



On Board Newsletter, Fall 2023

A heartfelt welcome to our new and returning GCS families!

I hope that you are settled into your fall routines. The Board of Directors (BOD) is excited about the new school year and bringing everyone together for fun activities. The school-wide theme, "Together We're Stronger," will be noticed throughout the year. You will find more social opportunities to be together - such as our walking club, book club, and class playdates. We're hoping to plan move events that interest dads, too; we welcome ideas for fun activities!

Coming up soon is the annual Fall FixUp - more information about volunteering can be found in the Building & Grounds section below. It's a wonderful way to help the school and meet other parents. As always, please reach out with any thoughts, ideas, or questions. We love to hear from you!

Warmly,
Kaitlyn Brokaw
President, GCS Board of Directors
boardofdirectors@grotoncommunityschool.org



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

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

Buildings and Grounds Update:

The Buildings and Grounds Committee would like to thank the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts for awarding GCS a 2023 Environmental Preservation and Animal Welfare grant for our Dig Deeper initiative! The Dig Deeper initiative introduces children to the benefits of composting and water preservation. With the funds awarded, GCS has added rain barrels and compost bins to improve our environmental footprint. We've also added new greenhouse materials and playscape equipment to help the children dig deeper into their natural explorations on our outdoor playscape at school.

Save the Date: Our Fall Fix Up has been postponed to Sunday, October 29th from 11 AM to 2 PM. 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. There is a Sign Up in the front lobby. Hope to see you there!



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

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

Parent Representative Update:

We are so thrilled to be starting another wonderful school year at GCS! Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to take on the important role of Room Parent. Room Parents play a vital role in supporting our dedicated teachers and also provide a tremendous amount of help to the classrooms, the school, and our families. Please familiarize yourself with your classroom Room Parent(s) and keep your eye out for periodic email updates.

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

Fundraising Update - Every Bit Counts!

As a nonprofit organization, 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 2023-2024 fundraising efforts, including the following events happening this fall:

- The Annual Fund. Many employers have a generous matching gift option- be sure to check with your employer!
- Fall photo mini sessions hosted by SpringDell Farm with Photography by Mai Tirella. Look for a sign-up email this week.
- RaiseRight Gift Card Fundraiser. Order gift cards through the RaiseRight program and a percentage of your purchase goes back to GCS! This is a great gift option for the holidays.

2023-2024 YEAR AT A GLANCE	
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Please click [HERE](#) for our Year at a Glance to see all fundraising opportunities.

On behalf of GCS, we thank you so much for all 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 [Kaitie Phinney](#) and [Melissa Sulprizio](#) 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!

2023-2024 Board of Directors

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