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# The Global Connection

A publication of the Global Education Program at Skyline School



## THE RETURN TO SCHOOL

The Solana Beach School District will begin a return to classrooms beginning on November 9<sup>th</sup> for our kindergarten students. Both Mrs. Tillyard's and Mrs. Leidy's classes will return to class four days a week starting on Monday November 9<sup>th</sup>. On December 7<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Erin's and Ms. Courtney's students will return to their classrooms. Decisions about when and how our students in the older groups will return will be made in the near future. The schedule for returning students will be onsite Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. All students will continue to have remote learning on Wednesdays.

As we bring more children back on campus, adherence to safety protocols will be even more important. It is imperative that students wear clean, well-fitting masks to school each day. The daily wellness screening will still be in place as children enter the campus each morning. Skyline will also maintain a staggered schedule for start and ending times at assigned places on campus. Classrooms are changing out furniture to allow for safe distances between children and to accommodate the most children that can safely fit within the fixed square footage of the classroom.

Skyline School is working hard to provide a safe and productive learning environment for your children. You can help maintain this focus on safety by practicing social distancing and hygiene routines, including masks, outside of the school day. We need to work as a team to keep children at school. Your vigilance in meeting this safety goal is much appreciated.

## IMPORTANT DATES

11/9: Mrs. Leidy's and Mrs. Tillyard's students return to classrooms

11/11: Veteran's Day Holiday-  
NO SCHOOL

11/16-11/20: Parent conferences. Minimum days

11/23-11/27: Thanksgiving break- NO SCHOOL

12/7: Mrs. Erin's and Ms. Courtney's classes return to classrooms

12/21-1/1: Winter break-NO SCHOOL

1/4- 1/7: Remote learning for all students



## UPCOMING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Community service is an important component of the Global Education program. To support this focus, Global Ed. participates in several community service projects throughout the year. Three program-wide events will take place in November and December. We kick off our community service projects with a **food drive** for local food banks. From November 2-13, we will accept donations of canned or dried meats, fruits, vegetables, pasta, and other items. The children will keep a tally of the number of items that are brought to classrooms on their onsite days. Also in November, all children in the program will **design a placemat** to be used as part of the Thanksgiving dinners prepared through the Meals on Wheels program. In December, the Global Education classes will join together to **adopt local families in need for the holidays**. We will collect information about how many gift tags parents would like on November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will gather the requests via a Google form that will be emailed. Requests are due by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Gift tags will be emailed on December 4<sup>th</sup>, and wrapped gifts should be returned to school on December 11<sup>th</sup>. In the past, we have been able to provide a very nice holiday celebration for local families. Thanks in advance for your support!



### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK (November 16-20)

The Global Ed teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents during conference week to discuss your child's progress and our plans for the year. This year all conferences will be conducted via Zoom. You will receive information from your child's teacher about how to connect to your conference. The teachers met to plan the conferences and to try and schedule siblings' conferences back-to-back. Please make sure that you have an after-school plan for your child during conference week since the children will be dismissed early each day (either at 11:30 or 11:45 depending on your child's start time).

COVID-19 TESTING OFFERED BY DISTRICT  
Here's the schedule!



Testing Week (1:00-5:00 p.m.)	Testing Site	Participants to be Tested (Last name begins with)
October 29, 2020	Solana Pacific	Gu-Le
November 5, 2020	Solana Ranch	Li-O
November 12, 2020	Skyline	P-Si
<i>Modified Date!</i>	Solana Ranch	Sk-Z
December 3, 2020		

**SKYLINE BOOK FAIR  
(November 16-27)**

Traditionally, Skyline has a Book Fair twice a year at parent conference time. Due to our current situation, the book fair will be an online experience during conference week this year. Look for more details about how you and your child can access the virtual Book Fair. The Book Fair not only offers awesome titles for the kids but also benefits the school. Twenty five percent of sales directly benefits our school library.



**Fundraising Efforts Continue**

We are in the midst of our annual fundraising drive for Global Education. We are focused on maintaining our instructional aide support as well as the fabulous extras we can provide for our multiage events and field trips. The teachers and children in Global Ed have benefitted this year from the extra support and attention that our consistent and dedicated instructional aides provide. If you are interested in donating to the Global Ed. fund, you may send in your donation via your child's weekly envelope. Make sure to mark the donation with "attention Emily Murray". Ms. Emily is keeping track of all of our donations. If you have already donated to the fund, we thank you very much!



**Global Ed color celebrations continue in  
November and December!**

November 9-13: No color due to the Veteran's Day Holiday

November 16-20: Silver

November 30-December 4: Gold

December 7-11: Rainbow

*Children are invited to wear the color of the week to Global Ed Sing!*



# Primary Global Ed. News

## TEMPERATE FOREST ANIMAL POSTER REPORT

(November 9-13)

We will have studied the temperate forest and the animals that inhabit it. Your child is to pick one animal that lives in the temperate forest and create a poster report that includes:

- a picture of the animal (drawn, from a magazine or the Internet)
- a description of the animal in terms of size, and features
- a description of what the animal eats (its prey)
- a description of its habitat (where it lives in the forest)
- a description of its predators and how it protects itself
- any other interesting facts

Remember to have your child write the poster in his/her own words. Please have your child practice presenting the poster before his/ her sharing day.



## TOPIC SHARING SCHEDULE

11/9-11/13: Temperate forest animal report

11/16-11/20 Open sharing

11/30-12/4: Leaf art creation

12/7-12/11: Open sharing

12/14-12/18: Favorite holiday story

## LEAF ART CREATION (December 4-8)

This week's sharing will focus on our study of the temperate forest. Your child will have heard Lois Ehlert's story, *The Leaf Man* prior to his/her sharing day. In the story, Ehlert creates different leaf "people" using leaves from various trees. Your child will have an opportunity to create his/her own leaf person for sharing. We will send home a leaf template that your child may color and cut out to create a leaf person, or you may choose to hunt for interesting leaves in your neighborhood to create a more *natural* leaf person.

## FAVORITE HOLIDAY STORY (December 14-18)

Does your child have a favorite book that is read every year during the holidays? Have your child read the book or listen to the story one more time for this topic sharing. After revisiting the favorite book, your child is to complete a story map outlining the beginning, middle, and end of the story. The story map will be shared with the class on your child's sharing day.



