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The Global Connection

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A FOCUS ON SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

We are so happy to have the children back full time this year. Given that we had several configurations in our learning environment last school year, it feels wonderful to see an intact group at Skyline every day. As we work toward establishing communities in our classrooms this year, it is apparent that we need to attend to the effects of our time apart. The teachers have noticed an increase in negative behaviors from students that not only impact social interactions but learning as well. Jill Carter, our school guidance counselor, has led a school focus on connecting children with our “Start with Hello” week. Teachers and staff found the simple act of wearing a name tag increased the positive connections between people on campus as we greeted people by name. Skyline plans to continue using name tags on Fridays to further foster positive vibes and smiles at school. We are also working on helping the children strengthen their use of respectful language through read alouds, buddy activities, and direct examples of what respect sounds like. Families can support these efforts by discussing what respect looks and sounds like in your own home. This is a year of reconnecting and healing for all of us!

IMPORTANT DATES

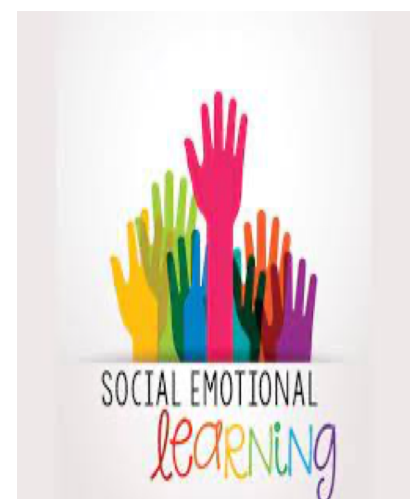
10/6: Walk to School Day

10/8: School picture day

10/29 Skyline Halloween Parade (in A.M.)

10/25-10/29 Red Ribbon Week

10/30: Halloween Carnival Hits the Road 5:00-8:00 PM



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM OUR GLOBAL EDUCATION FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Q.: Why are the electronic payment options not tax-deductible?

A.: We provide three options for donating to the Global Ed Fund: Venmo (@gloaleducation- fundraiser), PayPal (@skylinegloaled) and by check. Donations provided by check go directly into an account managed by the Solana Beach School District which is a 501(c)3 public charity and eligible for a tax-deduction. The electronic payment methods go indirectly to the Global Ed program which is not a 501(c)3 public charity, and so are not tax-deductible. For electronic methods, please include your child's name in the note for tracking purposes.

Q.: Why do we fundraise in the fall and in the spring?

A.: Our goal is to keep the annual ask as low as possible. If we are unable to get to \$40,000 in our fall annual giving campaign, the Global Ed Fund committee will put on some fun social fundraisers in the spring in order to reach our goal. It is important that we have enough funds by May to contract our instructional assistants for the following year.
[Caveat: We may not be able to hold socials this year due to COVID.]

Q.: How do I know that my tax-deductible donation was received (not PayPal or Venmo)?

A.: Ms. Erin will email you a tax receipt within a month of receiving your donation. If you have not received a tax receipt within this timeframe, please email her at erinbostrom@sbsd.net to inquire.

Q.: What if I do not have the funds to make a donation before the fall campaign ends?

A.: We value all participation so please contribute what you can and your donation will be accepted at any time throughout the school year. The fall campaign helps us plan for the rest of the school year's fundraising needs.

Q.: What happens if I cannot or do not donate to Global Ed?

A.: Your child is guaranteed a free public education. As a program, we believe wholeheartedly in small group learning and believe it is worth fundraising for the services of part-time instructional assistants, field trips, and all-age events. We are thankful for a supportive parent community that helps make it possible for Global Ed to continue to provide small group instruction, a broad-based curriculum, and project-based learning. If you are able to contribute even a small amount, it would be much appreciated.

The Halloween Carnival Hits the Road 2 (the sequel) October 30th 5:00-8:00 PM

For 2021, the Halloween Carnival Hits the Road again! While we continue to strive to maintain health and safety measures, your Solana Beach Schools Foundation and Carnival team will once again keep our Halloween Carnival tradition alive by hosting a car-viewing.

Halloween house decorating contest complete with candy. Halloween Carnival Hits the Road will take place on [Saturday, October 30](#) from 5pm-8pm. How it works: Families will pick up a map to decorated houses in our community. They will also have the option to purchase tickets to vote for their favorite decorations. As families drive past each house, volunteers will be outside to give away candy and bins will be available to drop tickets for voting. Everyone stays safely in their cars, but the Halloween spirit and candy will be flowing! The winning house will receive a special prize and trophy from the Solana Beach Schools Foundation.

Our hope is to bring a fun community event to our kiddos for Halloween again this year. Thank you always for your support!



SKYLINE HALLOWEEN PARADE

Halloween at Skyline just wouldn't be the same without a parade! In the spirit of continuing this Halloween tradition, Skyline students will be allowed to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Friday October 29. Isn't it handy that Halloween costumes often have masks? Your child will still need to wear an appropriate face mask to school. The classes will take turns parading around to show off their costumes.

Primary Global Ed. News

FAVORITE RECIPE SHARING (October 11-15)

We have been learning what people in a community need including shelter and now we shift our focus to the need for food. For this topic sharing, your child will need to locate a favorite family recipe and copy it down for sharing. Your child can prepare for his/her sharing by practicing reading the ingredients and steps included in the recipe and by describing why s/he selected this recipe to share.



ON THE HUNT FOR AN AIDE!

We are still looking for a wonderful person to be the instructional aide for Ms. Courtney's and Mrs. Erin's classes. If you or someone you know may be interested, we encourage you to apply. Details about the position can be found on the Solana Beach School District website.

TOPIC SHARING SCHEDULE

10/4-10/8: Open sharing
10/11-10/15: Favorite recipe
10/18-10/22: Open sharing
10/25-10/29: Design a stamp
and write a letter

WRITE A LETTER TO BE MAILED AND DESIGN A STAMP (October 25-29)

We are continuing to study how our community works and to this end we will soon establish a temporary Global Ed. Post Office. Your child will prepare for the post office experience by practicing writing a letter. A form will be sent home for your child to also design a stamp. Both the letter and the stamp will be shared on sharing day.



