THE GLOBAL CONNECTION

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/6: Back to School Night, 5:30-6:30 PM
- 9/4: Labor Day-NO SCHOOL
- 9/29: G.E. Pow Wow, 9:30-11:45 am
- 9/30 Global Ed. fundraiser at The Farms, 5:30
- 10/3: School picture day



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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE GLOBAL GALA TO SUPPORT GLOBAL ED.

Join us for a fun-filled evening at the Global Gala on September 30th at The Farms (8500 St. Andrews, Rancho Santa Fe). The celebration for parents of kindergarten students begins at 5:30. The rest of the parents are invited to join in at 6: 30. We'll enjoy food, drinks, music and fun as we help raise money for our amazing Global Ed program. This fundraiser will support field trips, transportation, instructional aides, and big, crossage events. Please mark your calendars for Friday, September 30th. We hope that you can be a part of this special fundraiser. *Please note that this event is for adults only please*.

COMMUNICATION

One of the cornerstones of the Global Education program is the importance of forming a team between children, parents, and teachers

There are several ways for parents to stay in the loop with current information:

- By reading the monthly newsletter, *The Global Connection*, sent home the first Friday of the month and posted on the Global Ed. website
- By looking at the Friday envelope sent home weekly that contains class newsletters, notices, and student work.
- By following us on Twitter and on Facebook
- By contacting teachers via email, phone calls, or notes Please take advantage of the resources for communication so that we can work together effectively.

SOLANA HIGHLANDS, OUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

We are so fortunate to have landed at Solana Highlands for the 2017-18 school year. Matt Frumovitz, the principal, and his staff have been so welcoming and supportive to the Global Ed program. We are all in the process of learning the patterns of daily life and the culture at Solana Highlands. Solana Highlands and Skyline share many common elements in terms of behavior expectations and parent volunteerism. Please make sure to follow the pick up/drop off procedure if you drive your child to school. This plan will be reviewed again at Back-to-School night. It is important to note that if your child is absent, you will need to call the SKYLINE ABSENCE LINE to report it.

Make sure to thank Matt Frumovitz for all of his support if you see him!



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

As a reminder, the Solana Beach School District has adopted a wellness policy that no longer allows birthday treats to be sent to school. Please check with your child's teacher to see how birthdays will be recognized in the classroom. Also, please note that no birthday party invitations may be handed out in class. Please consider inviting a reasonable cross section of your child's classmates to any birthday celebrations to foster the feeling of community and to avoid hurt feelings as a result of exclusion.



OH HOW WE LOVE OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

When you attend Back-to-School night on Sept. 6th, you will hear about multiple opportunities to volunteer to support the Global Ed program. Please consider participating in your child's class, at the Halloween Carnival, as a room parent, as a garden helper, or as any one of the long list of volunteers needed to make our program so outstanding. If you volunteer in the class, we will need to make sure that you have a recent TB test. Please make sure to check in the office for a visitor badge each time you volunteer. Teachers and students count on your presence. If you are unable to make a scheduled volunteer time, please let the teacher know as soon as possible and send out an email to enlist a substitute parent volunteer to come in your place. We value and encourage your participation!

PRIMARY GLOBAL ED. NEWS

For those of you new to Global Education, you may be wondering what topic sharing is. Topic sharing occurs every other week and is considered to be a homework assignment. The work is due on your child's sharing day. Sharing days are posted in the classrooms. Please help your student by talking about what is due and helping him/her plan how to present his/her information to the class. This is a wonderful opportunity to work on public speaking and presentation skills. The topics generally support the social studies topics and are always noted in the Primary News section of *The Global Connection*. Even though the teachers always model what is expected during topic sharing, it is very helpful if you review it once more with your child. If special paper is sent home as part of the topic sharing, please try your best to use it, as it usually means that the presentations are designed to be included in a class book, or displayed on limited wall space.



SHARING SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

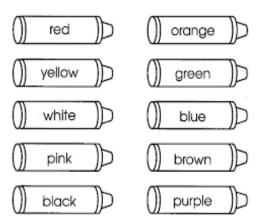
- September 5-8 Color survey sharing
- September 11-15: Open sharing
- September 18-22: Exploring with primary paint
- September 25-29: Open sharing
- October 2-6: Polar animal poster report

TOPIC SHARING: COLOR SURVEY (September 5-8)

As part of our theme of "exploration", the younger children in Global Ed. will be exploring color until the winter break. This week the children are to gather data using the home color survey. Your child's teacher will send a color survey home on Friday September 1 to be completed at home and shared on your child's sharing day. These data will be used to create graphs in class.

TOPIC SHARING: PAINTING USING PRIMARY COLORS (September 19-23)

By this time, you child will have explored the primary colors of red, yellow and blue. Now, it's your child's turn to create a work of art using these primary colors. Paints will be sent home with your child to help prepare a painting for sharing day.



TOPIC SHARING: POLAR ANIMAL POSTER REPORT (October 2-6)

The primary classes have been discussing the inhabitants of the polar regions and what is required to survive in this cold biome. Now, it is time for each child to choose a polar animal and prepare a poster report. The poster should be doe on the paper that we will send home. It should be n larger then 18" X 24" in order to accommodate a display of all of the posters. The report should include:

- The name of the animal
- A drawing or magazine or computer picture of the animal
- A description of what it eats
- A description of what adaptations the animal has that allow it to survive in the polar region e.g. fur, blubber
- A description of its predators and perhaps how the animal defends itself
- Any other interesting facts

The children will display their posters and give an oral presentation explaining their posters. It will help them greatly if you coach the presentation at home. The practice will give them an excellent opportunity to understand how to give informative presentations. Make sure that they use their own words when creating the posters. Excerpts printed from the Internet are difficult for children to read and to understand.

EXPLORATION OF COLOR

As the primary G.E. students embark on a study of color, each week we encourage the children to come dressed in the color of the week on Fridays. It is quite a sight to see an entire group of children dressed in one color. The big buddy classes love to join in too! Here are some of the dates of upcoming color weeks:

- September 5-8:Red Week
- September 11-15: Blue Week
- September 18-22 Yellow Week
- September 25-Sept. 29: NO COLOR THIS WEEK DUE TO POW WOW
- October 2-6: Green Week
- October 9-13 : Purple Week
- October 16-20: Orange Week
- October 23-27 Black Week
- October 30-Nov. 3: White Week
- November 6-9: Brown Week
- November 13-17: Parent teacher conference week- NO COLOR THIS WEEK
- November 20-24: Thanksgiving holiday
- November 27-December 1: Silver Week
- December 4-8: Gold Week
- December 11-15: Rainbow Week

