

# The Global Connection

A publication of the Global Education Program at Skyline School



## WELCOME BACK!

This week marks a return of all of our Global Education students to classrooms five days a week. The teachers are thrilled to have everyone back in person. While we have welcomed students back into the classrooms, we recognize the need for vigilance to keep us all healthy and learning together. Please support this effort by completing the daily screener for your child at home each morning, sending your child to school with a mask, and maintaining healthy practices when not at school.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Skyline's annual Back-to-School Night will be held Thursday September 2nd from 5:30-6:30. Some teachers will be providing information in Spanish at 5:00 pm as well. The meetings will be conducted through Zoom. Links to the meeting will be sent to parents by individual teachers. This is an important evening to attend as a great deal about your child's school year will be shared. We find that the information shared at Back-to-School Night greatly helps in facilitating communication between school and home. We look forward to seeing all of our parents on the evening of September 2nd!

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/2: Back-to-School Night, 5:30 PM
- 10/8: School picture day (tentative)
- 10/20 Halloween Carnival Drive Thru 5:30-8:00 pm
- 11/15-11/19: Parent conferences
- 11/22-11/26: Thanksgiving holiday
- 12/24-1/7: Winter break

## Global Education Community Agreement

Our mission as the Global Education Program is to provide a developmental, child-centered learning environment, which engages the whole child and empowers all students to be successful, contributing members of a pluralistic global society. We strive to foster a life-long love of learning where academic rigor and the essential skills of active citizenship, innovation, creativity, curiosity, problem-solving, and collaboration and teamwork are developed as the fundamental building blocks necessary to become a productive citizen of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

As part of this agreement, we remind you that your child:

- will be placed into a multi-age setting
- will experience a balance of independent, small group (including flexible instructional groups and cooperative groups) and whole group learning.
- will participate in a three-year cyclical curriculum, which may not follow the traditional curricular sequence and that learning involves hands-on, project-based, integrated and thematic learning
- will receive instruction within his/her zone of proximal development (regardless of grade level); state standards are addressed within this context
- will participate in a variety of cross-age learning opportunities including weekly buddy interactions, classroom activities and large events
- will be paired with a cross-age buddy and that that pairing will remain intact for the entire school year
- will participate in all district and statewide assessments and that the program views these results as just a small snapshot of my child's overall progress
- will not be given homework solely for homework's sake. Relevant homework will be given on a developmentally appropriate level and may be an opportunity to discover more, explore a new topic and/or extend prior learning

As part of this agreement, we remind parents that:

- it is the parents' responsibility to read newsletters and emails, and that this information may be accessed in paper form, on the program website and via social media
- the Global Education Program is a seven-year program of choice



## 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: NAME SHARING

**(August 30-September 3)**

Tell your child the story of how s/he was named. Adding details makes this sharing a lot of fun. For example, if your child was named in honor of a favorite uncle, tell us what was so special about the uncle to want to honor him by sharing his name. Many teachers will send home a form for your child to complete in preparation for name sharing.

### TOPIC SHARING: MAP OF BEDROOM

**(September 13-17)**

Help your child try to imagine a bird's eye view of his/her bedroom as if s/he were looking down from the ceiling on the furniture below. Your child is to use this view to draw major pieces of furniture that are in the bedroom. It helps to label things so that the map is easy to understand. If available, you might want to share a blueprint of your home with your child to help your child understand what a map of a room is. You should also try to draw maps of other rooms or your yard. If your teacher sends home special paper for the map, please plan on using it to create the map.

### TOPIC SHARING: PARENT JOB INTERVIEW

**(September 27-October 1)**

As part of our study of communities, we will be looking at the types of job people have, the training and education required for the jobs, the clothing required, and the tools used to do the variety of jobs that keeps our community humming. Your child will bring home a sheet of questions to ask an adult in the family about his/her job. Your child is to write the answers and share the findings on his/he sharing day.

#### SHARING SCHEDULE

- 8/23: Open Sharing
- 8/30: Topic sharing: Name sharing
- 9/6: Open sharing
- 9/13 Topic sharing: Map of bedroom
- 9/20: Open sharing
- 9/27: Parent job interview
- 10/4: Open sharing

