

# THE GLOBAL CONNECTION

A publication of the Global Education Program  
Skyline School, Solana Beach, California



## IMPORTANT DATES

- May 12: Global Ed.'s Greek theater, 6:30 PM, Skyline's Activity Center
- May 26: Grandparents Tea, 10 AM, Skyline's Activity Center
- May 29: Memorial Day, No School
- June 9: Skyline's ground breaking ceremony, 3:30
- June 9: GE End-of-year celebration, 6 PM -?
- June 15: 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion party (pizza & movie)
- June 16: Last day of school

**May/June 2017**

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

We will be having a ground -breaking ceremony at Skyline on Friday June 9, at 3:30. Before everyone and everything is moved out of Skyline by Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>, we want to invite families to come see building plans, to pose for a selfie with some of the heavy equipment that will be involved in the construction, and to encourage people to bring spades and plant containers to take clippings of succulents that are currently part of Skyline's landscaping. Lemonade and other refreshments will be served. Come enjoy once last hurrah at the 'old' Skyline!



## COMING SOON: A NEW ADDITION TO THE GE STAFF

The Solana Beach School District is currently advertising for a fifth/sixth grade teaching position in Global Ed. Interviews will be conducted in the near future and parents will be notified in June about our new addition to the GE teaching staff.



# PRIMARY GLOBAL ED NEWS

## TOPIC SHARING DATES

- May 8-12: Open sharing
- May 15-19: Corn Sharing
- May 22-26: Open Sharing
- May 30-June 2: Life Cycle poster report
- June 5-9: Open sharing
- June 12-16: Favorite Activity of the year

## **FAVORITE ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR (June 12-16)**

We will send home a list of all the amazing activities (Earth's timeline, Sumerian Fair, Egyptian Ball, Archaeological Dig, the Greek plays...) we did this year for your child to read and think about. Your child is to choose one favorite activity from this school year and to write about the activity and why it was a favorite. A colored illustration should be included with the description of the favorite activity

## **GRANDPARENTS TEA: MAY 26th**

We have been looking at how humans develop over the course of a lifetime through a series of interviews with infants, toddlers, preschoolers, elementary age children, middle school preteens, teenagers and all the way to our beloved grandparents. We will be celebrating our grandparents with a Grandparents Tea on Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Activity Center. The children will sing a collection of songs culled from our Global Ed. Sing repertoire. You are invited to join us (along with any grandparents who are able to attend) to listen to songs and to share refreshments after the performance.

## **CORN SHARING: (May 15-19)**

We have been studying grain-based cultures as part of our cyclical curriculum this year starting with the Sumerians (wheat) to the Chinese (rice) and now we will take a brief look at the Mayans and their corn-based culture. As part of this focus, your child is to bring in something made from corn to understand more about the grain that was so important to the Mayans and to highlight how corn (in its various forms) is a LARGE part of our own culture in the United States!

## **LIFE CYCLE POSTER REPORT (May 30-June 2)**

We will be looking at the life cycles of plants and animals in science. Your child will either be assigned by his/her teacher or will select an animal or plant and research its life cycle. Special paper along with directions for this project will be sent home with your child to use for this topic sharing.

## **GREETINGS FROM OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL!**

My name is Shawntanet Jara and I'm extremely happy to join the staff of Skyline and Solana Highlands Schools as the new Assistant Principal for 2017-2018 school year. Although I don't officially start until mid August, I asked to be a part of Global Ed's last newsletter of the year to make "first contact". I'm very passionate about the education of children and I look forward to partnering with you to provide our students with a rigorous, engaging, and high-quality school experience. As the parent of two girls ages 8 and 10 and a teacher, I recognize the importance of a strong home-school connection. Parents are the first teachers and I believe that by working together, we can ensure that we are addressing your child holistically, head, heart, and body.

Currently, I am a TOSA (Teacher On Special Assignment), supporting teachers across the SB district with standards implementation. I have served in a variety of teaching and educational leadership roles over the past 20 years. Roles I have held include classroom teacher, TOSA, summer school principal, curriculum developer, workshop presenter, and reading intervention coordinator. My academic background includes current enrollment in a doctoral program in Educational Leadership, a Master of Arts in Developmental Psychology, a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and National Board Certification in Early Childhood Education.

I know that great schools are the result of great teachers doing great things together, so my primary objective will be to create and maintain a positive school culture for students, teachers, & parents where everyone feels significant. I will be collaborating with teachers on instruction, accessibility to content, and reaching out to parents for support with academic and behavioral concerns to ensure our students are prepared to thrive and excel.

I will be working closely with our two Principals, Mrs. Denham and Mr. Frumovitz, to guarantee that all of our scholars are intellectually challenged, and socially nurtured. Please reach out to me, PTA, and ELAC, to ensure that your voices are heard or send an email directly to me at [shawntanetjara@sbsd.k12.ca.us](mailto:shawntanetjara@sbsd.k12.ca.us)

I am excited for this opportunity to work with students, families, and teachers in this role! Please do not hesitate to connect if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas you would like to share.

Sincerely, Shawntanet Jara



## SKYLINE'S LITERACY WEEK (JUNE 5-9)

Children's storytelling, writing, public speaking and filmmaking will be celebrated at Skyline during Literacy Week, the week of June 5-9. Each day there will be an activity to showcase an aspect of literacy. The events will include: poetry "graffiti" ( a once in a lifetime opportunity to paint poetry on the outside walls of Skyline in preparation of a poetry gallery walk,, "an open mike" brown bag lunch with students telling stories, speeches, and jokes, assemblies with authors and songwriters, a Young Authors' Faire to display the published works of student authors to be read and responded to by other students, a celebration of Dr. Seuss' work, and our annual Skydance Film Festival. Children may choose to create three-minute videos at home that show a story with a clear beginning, middle and end. Many children will also be a part of a class video written and filmed at school. Global Education students will soon learn about the Skydance Film Festival through their student council representatives. If parents would like more information about Skydance, they may contact Leigh Courtney. Look for more information this month about the due dates for proposals and final videos. June 5-9 promises to be a wonderful celebration of literacy. We hope you can join us for some of the activities.

### **FINAL GLOBAL ED. EVENT/6<sup>th</sup> GRADE FAREWELL/ YOUNG AUTHORS' FAIRE (FRIDAY JUNE 9)**

If you are unable to join us during the day for our Literacy Week festivities, there will be another opportunity to read the published books and to view the "Skydance" films created by students in Global Ed. We will be having a Global Ed. family gathering on Friday June 9 at 6:00 pm. Bring your own picnic dinner and join the other Global Ed. families at the lunch tables for dinner. As you finish eating, we encourage you to head into the Activity Center to read the children's published books from the Young Authors' Faire. We will then come together to bid a fond farewell to the departing sixth graders and to show a video starring the oldest kids in Global Ed. as they share their fondest memories of their time at Skyline. Later, we will share the videos created by kids in Global Ed. and shown earlier in the week at "Skydance". Please mark your calendars for June 9 and plan to attend. (Suggested schedule: picnic at 6, read children's books at 6:30, farewell to 6<sup>th</sup> graders at 7, Skydance videos at 7:30)



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### **PACKING PALS**

Interested in helping your child's teacher pack up the classroom in anticipation of the big move to our temporary home at Solana Highlands? If so, let your child's teacher know, and we will form a packing party! Probably sounds more festive than it really is, but we sure would appreciate your help!