



## KITELET FROM THE DIRECTOR

### Dates to Remember

***Monday - Friday,***

***April 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>***

*The Week of the Young Child*

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*Spring Apparel Sale*

### ***March Kitelet 2025***

**Dear GCS Families,**

Despite the cold, rainy weather (and even a few flakes of snow) that surrounded us this past weekend, we are certainly welcoming all the changes that spring brings to us! We are seeing signs of new life popping up in our patio planters, classrooms are preparing seeds and plantings that will fill our greenhouse and traveling grow lights, and with a few more days of warm weather, our playground will be ready to unwrap the climbers and take down the swings. The daylight that extends well into the late afternoon is so appreciated, and the hallways are much more open without mountains of snow gear piled onto hooks. I am sure that families appreciate having lighter

**Monday, April 7th**

*GCS Educational Lecture for  
Parents/Guardians*

*7:00 PM*

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*TTh Families are invited for  
Magician Steve Charette at  
1:15 PM*

**Friday, April 12th**

*Spring Spruce-Up*

*9 AM - 3 PM*

**Monday, April 14th**

*Board Meeting - 7:30 PM*

**Friday, April 18th**

*Good Friday*

**NO SCHOOL**

**Monday - Friday,**

**April 21st - 25th**

*Spring Vacation Week*

**NO SCHOOL**

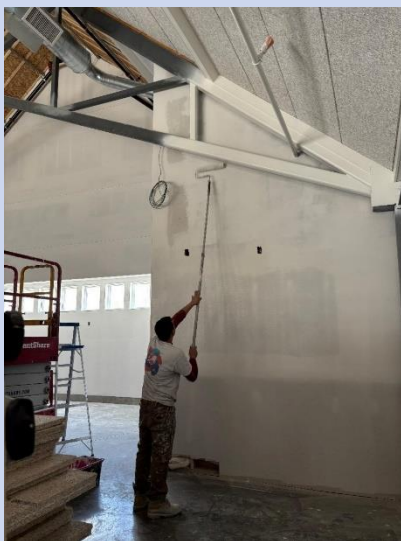
loads to carry into the school each day. We do have some clean up and small tasks to complete on our playground if you have an hour or so to spare on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> for our [Spring Spruce-Up 2025!](#)

**COMMUNITY ROOM**

Construction continues toward the completion of the Community Room, and things are really starting to take shape. Wiring and AV infrastructure are complete, wallboard has been installed with a first coat of paint, and the ceiling with acoustical panels is in process. We are in the design stage of selecting flooring and finishes, and the completion is within sight. With fingers crossed, this new space will be ready by mid-May for young children to run, play, and experience the endless possibilities.

**CURRICULUM DAY**

We appreciated the learning, hard work, and camaraderie that the staff were able to experience during our March Curriculum Day. Thank you for allowing us the time to be together for sharing and growing. The staff were able to participate in two trainings, one embracing our theme of a "Sense of Belonging", and the other enhancing our knowledge of "Handwriting/Letter Formation Groupings". Teachers also had time to collaborate on children's portfolios, we gathered for a preliminary brainstorming session and viewing of new playground



equipment, and finally, the school had many hands to help with some TLC projects. Special thanks to the Board of Directors for coordinating and facilitating a fun play date at the Mill Works for GCS families!

### ***SUMMER CAMP***

With Registration for the upcoming school year in September behind us, we are now focusing on our summer fun. Many families are confirmed for GCS Camp, and we are just beginning to reach out to incoming families. Please check in at the front desk for any limited openings that we have left if you have not yet enrolled.

### ***WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD***

As a nationally accredited children's center, we look forward to [NAEYC's Week of the Young Child](#) every year! This special week focuses on the needs of young children and families, and raises awareness about the importance of early childhood education. At GCS, classrooms will engage in special activities, we will hold our annual school-wide Peace Picnics, and GCS will host children's performances with Magician, Steve Charette on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to kick off the week. As it is not a school day for TTh families, they are invited to attend our 1:15 PM performance in the Big Room. Be on the lookout later this week for more exciting details about this week of celebration!



### **LITERACY EDUCATIONAL LECTURE**

A Reminder that we are hosting an informational session, *“Supporting Children’s Literacy: The Science of Reading”* with Applewild School’s Amy Jolly. Please RSVP at [events@grotoncommunityschool.org](mailto:events@grotoncommunityschool.org) by Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> if you plan to join us on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.



### **COMMUNITY CONNECTION - STRONGER TOGETHER**

Groton Community School has always valued community connections and bringing generations together. Young children bring great joy and light to senior citizens, while seniors reflect back loving warmth and their special joy of life. It is a win-win for all and we are “Stronger Together.” With this in mind, former Kindergarten Teacher, Jolene Zukauskas, and our Aqua Room Teacher, Jennie Fitzkee, are teaming up to begin an exciting new community program. This fun-filled event will take place the second Tuesday of each month from 1:30-2:30 PM at [The Groton Center](#) located at 163 West Main Street in Groton. Please share with your friends and neighbors or join this fun if the timing works for you. Please let Bonnie know at the front desk if you are interested in bringing your child for the first session which will be held on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be a fun hour of intergenerational songs, activities, and stories.





On the same theme, GCS Staff enjoyed participating with the Groton Interfaith Community and Boy Scouts in helping to prepare and serve the Groton Community Dinner this March. We saw many familiar faces and met new ones, too!

### ***CONGRATULATIONS!***

We'd like to congratulate the Larsen family on the birth of their son, Kai (brother, Reiner, is in the TTh PM Blue Room).

### ***THANK YOU!***

Thank you to the TTh AM Blue Room for a delicious "Fun Friday" lunch consisting of soup, a charcuterie board and desserts. These days are so appreciated by the Staff!

Thank you to the following families for donating to our "Stock-the-Staffroom" in March: Jillian Doyle, Kristen Lampros, Caitlin Mahoney, and Angela Trowbridge.

We'd also like to thank the Engstrom family for a math game, and to the Nuccio family for staff snacks & beverages.

Until next time...

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