

Groton Community School

Staff Members

2022-2023

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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I have been with Groton Community School for over 30 years and was in the classroom as the Kindergarten/Pre-Kindergarten Teacher prior to moving in the administrative role. I truly believe in the school's philosophy and embrace meeting the need for good early childhood programming being available for families and young children. I appreciate the talent and caliber of GCS teaching staff, feel very privileged that my own children had the opportunity to attend GCS when they were young, and am so proud to be part of the GCS community. During my off time, I enjoy gardening, exercise and catching a Bruins game whenever possible.



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 as a GCS parent in 1994, and I started teaching at GCS the following year. I am still working at the school where my daughter attended Preschool and Kindergarten, and now my granddaughter attends! 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, African drumming, and playing with grandchildren.



Terri Martin **Full Day Coordinator, Summer Camp Director,** **Head Teacher Pre-K Extended Day**

BS Early Childhood Education
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 in Ashburnham.

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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 & K/Pre-K Extended Day 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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Lindsay Connolly **Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Teacher**

BS Elementary Education & American Studies

With GCS since 2012

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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.



Jennifer Davidson **Full Day Pre-Kindergarten Head Teacher**

BS Early Childhood Education

With GCS since 2022

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I have been in the field of Early Childhood Education since 1999, teaching Pre-K and Kindergarten classes. I am very excited to once again be teaching Pre-K, this time at GCS. When I had a tour of the school and felt how warm and inviting it was, I knew I wanted to be a part of that. I am a mother to four adult children, and grandmother. We are huge fans of the Boston Red Sox and love to attend games at Fenway Park. I also enjoy reading, trying new recipes, and learning America Sign Language.



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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Jean Kennedy

AM Pre-K & MWF PM Blue Room Assistant

Early Childhood Education experience and coursework

With GCS since 2020

Past GCS Parent

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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

TTh 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

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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 & TTh AM Blue Assistant, Floating Sub

BA Sociology/ Anthropology/ Social Work; Associates in Early Childhood Education

With GCS 2017

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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 & K/Pre-K Extended Day Head Teacher

BS Early Childhood Education

With GCS since 1984 - 1988 and since 2021

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I feel so fortunate to be back at GCS and to be a part of this wonderful community. I returned after teaching in the public school system because GCS has an amazing philosophy that emphasizes the importance of relationships. GCS develops the whole child and helps them to become kind and respectful humans. I am very family-oriented and to me there is nothing more important than a strong family bond.



Naomi Lynch

Full Day Assistant Teacher

AS Child Study

With GCS 2012 – 2020 and since 2022

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GCS is a loving and welcoming school, which is evident through staff interactions with children and parents. I love working in a supportive environment that values education and family. Outside of GCS I enjoy spending time with family, friends and my Golden Retriever Finley (Finn).



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.

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Monique Meehan **TTh Yellow Room Assistant, Floating Sub**

BS Fine Arts
With GCS since 2021
Past GCS Parent
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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.



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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Rebecca Ranney

MWF & TTh Yellow Room Assistant, Floating Sub

BFA Illustration

With GCS since 2022

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I have lived in Groton for most of my life, and I am excited to join this community in a new way! I've heard so many good things about the school, and love being a part of the GCS family already because of the kind and loving philosophy and wonderful children here. Outside of my time at GCS, I love spending time out in nature and working in my art studio.



Jessica Ross

MWF & TTh Yellow Room Head Teacher

BS Early Childhood/ Elementary Education

With GCS since 2022

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I grew up in Groton and thought about someday working at GCS. I watched the rebuild from the outside, and I am so excited to be a part of this team now! The sense of community is ever-present. Outside of GCS, I enjoy doing yoga, spending time with friends and family, and being a huge Red Sox fan!



Meghan Zocchi

MWF & TTh AM Blue Head Teacher

With GCS 2018-2020 and since 2021

Neuroscience, M Ed., BS Psychology

Past GCS Parent

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I attended GCS as a child myself for 4 years, and now I was thrilled to be send my own children and teach here. I wanted to be part of the warmth, community, and support that GCS provides. GCS feels like "home" to me! I am also a pianist and cellist, and love hiking, biking, and nature walks outdoors with my family.

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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 have spent 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.

Specialty Staff:



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!

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Samantha Stanley

GCS Librarian

With GCS since 2022

Past GCS Parent