

Groton Community School

Staff Members

September 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 Full Day Pre-K & Extended Day**

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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.

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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".



Lorrie Morgan

Bookkeeper

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 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.

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Erin Auger

MWF & TTh 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

Full Day Pre-Kindergarten 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.



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.

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Tracy Gerner

MWF & TTh 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.



Julia Coleman Howard

MWF & TTh Yellow Room Head Teacher

BS Human Dev. And Family Studies

With GCS since 2021



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

AM Pre-K & 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

Full Day Pre-K & 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 & Full Day Pre-K Assistant, 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.

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Lorie Lorusso
AM Pre-K & Kindergarten Head Teacher

*BS Early Childhood Education
With GCS since 2021*



Heidi May
Full Day Program 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.



Monique Meehan
TTh Yellow Room Assistant, Summer Art Instructor

*BS Fine Arts
With GCS since 2021*

GCS was where my children had their first experience at school, and it was wonderful for my family. I knew teaching here would be a meaningful and fulfilling experience. I have worked with children for many years and love bringing artistic exploration into their daily lives. GCS embraces opportunities for children to articulate ideas through art, and is a perfect fit for me. I have taught art to children of all ages, and love to share the joy that it brings in expressing oneself creatively.

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Bailey Newell-McCart **Kindergarten Assistant Teacher**

*AA Early Childhood Education and AA Nursing
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 **MWF & TTh 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.

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Consultants:



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!