



### **On Board Newsletter, Summer 2024**

As we conclude the 2023-2024 school year, I hope you are able to reflect on the past year with happy memories. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the Family Picnic - such a fun way to celebrate our year together with bubbles, parachute, and popsicles! Thank you to all of the Room Parents and families who donated time, talent, and items to support the school. Volunteerism truly helps make GCS the wonderful community that it is. Thank you especially to our outgoing Board of Directors members: Beth Christoforo, Parent Representative Co-Chair; Brie Weider, Public Relations Co-Chair; and Laura Hankin, Buildings & Grounds Co-Chair. We are so grateful for your expertise and service to GCS over the years. I wish you all a relaxing and fun summer. I hope to see many of you at GCS Camp!

With gratitude,

Kaitlyn Brokaw

Board of Directors President



**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, experience 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, 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!

#### **Buildings and Grounds Update:**

The 2023-2024 school year was full of action for Building & Grounds. Thanks to the efforts of many, our new water log is installed for outdoor play, we have a new street sign for community messages, and so much more!

We've made great strides in our conservation efforts by adding compost tumblers and rain barrels. Children and staff embraced this effort, teaching lessons on whether materials are compostable, recyclable or trash. We want to thank the Community Foundation of North Central Massachusetts for making this possible through their generous grant.

A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time as part of the Fall Fix Up and Spring Spruce Up! With your help and muscle we were able to tackle a laundry list of



items that ultimately saves money for the school. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

We take great pride in making sure the playground is fun and safe. If you are interested in pitching in with any tasks or projects, please reach out to [buildingandgrounds@grotoncommunityschool.org](mailto:buildingandgrounds@grotoncommunityschool.org). We would love to hear from you!

### **Parent Representative Update:**

The Board would like to extend a sincere thank you to the amazing efforts of the 2023-2024 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. The newly added "Fun Fridays" for Staff was a huge success thanks to our dedicated Room Parents. It truly was a wonderful year. Thank you all for your commitment and support.

We would also like to show our gratitude to our generous GCS Volunteer Bakers and Staff Appreciation Volunteers. Your much appreciated monthly contributions to our wonderful staff are always an anticipated delight. We are truly grateful for everyone's hard work and generosity throughout the year!

Questions? Reach out to Beth Christoforo & Luella Simakauskas, Parent Representative at: [parentrepresentatives@grotoncommunityschool.org](mailto:parentrepresentatives@grotoncommunityschool.org)



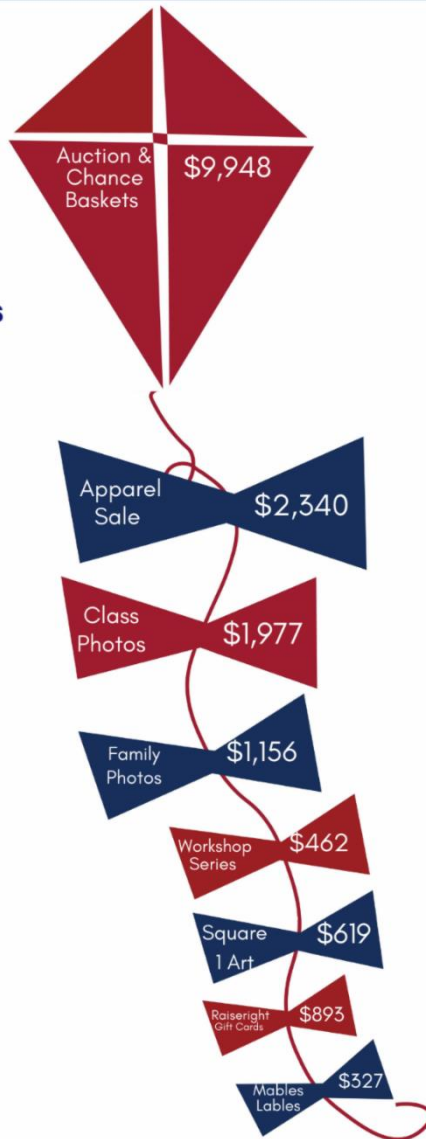
### **Fundraising Update - Every Bit Counts!**

We are beyond grateful to all of the GCS families for your willingness to volunteer your time and participate in our fundraisers. They not only help balance our budget and keep our tuition rates affordable, they provide meaningful opportunities to participate in your child's educational experience. We had a very successful year, raising a total of \$19,002.04! Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

## 2023-2024 Fundraising Totals

Total Includes:  
Boxtops \$77  
Hanaford Helps \$267  
WECO Meal delivery \$314

**Total: \$19,002**



### 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: Beth Christoforo (Parent Representative), Laura Hankin (Buildings and Grounds) and Brie Weider (Public Relations).



GCS staff and Board members at the June Family Picnic

### **2023-2024 Board of Directors**

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### **Contributors to the 2023-2024 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. This year's donation is directed to our Exceptional Teacher's Fund!

**There is still time to donate!**

**The 2023-2024 Annual Fund runs through Aug. 31.**

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\*Indicates past or present service to Groton Community School

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