



On Board Newsletter, Fall 2020

A very warm welcome to our new and returning GCS families!

In a year full of unprecedented changes, it is reassuring to know that some things remain the same. While Groton Community School has adapted its programs in order to keep our staff, families, and students safe, the warmth and care extended to each member of our Groton Community School community has not changed. Our children continue to amaze us with their resilience and flexibility. We are so grateful for each person who is playing a role in providing this continuity to our students and their families.

This school year is particularly exciting for the GCS as it is our 75th and this excitement is reflected in our theme, Roots and Wings. While we look back and reflect on so many years of providing children with the most positive first school experience, we also look forward to moving into our beautifully renovated home at 110 Boston Road. The funding for this renovation is the result of countless hours of dedicated work by volunteers and many, many generous donations by our community. The education, fun, and nurturing care provided in this new site will impact students and families in our community for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Cindi Lane-Hand

President, GCS Board of Directors

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Want to help GCS grow? Join the Board!



We welcome you to attend our virtual Annual General Meeting and learn more about the behind-the-scenes activities at GCS! You will hear an overview about where we are and where we're going--lots of changes happening this year! It's an exciting time to be a part of this group. We welcome your ideas!

See you Monday evening, October 5th!

Zoom Meeting at 8:00

Meeting ID: 811 8962 5478

Password: GCSAGM

Prefer to meet a member one on one prior to a full meeting? Email the Board of Directors and we will arrange a casual, socially-distant coffee date.

Buildings and Grounds Update

This past summer, and into fall, the focus of B & G has been largely about assisting with construction happenings at the 110 Boston Road renovation. It is especially-fun to watch it really come together here in the last couple months. Definitely take a peek (from the fence) if you are stopping by CVS or the post office.

Part of the completion includes revamping the playscape in back. Some of this scope is being handled by our contractor, but we are hoping to organize a **FALL FIX-UP** with volunteers from GCS to address some other needs: weeding, cleaning, painting, planting, and the like. This will tentatively occur on a Saturday in November - DETAILS TO COME!



If you have any questions or suggestions about how to support B&G, feel free to reach out!
[Emily Crouse](#), Buildings & Grounds Chair



Parent Representative Update

We are so excited to be starting another wonderful school year at GCS! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take on the important role of Room Parent. Room Parents play a vital 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.

We look forward to another fantastic year with your much appreciated help!

GCS Community Tour 2020

The Groton Community Home Tour has been GCS's biggest fundraiser for the past 15 years, with a record breaking revenue of over thirty thousand dollars in 2019. While things this year may be different, the enjoyment of a safe, local outing is still possible!



The search is ON! Join us for a day of fun for all ages with a self-guided driving tour and community scavenger hunt. Tickets are \$50 per vehicle with a pre-packed snack option \$20.

[Reserve Your Team's Ticket](#)

If you are interested in helping with the event or have a question email the [Board of Directors](#)

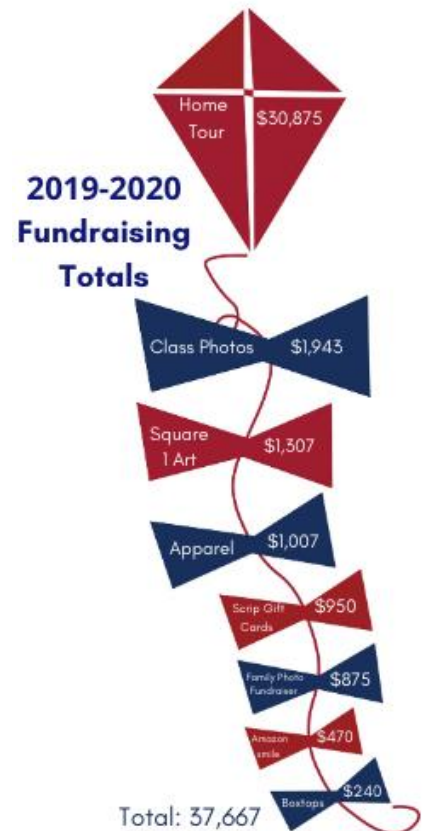
Fundraising Update - Every Bit Counts!

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 2020-2021 fundraising efforts, including the following events happening this year:

- The 2020 [Groton Community Tour](#) We can't wait to see you October 17, 2020!
- The Annual Fund. Don't forget to see if your employer has a matching gift.
- The GCS Fall Apparel Sale. We will have another Apparel Sale during the Community Tour and will accept requests for apparel throughout the year.
- [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. These services are free to use and earn funds for our school!
- New and exciting fundraising and community events will be announced throughout the school year! Stayed tuned for more information.

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 [Kaitlyn Brokaw](#), Fundraising Co-Chairs



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