



Sheri Litchfield, Janet Ford and Joan Rogers were on the Town Green during the Memorial Day festivities discussing the work of the GECC with members of the community, and distributing the new GECC brochure. During the day, many questions were asked about the Council and several community members commented on the recent article in the Drummer regarding the work of parent GECC volunteers, Gary Ebersole and John Kroninger.

Parent Mary Myers has coordinated and organized a field trip by a group of GECC members to the Family Resource Center (FRC) at the Broad Brook Elementary School in East Windsor on June 4<sup>th</sup>. GECC members will be able to observe a structured birth through five playgroup, followed by a meeting with the East Windsor FRC staff during which specific questions can be answered. In addition, GECC members will have the opportunity on that day to meet Granby's incoming primary school principal, Kim Dessert.

The following GECC members will be participating in this field trip on June 4<sup>th</sup>:

1. Janet Ford, GECC Chairperson
2. Dot Muszynski, Discovery Grant Collaborative Agent, and Child Development Director of the FV YMCA.
3. Sheri Litchfield, GECC Secretary, along with 10 month old granddaughter, Hailey.
4. John Kroninger, GECC Parent Representative, GECC Webmaster and Public Awareness Committee Member, along with 4 year old Noah and 2 1/2 year old Tyler.
5. Celia Lofink, Phd., Early Childhood Education
6. Jim Lofink, Executive Director, Holcomb Farm
7. Mary Myers, GECC Parent Representative, Site Visit Coordinator
8. Joan Rogers, GECC and Discovery Grant Coordinator
9. Jimma Aikman, GECC Parent Representative, along with 4 year old Marcos and 21 month old Brandon
10. Alan Addley, incoming Superintendent of Granby Public Schools.

Joan Rogers is having breakfast on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with Representative Ferrari to provide him with an update on the work of the GECC. At that time, she will also invite him to join the others on the June 4<sup>th</sup> field trip to East Windsor. In addition, Joan will work to schedule a second meeting in Granby in the near future with Representative Ferrari and educators and parents who feel strongly that the CT law regarding entrance age for kindergarten should be changed to a September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

There will be a farewell reception for Henriette Camp on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 at the Senior Center. All GECC members are encouraged to attend to show the Council's deep appreciation for Mrs. Camp's continual guidance and strong leadership in support of the core value of the Council

that **“All children arrive at school healthy and socially and emotionally prepared for academic success and life-long learning.”**

The Graustein Memorial Fund, funder of the Discovery Grant to Granby and 52 other communities, will host a workshop on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 from 9:30 am – 2:30 pm at the William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund, 2319 Whitney Avenue Suite 2B, Hamden, on Setting a Community Agenda. This workshop will support communities’ efforts to link a broadly supported community plan to provide a full array of early care resources and supports needed to improve results in a particular community.

Through the assistance of parent Kate Bogli, the Granby Chamber of Commerce has invited the GECC to participate in Granby Day on June 14<sup>th</sup> at Salmon Brook Park. Activities will be occurring in the park from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm. The GECC will have a table under the tent offering a schedule of children's activities hosted by home-based providers, center-based providers and parents that will be available for children to do during the event time frame. Thanks, Kate, for all of your efforts that resulted in the opportunity for the GECC to participate in Granby Day!



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