

The Global Connection

A publication of the Global Education Program at Skyline School



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

(November 14-18)

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.

SKYLINE'S BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be held at Skyline the week of **November 14 - 18**. You can shop with your child from 8:00 - 8:40 am and again from 12:20 - 3:30 pm **Monday - Thursday** and 8:00 - 8:40 am on **Friday**. This [website link](#) has information about online shopping and [how to set up an e-wallet](#) so your child can shop without bringing cash to school. The [website link](#) also has information about volunteer opportunities. We need support with the set-up and breakdown of the fair as well as help during our busy shopping times. Please consider volunteering and be certain you are cleared through Raptor to work as a volunteer. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Gauthier.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/10 Caveman Thanksgiving (primary GE classes)
- 11/12: Veterans Day: No school
- 11/14-11/18: Parent conferences
- 11/21-11/25: Fall break
- 12/9: Sumerian Trade Fair
- 12/23-1/3: Winter break

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

- 12/2 Flyers sent home
- 12/8 Requests for gift tags due
- 12/9 Gift tags sent home
- 12/16 New, wrapped gifts are due at school

SUMERIAN TRADE FAIR

Friday December 9 (8:50-12:00)

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 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.



PRIMARY GLOBAL ED. NEWS

TOPIC SHARING SCHEDULE

- 11/7-11/10: Gratitude list
- 11/14-11/18: Open sharing
- 11/28-12/2: Compare Thanksgivings
- 12/5-12/9: Open sharing
- 12/12-12/16: Wheat sharing
- 12/19-12/22: Open sharing

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.



COMPARING CAVEMAN THANKSGIVING TO A MODERN THANKSGIVING

(November 28-December 2)

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.



GRATITUDE LIST AND ILLUSTRATION

(November 7-11)

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.

In search of ...



Mrs. Erin is in search of costumes that you no longer need to replenish the box of dress-up clothes in her class. Please send in any costumes from past GE events or Halloween celebrations to help jazz up her collection of clothes for kids to play with in her classroom.

Mrs. Emily is in search of 12- ounce, plastic bottles for an environmental project she is undertaking with her class. The plastic bottles need to be sturdy like the bottles used for Gatorade. Standard water bottles are too flimsy for her project. Check out the soccer fields and other sporting events over the next few weekends for discarded sports drink bottles and send them in to Mrs. Emily.

Thank you!