



On Board Newsletter, Fall 2022

A heartfelt welcome to our new and returning GCS families!

I've enjoyed seeing many familiar and new smiling faces over the first days of school as we settle into new routines. This year, we look to reinstating many of the traditions we have cherished at GCS - family presence in classrooms at drop off times, community snack, and in-person curriculum nights and other events. The return of these traditions is creating an exciting energy at GCS and among the Board of Directors (BOD).

We're also bringing back the social elements of GCS that we have greatly missed over the past couple of years. You will notice BOD presence at the school and events - providing activities or snacks. There will be more social opportunities for adults and families. We're aiming to get folks together to build community, forge friendships, and have fun.

As Linda Kosinski introduced, this year's school-wide theme is *tunza* - "to treat with care or affection". There are many ways to care for the GCS community. Please join us for the Annual General Meeting and Social to learn more about the BOD and the opportunities we have for you! Coming up soon are the Fall FixUp and the (new!) Garden Club, which are both fun ways to come together and care for our beautiful new building, grounds, and GCS Community.

Warmly,
Kaitlyn Brokaw
President, GCS Board of Directors
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Want to have fun and help GCS grow?

The Board of Directors would like to extend a warm welcome to all families to please join us at the Annual General Meeting, Monday October 3 at 7:30 pm. This is a casual, adult-only evening that provides an added opportunity to interact with

teachers and administrators, and learn more about the inner workings of our wonderful school! We are also happy to share more about the Board of Directors and what we're working on this year in our efforts to support GCS. Enjoy some snacks, meet new people, and try your chance at winning a fabulous door prize! We hope to see you there!

Can't make the meeting but still want to learn more?

Email boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org and arrange a coffee date!

If you missed the GCS Annual General Meeting we welcome you to attend any of our monthly Board of Director's meetings. Ask questions and learn about all of the exciting things happening at GCS! We'd love to meet you.

Buildings and Grounds Update:

The Fall Fix Up is a great way to get outside and meet other GCS parents while completing some simple gardening and landscaping tasks around the school.

Swing by and lend a hand! Timeslots are flexible, we'll take as much (or as little) help as you can offer!

Saturday, Oct 22 (rain date Oct 23) from 9 AM to 3 PM

[Sign-up to help Here!](#)



Thank you from the GCS Building & Grounds Committee, your help ensures that we are able to keep expenses (and therefore tuition) lower.

If you are interested in helping with any task/project or have suggestions, please reach out to Laura Hankin and Jessica Barie at: buildingandgrounds@grotoncommunityschool.org

Parent Representative Update:

We are so excited to be starting another fantastic school year at GCS! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be a Room Parent this year. Room Parents are an important part of Groton Community School and we appreciate your time, energy and

commitment to making GCS such a special school. Please get to know your classroom Room Parent(s) and keep your eye out for periodic email updates.

We look forward to a wonderful 2022-2023 school year and appreciate your help and commitment to our community.

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

The GCS Board of Directors are so excited to continue our tradition of our classroom "Chance Baskets". These basket items are so generously donated by our classroom families and put together by our creative and dedicated Room Parents.

This years baskets themes include:

- "Get Your Game On" (Sports Activities)
- "Family Night In" (Games/Legos)
- "Zoologist In Training" (Animal and Science)
- "Everything But The Kitchen Sink" (Cooking and Baking)
- "Out In The Wild" (Camping and Outdoor Adventure)



Plan to stop by the GCS lobby to look at the finished baskets starting November 14 and take a "chance" to win big!

Fundraising Update - Every Bit Counts!

As many of you know, GCS relies on fundraising to bridge the gap between tuition revenue and operating costs. There are several opportunities for you to take part in our 2022-2023 fundraising efforts, including the following events happening this fall:

- The Annual Fund. Many employers have a generous matching gift- be sure to check!
- The GCS "Take a Chance" Prize calendar: Late November & December- *NEW for 2022!*
- The GCS Holiday Apparel Sale. We will have another apparel sale in time for the holidays!
- Scrip Gift Card Fundraiser. When you order the gift cards you normally buy through the Scrip program, a percentage of your purchase goes back to GCS!

Please click [HERE](#) for a Year at a Glance for all opportunities.

On behalf of GCS, we thank you so much for all of the ways you support Groton Community School in our fundraising efforts. Our success relies on the community spirit and dedication of all of you!

Questions? email Lindsay Guaraldi at Fundraising@grotoncommunityschool.org



The Board of Directors had a great time representing GCS at Grotonfest!
It was a wonderful day meeting community members, current GCS families and it was fun to catch up with GCS alumni who have moved on!

2022-2023 Board of Directors

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