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Dates to Remember

April 26th - 30th
*Bid It Forward
Online Auction*

Saturday, April 30th
*Bid It Forward
Community
Auction & Wine
Sampling
7:00 PM*

Saturday, May 7th
*Spring Spruce-Up
9 AM - 3 PM*

Monday, May 9th
*Board Meeting - 7:30
PM*

Monday, May 30th
*Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL*

April 2022

Dear GCS Families,

Welcome back after a wonderful spring vacation week of beautiful weather. I hope you found some time for fun, rest, and a nice change of pace. It is always so delightful to see families and smiling children back in our school and greeting their friends. The school was certainly busy with some exciting projects while we were closed. Large visual screens were installed in each classroom that will allow for culture and geography exploration, engagement in music and movement opportunities, language and literacy pursuits, and opportunities to bring field trips and guests in for virtual experiences. We also have two large *interactive screens* that will arrive in the next couple of weeks for our Staff Room and the Children's Library. We are excited by all of the possibilities!! Thank you to all of those who donated to this year's Annual Fund, which was designated to this endeavor.

Spring has Sprung

There was also lots of action on our playground! Two past families (the Crouse and Lopez Families) began helping us to reconstruct our greenhouse, some landscaping plans were explored, and a GCS alum, Sam Landry, who has been working on his Eagle Scout Project, worked tirelessly

all week to build a storage shed on our playground. We have so much more to do this spring and could use your help. Please consider lending us an hour or two next Saturday, May 7th (rain date May 14th) as we continue to enhance our playground, while also performing some routine maintenance tasks that are needed. We hope you can all take a peek at our progress. Starting next Monday, and providing the school stays healthy, we are inviting full day families to also go into classrooms to pick up their children at the end of the day. As we have said many times over, thank you for your help and cooperation to keep our school healthy during this very challenging time.

Bid It Forward!

Have you heard that there is a tractor in the building? Yes, your child is reporting accurately, and this could be yours! I am sure you have been reading about our virtual Auction and Wine Sampling Event that is being held this Saturday at the Groton Inn? Join us for an evening of delicious food, good company, wine sampling, wonderful music by our own talented dad, Steve Zocchi (son Luca is in the PM Blue Room), and the chance to see all of the auction items up close and personal. While it promises to be a fun evening, there is no need to attend in person. The auction began on Tuesday and will continue until 9:30 PM on Saturday evening. Read about the auction, live event, and take peek and bid on all the amazing items: www.grotoncommunityschool.org/giving/auction-and-wine

Summer on the Horizon

While the weather has been on the chilly side, spring is definitely here! We have many exciting events happening over the course of the next 6 weeks so hold on tight and enjoy the special celebrations. There are still limited part-time Summer Camp spaces left if anyone is interested. It is just going out the public, so check in at the front desk ASAP if you are interested. Be sure to save the date of June 3rd for our GCS Family Picnic. More details to follow.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to on our own Caitlin Vaillancourt (Aqua Room mom), Karla King (Purple Room mom), and Greg Keras (son of Teacher, Noreen) for their amazing

accomplishment in completing the Boston Marathon. We are so proud of our GCS family!!

Thank You!

The GCS Staff are so grateful for the snack/beverage donations made each month to stock our Staff Room. This month we'd like to thank the following for their contributions: Ann Marie Abner, John Caloggero, Jillian Doyle, Carrie Eubank, Angela Gibney, Lindsay Guaraldi, Leslie Howard, Gina Jackson, Josephine Kramer, Jessica Larrabee, Erica Magro, Crystal Messamore, Shelby Morris, Kendra Quinn, Ann Rodriguez, Alice & Brian Smith, Melissa Sulprizio, & Betsey Whitney.

We'd also like to thank families for their various donations to the school: The Cassa family for step stools, puzzles & books; the Delaney family for toys & curriculum materials; the Dewing and Mauch family for clothing; the Doyle, Kramer, Laverdure & Quinn families for Staff snacks; the Giangregorio family for office supplies & easel; the Giattino family for rolls of paper; the Krolewski-Woods family for toys, games & classroom furniture; and to the Morrison family for COVID test kits & boots. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

Happy Spring,

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