



On Board Newsletter, Summer 2022

It feels like a true accomplishment to conclude the 2021-2022 school year! There were a lot of challenges along the way, though truthfully it felt like that far more for the adults than the children. The children maintained their smiles, optimism, delight and love of school without batting an eye. I have been honored to serve on the Board of Directors through this time. We were thankful for in-person meetings and more social events toward the end of the year! I am also very pleased to welcome Kaitlyn Brokaw as our new President. She has been a strong leader in the Fundraising team and is a natural choice to lead the Board forward. I am looking forward to staying on as Vice President to aid in this transition. I wish all of you a very happy, relaxing, peaceful and fun summer! I hope to see many of you at GCS Camp!

Sincerely,

Laura Cummings
President, GCS Board of Directors
boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org



Want to have fun and help GCS grow? Join the Board!

The GCS Board of Directors supports daily school operations and assists the staff in creating a strong community for the entire school. Members play an important role in fundraising efforts and spearheading many fun events. Get an inside glimpse at how it all works, a stronger connection with the staff and teachers, and make some great new friends! Interested? The Board of Directors is always looking for new members to join our team! Feel free to speak with any Board of Directors member, [email us](#) or join us at our upcoming meetings in August and/or September.

We have a positive, fun group of parents/guardians happy to jump in and welcome you on Board. Please reach out anytime!



Above: The GCS Board and Room Parents at the Grow-With-Us social and planting Event

Buildings and Grounds Update:

The 2021-2022 school year was an exciting year for Buildings & Grounds. Thanks to the efforts of many, we have reinstalled the GCS greenhouse, set up new playground equipment, painted the playground houses, the Peace Pole has been brought back to 110, and a new exciting mud kitchen area was created (just to name a few)! We are also so grateful to be the recipients of a local Eagle Scout - thank you to Sam Landry! project that has resulted in a brand new custom shed where GCS will store some playground equipment.



A big thank you to all of the parents who volunteered as part of the Fall Fixup and Spring Spruce Up. With your help and muscle we are able to tackle a huge list of projects in a very short period of time. As the saying goes “teamwork makes the dreamwork.”

As the Buildings & Grounds Co-chairs, we take great pride in making sure the playground is fun, safe and that the children have had the best experience this year. It is a true labor of love.

If you are interested in pitching in with any task or projects, please reach out (anytime) to buildingsandgrounds@grotoncommunityschool.org



Parent Representative Update

The Board would like to extend a sincere thank you to the amazing efforts of the 2021-2022 Room Parents. The GCS Room Parents jump into the school year with enthusiasm kicking off our fundraising events and continue through the year with classroom projects, teacher appreciation efforts and beyond. It was wonderful to end the year in person for our wonderful community to come together once again. Thank you all for your continuous support.

We would also like to show our gratitude to our generous GCS Volunteer Bakers. This years new "Stock the Fridge" event was a successful and much appreciated monthly contribution to our wonderful staff. We are truly grateful for everyone's hard work and generosity throughout the year!

Questions? Reach out to Beth Christoforo, Parent Representative at: parentrepresentatives@grotoncommunityschool.org

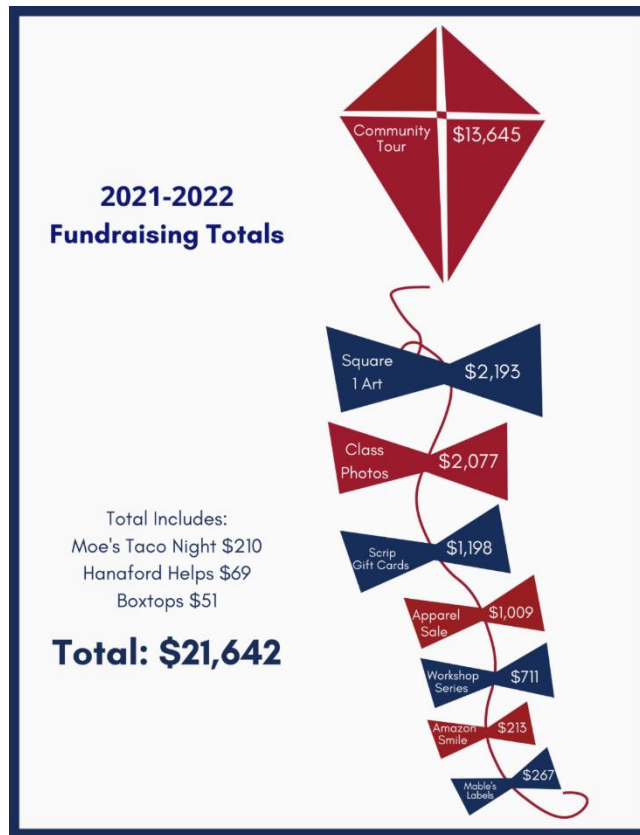
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We are grateful to GCS families for your willingness to volunteer your time and participate in our fundraisers. The fundraisers provide services, activities, or fun products for your family while helping to keep our tuition rates affordable. Plus they provide meaningful opportunities to participate in your child's educational experience. We had a very successful year again this year, raising a total of \$22,302! Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!

Keep GCS in Mind This Summer!

When placing an order on Amazon.com, remember to switch to smile.amazon.com and select GCS. You can also continue scanning receipts for BoxTops and order your Mabel's Labels for summer camp or the next school year. Remember to share these opportunities with your friends and family, too!

Get ahead for next Fall - Mabel's Labels: from now until the end of July, the entire line of personalized school products will be 20% OFF! This annual event includes a lot of our popular items that rarely go on sale. Type "Groton Community School" on the "Support a Fundraiser" tab to credit the GCS account!



A Fond Farewell to Outgoing Board Members

With the close of the school year, we would like to thank the outgoing Board of Directors members for their tremendous service to Groton Community School: Caera Monahan (Secretary) and Christina Sutherland (Parent Representative).



Above: The June GCS Staff and Board Social

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Contributors to the 2021-2022 Annual Fund

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the generous contributions to this year's Annual Fund. Your donation makes a difference for every child at GCS. These gifts are spent on the area of greatest need the year the gift is made.

There is still time to donate!
The 2021-2022 Annual Fund runs through Aug. 31.

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