



Kitelet – News from the Director

January 2020

Dates to Remember

Thursday, February 6th

K/Pre-K Information Night

6:30 PM

Friday, February 7th

Enrollment Deadline for

Currently Enrolled Families

Monday, February 10th

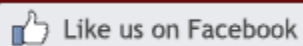
Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

February 17th - 21st

Winter Recess

NO SCHOOL

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Dear GCS Families,

With the end of January directly upon us, we are excited to celebrate the many small and big successes of your children. Today was Parent/Teacher Conference Day at GCS, and this is a day that we all enjoy immensely as it gives a detailed glimpse into your child's development mid-year, both in terms of progress, but also in terms of creating goals for continued growth. Thank you to our families for your time and care, and thank you to our staff for all of their hard work. We are also grateful to our Assistant Teachers for overseeing childcare so that families could focus their time and attention on their conference. Registration for next year is happening at this time, and we hope you were able to gain some insight and guidance for placement. Forms are due to the front desk by next Friday, February 7th. We know this can be a stressful time for families, so please let us know if we can assist you in any way.

Under Construction

The cold winter weather that was certainly prevalent throughout the month did slow down construction on our new building somewhat. However, the good news is that we are still on track to begin the 2020-21 school year at 110 Boston Road. Just this morning, I received a photo from our Site Supervisor depicting a trailer load of lumber being delivered. It will be nice to see some visual construction progress to get us all excited and wanting more. Please visit our "[Moving Forward](#)" Photo Journal depicting our

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construction progress, as well as our page regarding the [Forward Motion Campaign](#).

Let's Go for a Walk

We are so fortunate to be here on the Lawrence Academy Campus and enjoy the benefits of exploring beyond our immediate grounds. A reminder is to please sign the "walking" permission slip on each classroom door so that classes can engage in some nature explorations and use of the LA gym when the playground is a little too muddy for young children.

Our Exxon Mobil Neighbors

We had an exciting surprise visit recently from our neighbor at the Mobil Station just across the street. They nominated Groton Community School for a grant again this year, and we have received a generous check toward this year's Annual Fund*. The Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance Program fosters math and science development in children in preschool through higher education programs, and we will utilize their donation in classrooms for this purpose. Special thanks go to the station Owner, Atta Khan, and Manager, Ihsan Ali, for their support and acknowledgement of the work we do with young children. Please patronize them whenever possible.

*Note that there is still time to donate to our [2019-20 Annual Fund](#).

Thank You!


We would like to thank our wonderful Board of Directors for providing breakfast, snacks, and a delicious lunch for Staff as teachers were putting the finishing touches on your children's observations. It was very much appreciated!

Thank you to our refreshment volunteers for providing additional food & beverages for our staff luncheon today during Parent/Teacher Conferences: Crystal Aharonian, Kathy Bellorado, Jen Burke, Beth Christoforo, Kristine Fox, Paul Pugh, and Meghan Zocchi.

We'd like to thank the following families for their donations to the school in January: The Barry family for snow boots; the Delaney & Hand families for children's books; and the Treadway family for dress-ups, a puppet, and a board game.

In Closing

As we close the week and an eventful Conference Day at GCS, we leave you with a quote from Mister Rogers: "The best teacher in the world is somebody who loves what he or she does and loves it in front of you." We hope that you see this in our dedicated GCS Staff!



Sincerely,

Linda Kosinski

**Linda Kosinski, Director
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