

The Global Connection

A publication of the Global Education Program at Skyline School



GLOBAL ED. FAMILY PICNIC

You are cordially invited to the Global Ed. Family Picnic on October 6, 2019 from 1-3 pm at San Dieguito Park. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this fun event that offers a great opportunity for GE families to connect and to have a good time. A flyer with more information on the picnic will be shared in the near future.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Skyline's annual Back-to-School Night will be held Thursday September 5th at 6 pm. This is an important evening to attend as a great deal about your child's school year will be shared. The GE teachers will present an overview of this year's curriculum cycle and share information pertinent to your child's classroom. We find that the information shared at Back-to-School Night greatly helps in facilitating communication between school and home. **This is an event for parents only.** We look forward to seeing all of our parents on the evening of September 5th!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/5: Back-to-School Night, 6 PM
- 9/27: School picture day
- 10/6 Global Ed. Family Picnic, San Dieguito Park 1-3
- 10/10 Halloween Carnival
- 11/18 -11/22: Parent conferences
- 11/22 Caveman Thanksgiving
- 11/25-11/29: Thanksgiving break
- 12/13: Sumerian Trade Fair
- 12/23-1/3: Winter Break



OH HOW WE LOVE OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

At Back- to School Night, you will hear about multiple opportunities to volunteer to support Skyline and the Global Ed program. Please consider participating in your child's class, at the Halloween Carnival, as a room parent, as a weekly volunteer, or as any one of the long list of volunteers needed to make our school and our program so outstanding. Parent volunteers in the classroom are essential to maintaining the small group instruction and the individual attention teachers wish to provide. Consistency is key to maintaining effective use of volunteers' time. To this end, we encourage volunteers to participate on a weekly basis. Shared volunteer spots often lead to inconsistencies in attendance. We understand that a weekly spot isn't always feasible for parents, so we welcome parents who can arrange a consistent routine of classroom support. Remember, 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!

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is a key component to success in school. So much of what GE teachers do in the classroom cannot be replicated in "catch-up" work when an absent student returns to school. We understand that kids get sick and that they have medical appointments. The school district allows for these excused absences. Unexcused absences is the main issue facing consistent teaching and learning. Please try to plan family vacations within the scheduled holiday breaks in the school calendar. Absences such as days off for family trips are considered unexcused absences. Ten or more absences in an academic year is recognized as irregular attendance. Most importantly, if your child is absent ten consecutive school days she/he is dropped from the Skyline roster. This policy directly impacts children's continued participation in the Global Ed program. If a child is dropped from the school roster for ten consecutive absences, the child forfeits his/her spot in Global Ed. and the next child on the waiting list for the program is contacted. The bottom line is that we want your sweet kids in class! We care about offering consistent instruction and learning experiences.



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.

TOPIC SHARING: PERSONAL TIMELINES (September 9-13)

Adding machine tape will be sent home to prepare for this week's topic sharing. Help your child measure one foot of the provided adding machine tape for each year of his/her life and mark off the sections. Your child will need to decide on an important or memorable event that occurred in each year of his/her life. Younger children will need parent support to write sentence(s) that explain the importance of each event. Older children are expected to do their own work. Photos and/or drawings are welcome, but everything must fit in the one-foot per year format. An example of something that might appear in the first section of the personal timeline might be a newborn photo with the caption, "I was born on my grandfather's birthday. I was the best present he received that year." The timelines will be displayed in the classroom and photos will be carefully treated and returned to you after they are displayed.

TOPIC SHARING: PET ROCK (September 23-27)

As part of our study of earth science, we're asking your child to hunt for a special rock to bring in for sharing. We have been learning about properties of rocks: is it hard? Soft? Can you write with it on the sidewalk? Can pieces be chipped off of the rock? Your child will need to present observations of his/her rock and to share the story of where the rock was found. Your child's teacher may send home a worksheet to record observations of your child's selected rock.

SHARING SCHEDULE

- 9/3: Open Sharing
- 9/9: Topic sharing: Personal timeline
- 9/16: Open sharing
- 9/23 Topic sharing: Pet rock
- 9/30: Open sharing