



On Board Newsletter, Spring 2021

Happy Spring!

It is hard to believe that a year has passed since the pandemic changed the way we live our lives. Anniversaries are often a time for reflection, for celebrating successes or mourning losses. As the GCS Board of Directors President, I am very fortunate to have many successes to celebrate thanks to the creativity of our Board members and every person who supports our efforts; school staff, current GCS families, GCS alumni, and our vast network of community partners. I am reminded of this support each time I enter our beautifully renovated school at 110 Boston Road. Our staff and students are settling in nicely and loving their new home. We hope to be able to share this beautiful space with the community very soon.

As we head into the spring, please look out for our many activities and events including the next exciting class in our successful workshop series-a cooking class! If you are looking for ways to get more involved in our school community, please reach out. We are recruiting for open Board roles and other volunteer opportunities.

As much as I love celebrating successes, I also want to recognize that this year has been challenging for so many of us. As longer days and warmer weather approach, my sincere wish is that we can all find some time to relax and connect with loved ones. Please know that I hold each of you in my thoughts as we continue to weather these unpredictable times.

Sincerely,

Cindi Lane-Hand
President, GCS Board of Directors
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Want to help GCS grow? Join the Board!

Come see what we're all about at any of our monthly meetings. All are welcome!
To attend a meeting email Laura Cummings @ boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org

Openings: Secretary and Buildings and Grounds Chairs

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:

Time to get into the **SWING** of spring activities!!

Our Spring Spruce-Up PHASE 1 event is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th 9AM to 3PM! If you or a family member can lend a hand for any portion of the day please **sign up!**

This spruce up is a bit different with a specific task to accomplish...completing the new swing set area! Our volunteer forces do not require any special skills; we will be bordering the swing set with landscape timbers and then filling it with the engineered wood fiber. Please join other GCS parents and staff volunteers to complete this project, giving the kids an extra awesome surprise on their Monday return after break!

[Click HERE to help!](#)



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 want to take this time to thank and congratulate everyone whose hard work has already helped energize the first half of the school year. A special thank you to all of the room parents who have worked so hard and adapted so well to our first Community Tour. The Chance Baskets were as bountiful and beautiful as ever, the time and energy you put in helped make the Community Tour the success it was. The classroom parents have also been busy decorating our front entrance way and indulging our wonderful teachers with much deserved gifts. Thank you for all you do!



We would also like to send out a big thank you to all of our volunteer bakers. Our Teacher Appreciation week was a much deserved celebration for all of the hard work our teachers and staff put in during the busy observation time as well as every day. Thank you!

Questions? Reach out to Beth Christoforo and Christina Sutherland, Parent Representatives at: parentrepresentatives@grotoncommunityschool.org

Fundraising Update - Every Bit Counts!

It is hard to believe our Fall and Winter Fundraising is complete and we are looking ahead to the Spring! We would like to thank all of the families and friends of GCS who participated in the Fall and Winter Fundraisers, especially the Community Tour and the workshops. They were all so successful! The following is a summary of the funds raised to date.

FUNDRAISER	RAISED
Community Tour 2020	\$ 13,979.00
Winter Workshop Series	\$ 2,265.00
Square One Art	\$ 781.00
Amazon Smile	\$ 519.00
Scrip Gift Cards	\$ 626.00
Fall and Winter Apparel Sale	\$ 351.00
Family photoshoot fundraiser	\$ 250.00
Box Tops	\$ 123.00
Preliminary Total	\$ 18,894.00

There are many opportunities to continue to support GCS through our Fundraising efforts this Spring. Be sure to check the weekly email updates and newsletters for important information and deadlines for your favorite fundraisers!

Upcoming Events:

- Square 1 Art Sale is complete! Thank you to everyone who participated, your items will arrive just after the break.
- Spring Apparel Sale: Be sure to check out the latest styles of GCS gear and apparel to suit up the whole family for GCS Spirit Week!
- Cooking Class: Virtual cooking class with local Chef Chris Frothingham will take place on Sunday, April 25th. More details coming soon!
- Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser: This April, you will have another opportunity to purchase gift cards just in time for end-of-year teacher, graduation, and Mother's and Father's Day gifts. It costs you nothing extra to buy the gift card through us, but supports GCS with a rebate on every card purchased! You can continue to use the RaiseRight app for ship-to-home gift cards and e-gift cards throughout the school year.
- Moe's Taco Kit Fundraiser: On Thursday, May 13th, we will distribute taco kit orders from Moe's at Groton Community School from 4-5pm. GCS earns 20% of all orders. Orders will be due in advance, so please stay tuned for ordering information.
- Class Pictures: Details will be announced later this spring.

As always, you can support GCS by using Amazon Smile and scanning your grocery receipt to collect Box Tops. Thanks so much for your support of GCS Fundraising! Every dollar we raise helps keep tuition costs down!

Question? Email Fundraising Co-Chairs, Megan Petka and Kaitlyn Brokaw at Fundraising@grotoncommunityschool.org

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