



# Parent Newsletter

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## Principal's Message

Parents and Families,

Welcome back! It has been quite a busy summer moving the school, but finally we are here and getting settled in our new home. Although it continues to be a lot of work getting everything organized and implementing new procedures, we are ready for the year ahead. Thanks to all of our families who have already contributed their time and energy to helping with the move and the start of school.

Each month we will be sending home the GCS Newsletter in order to keep you up-to-date on what's happening around the school. Please take time to read your Newsletter carefully, as it will contain important information, upcoming dates, and items to celebrate (including parent contributions).

In previous years, we accomplished many of our lofty goals - creating a culture of excellence, exemplary student attendance, high levels of parent participation, creation of an exceptional dance curriculum, and most importantly students achieving academically at high levels, especially in math (over 84% of GCS students scored Proficient or Advanced on the CST).

This year, we will continue to push ourselves. We will focus this year on creating and maintaining a positive school culture, developing relationships with the Logan and Echo Park communities, improving student achievement in reading comprehension and writing strategies, and continuing to find the most effective ways to provide intervention for those students in need.

On behalf of everyone here, we welcome you to our GCS family and we know this will be a fun and very productive year!

Best,  
Lisa Rooney  
Principal

**September 2009**

**Important Dates \***

**Back to School Night**

**September 30th**

Two presentations

5:00 pm

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6:00 pm



**Up Coming**

**Parent Meeting**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**8:00 am & 6:00 pm**

**October's Parent  
Volunteer Schedule is  
now available at the  
office.**

**Come and sign up!**

## GCS STAFF INTRODUCTION

Please help me in welcoming our new and returning administration, teachers, and instructional aides, as well as our always wonderful office staff. Please take some time to say hello and introduce yourself!

Liza Bercovici - *Executive Director*  
Susan Gurman - *Director of Community Partnerships*  
Lisa Rooney - *Principal*  
Bernice Erazo - *Assistant Principal, Operations*  
Sara Erickson - *Assistant Principal, Middle Grades*  
Clara Montz - *Director of Intervention and Assessment*  
Chippy Zuniga - *Dance Education Coordinator*

### Office Staff

Marcela Valdez - Office Manager  
Maria Lozano - Office & Records Clerk  
Daniel Rivas - Custodian

### Teachers

Campbell, Jaime - 3rd Grade  
Condren, Laura - 5th Grade  
Corona, Cesar - Music (K - 5)  
Hakola, Chelsea - 1st Grade  
Kang, Sovi - Kinder  
Kim, Jessica - 4th Grade  
Lai, Alice - 4th Grade  
Lopez, Luis - 6th Grade  
Moore, Elizabeth - 2nd Grade  
Pacheco, Juan - 5th Grade  
Park, Kenny - 6th Grade  
Pearsall, Rebekah - 1st Grade  
Raitano, Sue (RSP) Resource  
Raval, Sage - Art  
Weng, Karen - Kinder

### Instructional Aides

Carla Aranda	Sara Bang
Jennifer Bermudez	Jacky Fernandez
Claudia Martinez	Melissa Navarro
Melissa Navarro	Jenny Shin

## Fall Picture Day

Rose Photo will be taking school portrait shots of all students on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. All students will receive photo ID cards.

Class pictures and individual packages can be purchased and will be available before the winter holidays. Please make sure you follow the studio's instructions as this is completely independent and the school cannot open envelopes and provide change. Packages will be sent home soon!



## Healthy Choices

This year we continue with our student education regarding healthy food choices and physical fitness. We urge all of our parents to cut down on fats, salt and sugar in your family meals and snacks, and encourage you to include exercise in your weekend recreational activities- a hike, a bike ride at the beach or afternoon sports at the park.

If your child is bringing his/her own lunch, please be sure to send healthy meals only. No fast/junk food is allowed in our school.



## GCS STUDENT DROP OFF & PICK-UP

Thanks so much for your flexibility as we try our best find a dismissal procedure that is both SAFE and efficient. Thank you to all of our families for picking up your student/s on time on Thursdays. Remember every Thursday is a short day and dismissal is at 1:30 p.m.

### Drop Off

7:15: Early Arrival for a limited number of students; Students wait in gate area

7:30: Campus open – Students either move to the Playground Area or to breakfast

7:55: Breakfast ends; All students in line

8:00: Students to class

- Parents are not allowed to wait with students in the morning or eat with their children.
- Students should arrive to school no later than 7:55 in order to be in line and in class by 8:00 a.m.
- If your child is tardy (after 8:00) you MUST sign him / her in at the office

### Pick - Up

3:25 / 1:25 (Thursday): Gate opened for parent pick-up

3:30 / 1:30 (Thursday): Dismissal

- Always bring your white pick-up card
- Walking parents, or driving parents who park should wait outside their child's classroom and show the pick-up card to the teacher or staff member
- For driving parents who cannot park, we are able to bring a limited amount of students to the gate. If your student is on the gate list, she / he will be dismissed from the gate area when you pull up to the curb in the school loading zone. Please do not put your student on the gate list if you are waling, as you could help us out by picking them up from the classroom.
- Thank you for not picking up gate students from the line as they are walking to the waiting area

### Safety

- Please note there is a loading zone directly in front of the school. This area is for pick up and drop off only. Do not park here or leave your car.
- Thank you for dropping students off on the school-side of Logan St. only, not in the middle of the street.
- In order to keep tracking moving smoothly and to avoid accidents, **DO NOT make U-turns on Logan Street or double park.** The best way to keep things moving quickly and smoothly is to enter Logan Street from Scott St – NOT FROM MONTANA. Thank you!
- Pull up to the car and someone will open the door for your student to exit
- You and your family mean a lot to us – please understand that our enforcement of these procedures is because we care about your safety! ☺

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Learning"*

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[gabriellacharterschool.org](http://gabriellacharterschool.org)

## Volunteers of the Month

Lourdes Pech 21.75 hrs- Alex Chi 6<sup>th</sup> Grade      Mirna Perez - Fabiola Horta 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade 18 hrs  
Julia Ortiz 15.5 hrs - Daniel Salinas 1<sup>st</sup> Grade      Martha Ortiz - Zoey Ortiz 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 17.5 hrs  
Maria Vanegas & Martin Ramirez 33 hrs - Emmanuel Ramirez 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Eva Figueroa 22 hrs - Edgar Perez 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Alejandro Sanvicente 15.5 hrs - Jesse Sanvicente 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Families Meeting Service Hours Expectations

GCS will like to thank the following families who are on their way to meet the family service hours expectation and who have been helping us during the first weeks of school:

Jazmin Gomez - Kinder 5 hours  
Janet Kawano - Kinder 6.5 hours  
Johnny Manzanarez- Kinder 14.75 hours  
Ileen Saborio - Kinder 1.75 hours  
Grace Shin - Kinder 1.75 hours  
Silvana Santamaria - Kinder 1 hour  
Amanda Arambula - 1st grade 2.25 hours  
Darren & Clarissa Reyes - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade 17 hours  
Bryan Beltran - 17 hours  
Mark & Paul Torres - 1<sup>st</sup> grade 4 hours  
Emily Vasquez - 1<sup>st</sup> grade 9 hours  
Marc & Hanah Lee- 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade 4 hours  
Daphne & Kim Lopez - 1<sup>st</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade 6 hours  
Jorge & Leonel Paredes - 1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 4.25 hrs  
Alma Rivera - 1<sup>st</sup> grade - 12 hours  
Isabella Sanchez - 1<sup>st</sup> grade 1.75 hours  
Karina & Sophia Barrera-2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 5.5 hrs  
Joshua Kim - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 3 hrs  
Dong Jue Rieu - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 2.25 hrs  
Mireya & Valery Sanchez - 6.75 hours  
Andres Arroyo - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 6 hours  
Anthony Cifuentes - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 9.5 hours  
Izehi Ereholo - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 4.5 hours  
Valerie Gomez - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 5 hours  
Erik Jamison - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 2 hours  
Lester Lima - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 9.25 hours  
Julio Santamaria - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 1 hour

James Shin - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 1.75 hours  
Carlos & Frida Contreras 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade 4 hrs  
Joshua & Jonathan Guerrero - 6.5 hours  
Kenny Luna - 4<sup>th</sup> grade 8 hours  
Venillo & Vennette Tagoc -4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2 hours  
Nathaly Badillo - 4<sup>th</sup> grade 6.25 hours  
Clarissa Reyes - 4<sup>th</sup> grade 17 hours  
Angel Reyes - 4<sup>th</sup> grade 14 hours  
Francisco Solis - 4<sup>th</sup> grade 4 hours  
Kevin Aguilar - 5<sup>th</sup> grade 10 hours  
Monica & Yesenia Decasas - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 10.75 hrs  
Benjamin Lagunas - 5<sup>th</sup> grade 1 hour  
Christopher Martinez - 6<sup>th</sup> grade 5.25 hours  
Esmeralda Portillo - 6<sup>th</sup> grade 7.5 hours  
Lilian Fernandez - 6<sup>th</sup> grade 14.5 hours  
Diana Flores - 6<sup>th</sup> grade 9.25 hours  
Samantha Joya - 6<sup>th</sup> grade 2 hours  
Mathew Martinez - 8.5 hours  
Joseph Martinez - 6<sup>th</sup> grade 2 hours  
Ashley Quintanilla - 6<sup>th</sup> grade 4 hours

Hours are current as of 9/11/09

Remember:  
Hours must be completed by  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is  
November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Thanks!!!!**