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# The Global Connection

A publication of the Global Education Program at Skyline School

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AS WE HEAD INTO THE FINAL STRETCH

With just a handful of weeks left, we are rapidly heading toward the end of the school year. In the remaining time, the students in Global Ed will be imagining what Solana Beach will be like in 100 years and using these ideas to do some city planning and construction of a model of a futuristic Solana Beach that will be on display on May 20. The end of the year also means that we will be saying farewell to our oldest students as they prepare to leave for middle school. We will recognize these departing students with certificates and memories on May 27th for a students-only event. Parents will be invited to celebrate their children at Skyline's promotion ceremony on Friday June 3 from 8:15-9:15. Parking will be tight, so please plan accordingly. Solana Beach Presbyterian may offer overflow parking on June 3. Stay tuned to your child's classroom newsletter for any plans for celebrating the last day of school in the classroom.

## IMPORTANT DATES

5/3-5/10: CAASPP testing  
(for 3rd -6th grade)

5/18: Skyline Social  
5-7 pm

5/19: Skyline Walk-a-thon

5/20 GE's Futuristic City  
9:45-10:30

5/30 Memorial Day: NO  
SCHOOL

6/3 Last day of school, 6th  
grade promotion 8:15-9:15

## THE SKYLINE SOCIAL

You are cordially invited to the Skyline Social on Thursday May 18 from 5-7 pm. The event will be a celebration of the school year complete with food trucks and an ice cream vendor on Skyline's blacktop. You are also welcome to bring a picnic dinner if you'd like. The social is a chance to bring together Skyline's students, teachers, and families to mingle and share a last celebration before the we finish the school year. Keep an eye out for an invitation to this event designed by your child!



## THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Global Ed was created long ago by parents and owes much of its longevity to the participation of parent volunteers in the daily activities in classrooms and with special events. Recently, it has been a pure joy to see so many parents back volunteering in the classroom to support small group learning. Our Medieval Faire at the end of April felt like a return to more normal times in Global Ed. Parent volunteers helped children with activities, doled out snacks, and, in some cases, even performed! (Many thanks to our stilt walker and juggler!). Parent volunteerism is a fundamental part of the infrastructure of Global Ed. We have felt the sting of the absence of volunteers due to the pandemic, and are delighted to invite parents back to school. We will need to work toward reestablishing the norm of volunteering after these years of separation. Please consider joining us as a volunteer in class when we come together again in August for the 2022-2023 school year!

## KEEP THE LEARNING GOING!

Summer is a time of relaxation and unscheduled days. Let's also think of June, July, and August as a time to keep the learning going. Encourage your child to read and discuss books with you. Trips to the library or even book clubs for kids can sustain the reading habit. Keeping a journal at home and on trips will maintain the writing habit too. Please carefully monitor your child's use of technology this summer. The pandemic and its effects on time in school have brought an increased use of technology into children's lives. Let's remind our children to get outside and enjoy this beautiful place we are lucky to call home. Summer is also an awesome opportunity for children to not only work on academic efforts but to also work on social connections and friendships.



# PRIMARY NEWS

## TOPIC SHARING SCHEDULE

May 2-6: Fairy tale  
storyboard

May 9-13: Open sharing

May 16-20: Build a  
futuristic house

May 23-27: Open sharing

May 30-June 3: Favorite  
activity of the school year

## DESIGN A SOLANA BEACH HOUSE OF THE FUTURE

(May 16- May 24)

As we bring our study of community to an end, we look to the future and speculate how our community will change and still meet the needs of the people who live here. The children in Global Ed. will be involved in creating a large- scale model of Solana Beach in the future on May 20th. Your child will need to build a house to include as part of our model city. Your child will need to think about what might change in the future that would affect home construction. Will the sea level rise in Solana Beach? Will there be a greater use of solar power? Would people be more actively involved in growing their own vegetables and fruit? Discuss these ideas prior to gathering recyclable materials to build the model home. Specific size requirements for the model home will be sent home prior to this sharing. Lot size is limited in our model city (see, some things never change in Solana Beach!)

## FAVORITE ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR (May 30-June 3)

We managed to fit a wealth of learning and experiences into 180 days this school year! Your child is to think back over this year and select one favorite event or activity. Paper will be sent home for your child to write about his/ her favorite activity. A list of activities and events from this year will also be sent home prior to this topic sharing by your child's teacher.

