



## **On Board Newsletter, Spring 2022**

### **Happy Spring!**

Finally, a Spring that feels like the hope and promise of brighter days ahead is finally achievable! No doubt the pandemic has affected us all, in countless ways, and we are all ready for a season of normalcy. It has been quite a long road, and I think we parents have been thrown on a roller coaster we never imagined possible. As the GCS Board of Directors President, I strive to support all of you incredible caregivers. It has been so taxing to navigate the constant changes and I'm truly hopeful we can all feel relief in sight.

In this wave of uncertainty I feel all the more grateful for the beautiful sides of life, and GCS most certainly is a part of that. My children are so lucky to be a part of this school, as I know it will be a part of them forever! And just as they've made friends that will likely last for years to come, I too have built a community around people I met at GCS. Warmer weather means longer lingering outside the front door at drop-off, chatting and laughing with friends.

One of our most dear friends is notably missing, and I certainly want a chance to honor Cindi Lane-Hand and all that she has done for GCS. She served as our president for almost two years, until her family moved abroad to London earlier this year. Cindi is the most kind-hearted and bucket-filling human you can find! Her leadership, particularly in the darkest pandemic days, was nothing short of remarkable. We are so thankful for her generous donations of so much of herself, and she is very missed!

Please reach out if there is any way the Board of Directors can support you as a parent, or if you want to join us to support the incredible teachers and this school! We are here to help...we love what we do, and we do it because we love GCS.

**Sincerely,**

Laura Cummings  
President, GCS Board of Directors  
[boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org](mailto:boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org)



## Grow something FUN with the GCS Board of Directors!

Join the GCS Board of Directors and room parents for a Spring Social event!

**Wednesday, May 25th: 6PM-8PM**

Meet and mingle with other parents and the BOD to create your own take-home mixed perennial flower pot. Plants and supplies will be provided with light refreshments served. This is a free event, grown-ups only please!

RSVP to Laura Cummings to [boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org](mailto:boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org)

## Buildings and Grounds Update:

Spring is finally here! With the nice weather comes the opportunity to lend a hand at our Annual Spring Spruce Up.



This year's Spruce Up is scheduled for **Saturday, May 7th** with a rain date of May 14th. Come meet GCS staff and other parents while we make that playground that you hear so much about shine!

[Click HERE Signup!](#)

If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to reach out to [Kelly Lopez & Laura Hankin](#), Buildings & Grounds Co-Chairs



## Parent Representative Update

The first half of the school year has been such a wonderful time to bring our community together. The classrooms are thriving and we greatly appreciate everyone's positive energy and contributions. A special thank you to all the room parents for their continuous efforts in working alongside the teachers for all additional needs of the class, from organizing classroom parties and outside playdates to teacher gifts and amazing Chance Baskets. Thank you for your community support and all you do!

We would also like to send a big thank you to all of our volunteer bakers. Our new monthly "stock the fridge" event for our wonderful teachers and staff is so rejuvenating and appreciated. Teacher Appreciation Week was also a wonderful success due

to your generous contributions of lunch and snacks throughout the week. It is because of this kindness our community and school flourish.

Save the date for the GCS Family Picnic Dinner planned for Friday, June 3rd! Details to come.

Questions? Reach out to Beth Christoforo and Christina Sutherland, Parent Representatives at: [Parentrepresentatives@grotoncommunityschool.org](mailto:Parentrepresentatives@grotoncommunityschool.org)

## Fall Fundraising Recap

We are looking ahead to the Spring and fun events we have planned! 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 wreath workshop. They were all so successful! Following is a summary of the funds raised:

FUNDRAISER	RAISED
Community Tour	\$13,645
Scrip Gift Cards	\$1,079
Apparel Sale	\$757
Wreath Workshop	\$711
Mabel's Labels	\$267
Moe's Taco Kit Fundraiser	\$210
Hannaford Helps	\$69
Box Tops	\$27
<b>Preliminary Total</b>	<b>\$16,765</b>

## Upcoming Events this Spring:

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 on your favorite fundraisers!

- Square 1 Art Sale is complete! Thank you to everyone who participated.
- 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 and the June 3rd Family Picnic!
- 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. There is no extra cost to buy the gift card through us, but GCS receives 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.
- 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!

Questions? Email Fundraising Co-Chairs, Kaitlyn Brokaw and Lindsay Guaraldi at [Fundraising@grotoncommunityschool.org](mailto:Fundraising@grotoncommunityschool.org)

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