



## Kitelet – News from the Director

February 2020

### Dates to Remember

**Friday, February 28th**

*Tuition Deposits Due for  
2020-2021 School Year*

**Sunday, March 1st**

*GCS Annual Open House  
1 - 3 PM*

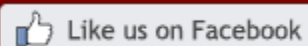
**Week of March 2nd**

*GCS Apparel Sale*

**Monday, March 9th**

*Board Meeting - 7:30 PM*

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### Quick Links



Dear GCS Families,

Happy weekend to everyone! We hope you were all able to enjoy some relaxing family time during the winter break. It certainly helped that there were some spring-like days thrown into the week. These warmer temperatures are a welcomed gift to us, as our construction down the street at 110 Boston Road continues to move along. Please visit our [Moving Forward Photo Journal](#) to watch our progress!. Weekly construction meetings are taking place to keep us on target and ensure that all of our needs are being met. At this point, framing of all rooms and spaces are beginning to take shape, and it is so exciting to see. Everything is on pace for us to be able to start the new school year at this location. Over the next couple of months, we will be sharing more detail and highlights with the children, offering some tours to our Boards, and taking the teachers and staff on a visit. Stay tuned for continued updates and highlights on this exciting project, such as our upcoming [Community Wine Tasting and Silent Auction](#) on March 27th at The Groton Inn. This is a fun-filled evening to celebrate our progress, and generate further excitement and funding for our expansion project. We are extremely grateful to John Amaral from Omni Properties as our Board of Trustee's President, and to Emily Crouse (mom to Yellow Roomer, Lincoln) as our Board of Director's Building and Grounds Chair for their amazing knowledge and careful oversight. We are blessed to have these two amazing volunteers taking on leading roles with our project.

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## **GCS Open House**

We have been busy here at GCS preparing for our Annual Open House this Sunday, March 1st. Please refer us to your friends and neighbors! Our Staff and Board will be here from 1-3 PM greeting new friends, offering activities, and sharing our philosophy. We have also been making final placements for the 2020-21 school year. Deposits are due today, so please see us at the front desk with questions or needs. Registration is a complicated and lengthy process, and we do recognize that it can be stressful as you anticipate changes in programming, class make-up and staffing. Feel free to reach out to us with questions or concerns, and don't give up if you are on a wait list, as we are generally able to sort things out and meet the needs of our in-house families.

## **Square 1 Art**

Hopefully you have seen your child's amazing "Square 1 Art" order packet with stickers that went home earlier this week. This is an opportunity for you to purchase keepsakes with your child's artwork to cherish and preserve. Orders can be submitted at the front desk or via the link <https://shop.square1art.com/shop/>, and enter your child's code. All orders are due by March 13th and will arrive in time for Mother's Day. Proceeds go directly back to GCS to help close the tuition gap in our non-profit budget.

## **Healthy & Happy**

Health and Safety is something all families are genuinely concerned with, and definitely a high priority here at Groton Community School. With the ongoing flu season still with us, please refer to the school's email earlier this month with regard to influenza prevention, awareness, and protocols. To ensure we were completely up to date, we touched base with our GCS Health Care Consultant just before the break to compile the information shared. Along with seasonal flu concerns is certainly the publicity regarding the respiratory coronavirus illness and how the school is prepared. The two go hand in hand in terms of prevention. The three most important methods of prevention are good hand-washing practices, coughing/sneezing into the elbow, and keeping those who are sick away from the healthy. Please feel free to give us a call to get your child in the parking lot if you have a sick sibling in your vehicle, as we are happy to do so.

## **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to the Christoforo family on the birth of their son, Nathan (sister, Lina, is in the TTh AM Yellow Room)!

## **Thank You!**

Thank you to Laurie Davis for the donation of a wooden "market" and a fire department set and to the Green family for spare socks. Thank you to Whitney Maclsaac for spreading the "LOVE" to our entryway in February! Open House attendees will certainly enjoy all the wonderful treats donated by Shelby Morris, Sarah Helfgott, Beth Christoforo, Mairead Orpen,

McKenzie Taub, Kathleen Bellorado, Jessica Barie, Meghan Zocchi, and Tracy Martino. We appreciate all the generous donations!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Kosinski".

**Linda Kosinski, Director  
Groton Community School**