

Groton Community School

Staff Members

May 2021

Administration:



Linda Kosinski **GCS Director**

*MA Leadership, BS Elementary Education, AA Early Childhood Education
With GCS since 1985*

*Non-voting GCS Trustee and Member of Board of Directors, Past GCS Parent
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In my years at GCS, I have taught Preschool, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and served as Assistant and now school Director. I truly believe in the school's philosophy and embrace meeting the need for good early childhood programming that should be available to families and young children. I appreciate the talent and caliber of GCS teaching staff, feel privileged that my children were able to attend, and proud to be part of the GCS community.



Lisa Stafford **GCS Assistant Director, My Grown-up and Me Instructor**

MA Philosophy, BS Computer Science, Math & Philosophy, Bachelor's Equivalence ECE

With GCS since 1995

*Non-voting GCS Trustee and Member of Board of Directors, Past GCS Parent
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I felt "at home" from my very first experience starting as a GCS parent in 1994, and I started teaching at GCS the following year. Groton Community School takes its middle name seriously, and I enjoy being a part of a dedicated, loyal, and caring community that continues to impact the lives of so many children and families! Outside of GCS, I enjoy walking, kayaking, Zumba and African drumming.



Terri Martin **Full Day Coordinator, Summer Camp Director, Head Teacher Pre-K & Extended Day**

BS Early Childhood Education

With GCS since 1995

Non-voting Member of Board of Directors

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Groton Community School is "my happy place." Teaching is my passion...it is what I am meant to do. I live with my husband and our wonderful dog, Shiloh.



Bonnie Stanton **Registrar**

Katherine Gibbs Graduate

With GCS since 1996

Past GCS Parent

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I have enjoyed being the GCS Registrar for 25 years & counting! My introduction to GCS was in 1991 as a parent. On my daughter's last day of preschool, I left tearfully saying that someday I'd be back...My son and daughter have moved on long ago, but here I am years later! I love spending time with family & friends and especially enjoy my "lake time".

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Lorrie Morgan **Bookkeeper, Substitute Teacher**

BA Accounting

With GCS since 2005

Past GCS Board of Directors and Learning Express Board Member, Past GCS Parent

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I am committed to my family, the community, and to seeing that Groton Community School remains the successful school that it is. GCS is a great place to be involved with, and its extraordinary dedication to children and families keeps me involved.

Teaching Staff:



Stella Andrews **Kindergarten and Extended Day II Head Teacher**

ME Education, BS Human Services

With GCS since 2018

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The feeling and energy of the school and teachers drew me to GCS! I am especially impressed with the staff longevity here. Being a part of children's development is very fulfilling. After many years in the field of early childhood education, I am very excited to now be teaching at GCS. My husband and I love the outdoors/nature, kayaking, gardening, skiing, and also enjoy photography.



Erin Auger **MWF AM Blue Room Head Teacher**

Associates in Early Childhood Education

With GCS since 2020

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GCS played a huge part in my education and I am so thrilled to be able to continue now as a Teacher. Since my student teaching practicum at GCS, I have felt so at home and welcomed. GCS is such a loving, caring place with a strongly built community. Outside of GCS, I enjoy coaching gymnastics, watching sports and the outdoors.



Lindsay Connolly **Pre-Kindergarten and Extended Day Teacher**

BS Elementary Education & American Studies

With GCS since 2012

I am thoroughly enjoying my work as Pre-K Teacher and Camp Kaleidoscope Head Counselor. When I was younger, I knew that teaching was what I was meant to do in life, and GCS is the perfect place to explore my passion to do so. Outside of school, I enjoy photography, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

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Jennie Fitzkee **Full Day Program Head Teacher**

AA Kindergarten Education
With GCS since 1984
Past GCS Parent
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I have been teaching children at GCS for many wonderful years, with passion, excitement, and love. Making a difference in the lives of young children through play, reading aloud, art, music, and literacy is the greatest of accomplishments, and all I have ever wanted to do. I am a writer, looking at all that happens with young children, and putting those moments into stories so that others can both learn and enjoy.



Tracy Gerner **Yellow Room Assistant Teacher**

BA Psychology with Elementary Education Certification
With GCS 2008-2011 & since 2013

I absolutely enjoy working at GCS, a school that is well run and organized, offers quality care and education for the children, and has dedicated and talented staff. I have worked as a Substitute, Floating Substitute, Assistant, and Teacher throughout the years at GCS. Outside of school, I enjoy going out and spending time with my family and friends.



Patty Hammond **Aqua Room Assistant Teacher**

Certificate in Early Childhood Education
With GCS 2003- 2018 & since 2019

The school came highly recommended to me, and my experiences working at GCS are the absolute best anyone could hope for. I love what I do everyday and I love my "GCS Family"! Personally, my philosophy is to live my life with joy and happiness in all I do!



Suzanne Joyce **Aqua Room Assistant Teacher**

BA Elementary Education
With GCS since 2020

I experienced firsthand how incredible GCS is when my daughter Clare attended years ago. I love working with such loving, caring people who are so dedicated to young children. I am a proud Mom to three wonderful children and two dogs. I am an avid reader and love camping in Maine.

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Jean Kennedy

TTh Yellow & MWF PM Blue Room Assistant

Early Childhood Education experience and coursework

Current Parent

With GCS since 2020

I've never worked at a school that felt so welcoming! Everyone works as one big team, and it's such an amazing experience! I love how involved the school is with the community and with the families that attend, and we are so happy to be one of them. My husband, daughter and I are a proud military family.



Noreen Keras

Kindergarten & PM Blue Room Assistant, Floating Sub

BS Hotel Restaurant Management

With GCS since 2000

Past GCS Board President and Learning Express Board Member, Past GCS Parent

I started at GCS in 1989 as a parent, and all of my had four children attended. I have seen the school through many lenses since that time, serving as a member of the School and Learning Express Boards as well as in the capacity of a staff member. I love having the opportunity to help foster a love of exploration in children during their earliest years in the warm and caring environment created by the incredibly dedicated staff, along with the supportive families of GCS. I am a family-oriented person who gets her inspiration through reading, travel, music and the beach.



Natalia LaManna

MWF AM Blue & Extended Day Assistant Teacher, Floating Sub

BA Sociology/ Anthropology/ Social Work; Associates in Early Childhood Education

With GCS 2017

My experiences here at GCS – beginning as a Practicum Student in the Pre-K Class, then as a Camp Kaleidoscope Counselor - have been amazing and all-around rewarding! Now as an Assistant Teacher and Float, I am enjoying the excitement of teaching provided by staff members and also the welcoming/comforting nature of the school, as well. Outside of GCS, I love spending time with family and friends. I also enjoy DIY projects, music, reading and history.



Heidi May

Full Day Program Teacher, TTh Yellow Room Head Teacher

MS Counseling, BS Psychology

With GCS since 2016

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GCS has made me feel part of a warm family and community. I am happy to be here and love working with each staff member. I wanted to become a teacher at GCS because I enjoy working with children and have felt welcomed ever since I walked through the door. It truly is a wonderful place to be. The stories about greatness are true! I am a dog mom to Nora, a black lab, and hope to train her to be a therapy dog with kids.

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Bailey Newell-McCart **Kindergarten Assistant Teachers**

*AA Nursing, with AA Early Childhood Education in process
With GCS since 2020*

My time at GCS as a Practicum Student was exceptionally educational and uplifting. Now as an Assistant Teacher, GCS continues to expand my passion for Early Childhood Education. I wanted to continue to be a part of the school because it is a community that values creativity, independence, and self-expression, which are incredibly important to my professional philosophy. I enjoy the outdoors, kayaking, trying new restaurants, listening to music, and spending quality time with my girlfriend and family.



Inga Nuccio **PM Blue Room Head Teacher**

*BS Music Education, BS Equivalence Early Childhood Education
With GCS since 2005*

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I am a teacher who enjoys exploring with, encouraging, and sharing the natural world with children and families at Groton Community School. I am inspired by the world around us (through my walks in the woods with my two dogs and passion for kayaking local rivers). I wanted to be a part of the GCS community as I appreciate their philosophy and dedication to interacting with each child as a unique individual, and the opportunity to work together with an amazing group of staff to achieve the best for each child and their family. I am passionate about opportunities to support whole body and brain wellness and learning.



Deb Penney **MWF Yellow Room Head Teacher**

*BA Human Development, AS Computer Programming
With GCS since 2000*

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GCS is like a second family and I am so lucky to work with such talented and caring teachers! After owning a family daycare for years, I made the move to first job in the teaching world at GCS, and I have never wanted to leave because of the quality of care and philosophy of the school. I love spending time with my family and am very involved in my grandchildren's lives.

Consultants:



Patty Barr **Creative Movement Instructor**

With GCS since 1997

I am an active person and feel sharing the value of exercise and movement with others makes everyone healthy and happier. I love sharing my passion with GCS as Director of Imagimotion Kidz. All children are born with a creative potential, but the critical years for stimulating and developing creativity are between the ages of three to five. Through movement, children have the opportunity to imagine, explore, discover, and maximize their potential.

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Sarah Belcher, M.S., CCC-SLP
Speech and Language Development Consultant
With GCS since 2015

I live in Littleton with my husband, daughter (GCS alumna) and son (who currently attends). Groton Community School is a "home away from home" for my children, so it was important to me that I become more involved in the GCS community by joining the Board of Directors. I enjoy helping children and their families through my professional work as a private Pediatric Speech-Language Pathologist, and also as a Speech and Language Development Consultant at the school.



Susan H. Lizotte, MS, OTR/L
Occupational Therapy Consultant
With GCS since 1998
Past GCS Parent

I have had the distinct pleasure of partnering with GCS to develop a uniquely consultative role that serves children in the classroom and staff with lunchtime trainings on a bimonthly basis. My son joined me at GCS as a toddler, preschool, and kindergarten student. I am so proud to be part of this innovative program and work with such a dedicated, knowledgeable staff and administration. When not at GCS, I spend my time running an OT consulting business, serving as an Instructor in the OTA program at NSCC, and lecturing. I am a proud mother of two and dog lover.



Katy Noise
Kindergarten Class French Instructor
With GCS since 2013

I love working at GCS because of the warm, supportive and caring atmosphere created by the staff, and because of the wonderful, curious and interested students. I have had several professions, but teaching has been by far the most fulfilling. Teaching at GCS is a rewarding experience!