

The Global Connection

A publication of the Global Education Program at Skyline School



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

(November 18-22)

We are looking forward to meeting with every parent during parent conference week to discuss your child's progress. During our meetings, we will be discussing your child's academic progress as well as social/emotional development at this point in the school year. The Global Ed. teachers make every effort to coordinate conferences so that siblings' conferences are scheduled back-to-back. Please help us by coming to your conference at your scheduled time. Note: There will be a lunch, snack break each day this week. Please send in a lunch or snack with your child.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/4-11/8: 6th grade camp
- 11/12: Veterans Day
- 11/18-11/22: Parent conferences
- 11/22 Caveman Thanksgiving (for primary)
- 11/18-11/22: Parent conferences
- 11/25-11/29: Thanksgiving break
- 12/13: Sumerian Trade Fair
- 12/23-1/3: Winter break

AFTER SCHOOL CARE DURING CONFERENCE WEEK

At just \$20 a day, the after school care program is a convenient and affordable offer for after school care during parent conference week. The program is available each day of conference week for those who have signed up. Flyers with permission slips were recently sent home with your child. The children will meet in Lisa Campbell's class (Room 202) at the early dismissal time of 12:25 and end at 3:00. Snacks and activities will be provided in Lisa's room. It should be noted that it is necessary to sign up for the program in advance. For those children who normally attend CDC, the CDC program will still be offered during conference week.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Community service is an essential component of the education Skyline offers. To support this facet of your child's school experience, Global Ed. participates in several community service projects throughout the year. Two program-wide events will take place in November and December. In November, all children in the program will design a placemat to be used as part of the Thanksgiving dinners prepared through the Meal on Wheels program. In December, the Global Ed nation classes will join together to adopt local families in need for the holidays. In the past, the G.E. effort has ensured a very nice holiday for several local families. The G.E. teachers will coordinate the adoption of families and will contact parents with the necessary information. (Important dates for the adopt-a-family program are included on this page)



ADOPT-A-FAMILY DATES

- 12/6 Flyers sent home
- 12/6 Requests for gift tags due
- 12/13 Gift tags sent home
- 12/18 New, wrapped gifts and gift cards due at school

SUMERIAN TRADE FAIR

Friday December 13

We follow our study of early people with a look into ancient Sumer and how people moved from being hunters and gatherers to farmers. All of the children in Global Ed. will create a Sumerian Trade Fair for the entire program to experience. Booths draped in palm fronds will house weavers, musicians, potters, and scribes. The children will run the booths as well as visit other booths to barter and trade. Remember at back-to-school night when we mentioned that this is the year of the white sheet? Well, here is your first opportunity to to break out the sheet and to create a Sumerian costume! Costumes really add to the experience of traveling back in time to experience a trade fair, so we encourage everyone to come in costume. More details regarding costumes will be shared with you through your child's teacher. *NOTE: We are in need of palm fronds closer to December 13th to help us with booth construction.



PRIMARY GLOBAL ED. NEWS

TOPIC SHARING SCHEDULE

- 11/4-11/8: Design a caveman tool
- 11/12-11/15: Open sharing
- 11/18-11/22: Gratitude list and illustration
- 12/2-12/6: Compare Thanksgivings
- 12/9-12/13: Open sharing
- 12/16-12/20: Wheat sharing

GRATITUDE LIST AND ILLUSTRATION

(November 18-22)

Thanksgiving provides a wonderful opportunity for everyone to reflect on the concept of gratitude. Your child is to create a list of important things in his/her life for which he/she is thankful. A colored illustration should accompany the gratitude list.

WHEAT SHARING

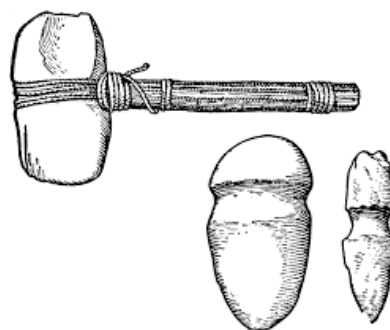
(December 12-16)

The ancient Sumerians discovered how to irrigate and farm land and as a result could stay in one place and not have to travel to find their food. The move from hunting/gathering to farming was significant. One crop cultivated by the Sumerians was wheat. This week your child is to hunt for an example of food that contains wheat. This can be an edible item to share with the class if you wish.

DESIGN A CAVEMAN TOOL

(November 4-8)

Early man used materials found in nature to make tools. This week your child is to look for natural materials to make a tool that an early person might have used. Could a still have been used for digging? Could a sharp-edged rock have been used to scrape meat? Your child is to bring the “tool” and be prepared to describe how and for what purpose the tool might have been used long ago.



COMPARING CAVEMAN THANKSGIVING TO A MODERN THANKSGIVING

(December 2-6)

After experiencing a “primitive” caveman Thanksgiving and a more modern Thanksgiving feast, your child is to complete a Venn diagram comparing the two celebrations. What was similar about the two events? How were they different? A Venn diagram will be sent home prior to your child’s sharing day for your child to complete after analyzing the two Thanksgiving celebrations.

