one. We continue to be impressed with the dedication of our parents to GCS - as a nonprofit, it is that spirit of volunteerism that allows us to thrive as a school and community.

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



Speaking of upcoming events - mark your calendars! The 15th Annual Groton Community Home Tour will take place on Nov. 23. It is GCS's biggest fundraiser (bringing in more than \$23,000 last year!) and is such a fun and unique way to kick off the holiday season. See more on the Home Tour below or [email](#) if you have any specific questions!

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Buildings and Grounds Update

Double the Buildings and Double the Grounds! Well not exactly - but it will be a unique year for B&G. Thanks so much to all the volunteers who took some time out of their busy schedules late this summer to help enhance the playground at 14 Main Street! The children are enjoying the new space and some of the different offerings - especially the rainbow swing!!



Due to the unique situation **FALL FIX-UP will NOT occur** as it normally would. However we will have some smaller projects with which we hope volunteers might help throughout the fall & winter. If you indicated you'd like to help with that type of work on your parent participation forms, you might see an email from me in the future. If you have any questions or suggestions about how you might support B&G, feel free to reach out!

[Emily Crouse](#), Buildings & Grounds chair



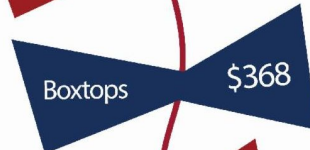
Parent Representative Update

We hope everyone is having a great start to the school year! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take on the role of Room Parent. Room Parents play an important role in supporting our dedicated teachers and also 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. During the fall, Room Parents start organizing class play dates, providing a wonderful way for students and their families to socialize outside of the school day. You will also see information about upcoming events and opportunities to get involved in various volunteer roles.

Also, a massive thank you to all of the volunteer bakers who have contributed delicious treats for our fall events! Refreshments help students, families, and visitors feel comfortable during our events and your contributions are truly appreciated.

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 2019-2020 fundraising efforts, including the following events happening this year:



2018-2019 Fundraising Totals

- The 2019 Groton Community [Home Tour](#)
- The [Annual Fund](#). Don't forget to see if your employer has a matching gift!
- **The GCS Fall [Apparel Sale](#) starts Tues. Oct. 8!** Be sure to stop in the lobby at pick-up or drop-off during that 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!
- Don't forget to use smile.amazon.com or scan your grocery receipt for [BoxTops](#)! BoxTops has made it even easier to help GCS. Keep an eye out for information on the new way to redeem.
- Family dinner out at Moe's was a great success last year and will be back again in Spring 2020.
- This Fall, we are going to bring back family photos. It's a great way to get your holiday card picture done professionally. Information about date and times will be coming soon.

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 [Megan Petka](#) or [Bill Rochefort](#), Fundraising Co-Chairs



The 14th annual Groton Community Home Tour will take place on **Saturday, November 23rd**. 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: [Cindi Lane-Hand](mailto:Cindi.Lane-Hand@grotoncommunityschool.org) if you are available to help! Or for general info email hometour@grotoncommunityschool.org.

[Volunteer Here for Home Tour](#)



Want to help GCS grow? Join the Board!

Our 2019-2020 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 the GCS [Board of Directors](#) with any questions. We welcome new ideas and would love to hear from you!

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