

The Global Connection

A publication of the Global Education Program at Skyline



PARENT CONFERENCES (March 10-14)

The Global Education teachers are looking forward to meeting with you during the week of March 10-14 to discuss your child's academic and social progress. We are keeping our conference schedule from the fall to maintain the preferred meeting times as well as to keep the back-to-back sibling conferences. During conferences, the Global Education teachers will be checking with parents about the 2025-2026 school year. As part of our effort to finalize our numbers prior to the registration period, we need to know if your child will be part of the program next year. Also, if your family is considering a change from one strand to the other (i.e., from SSL to monolingual), you must obtain the strand change request form from Skyline's office and submit the completed form to Skyline's office by Friday, March 21st. Students with siblings interested in joining Global Ed in the fall of 2025 must complete a registration form and return it to the office by March 21st.

**NOTE: Skyline will follow a minimum day schedule with a normal start time and early dismissal at 12:17 next week. There will be a brief lunch break at school during conference week during which hot lunch will be available. Please plan on providing a snack/lunch for your child if your child will not be having the school lunch during conference week.*

IMPORTANT DATES

- 3/9: Daylight saving time begins
- 3/10-3/14: Parent/teacher conferences. Early dismissal at 12:17
- 3/10-3/14: Skyline's Book Fair
- 3/12: Family STREAM Night, 5-7 pm
- 3/27: Move and Groove-a-thon
- 3/31-4/4: Spring Break: NO SCHOOL



A NEW ADDITION TO THE PRIMARY BUILDING

On Friday, February 28th, we unveiled a brand, new mural in the courtyard for the primary building. A group of former Global Ed moms generously donated funds for us to hire an artist to design and paint a mural. The artist, Beau Carney, recently completed murals on all of the ball walls on our Skyline playground. Beau took inspiration from the Global Ed logo and added other elements that represent the spirit, curriculum, and longevity of the program. Beau worked over the February break to complete the project, and thanks to the handiwork of Mrs. Leidy and her family, the mural was covered to ensure a surprise at the unveiling. The group of former Global Ed moms who have children in and just out of college were able to attend our ceremony. We were also able to squeeze in all of the Global Ed kids, Mr. Klein, and other teachers to celebrate the new addition to our courtyard and to hear some words about Scott Billington to whom the mural is dedicated. Scott was a Global Ed parent and an amazing father. We are thrilled that we had a chance to honor his life in this way. The addition of this colorful mural helps to brighten the space and to make the building feel more like our own!



A WORD OR TWO ABOUT PROGRESS REPORTS

As we approach our parent conference week, teachers are busy collecting and organizing data about your child's learning. We in Global Ed consider this collection of data coupled with work samples to be a truer picture of a child's progress rather than sharing one test score with families. The teachers want to convey to parents patterns of learning over time as well as challenges and successes children face when learning new concepts. The progress reports are designed to show where your child's learning is in relation to the end-of-the-year standards. It is common for students to receive "2's" at this reporting period as they continue to move toward a fuller understanding of grade level standards.

FAMILY STREAM NIGHT Wednesday, March 12 (5:00-7:00 pm)

Skyline families are invited to Family STREAM night on Wednesday, March 12 from 5-7 pm. There will be many fun events for all to enjoy including: a robotics carnival, an art show, maker challenges, movement activities, and a firetruck egg drop challenge. If you want to participate in the egg drop challenge, please design, build, and test a contraption made out of recycled or reused materials that can safely land an egg to the ground after being dropped from the highest firetruck ladder. *Note: You will need to provide your own egg for the challenge!

SKYLINE'S BOOK FAIR (March 10-14)

Our Spring Book Fair is happening March 10th - 14th, right alongside conference week. This is your chance to stock up on amazing reads while supporting our school library.

Book Fair Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Students can shop with an adult before or after school, or during their class visit.

BONUS SHOPPING HOURS!

STREAM Night Special: The Book Fair will be open for evening shopping on March 12th from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

Parents-Only Shopping: Need to sneak in some surprise book gifts? The Book Fair will stay open Friday, March 14th from 9:00 - 10:00 AM just for parents.

Go Cash-Free!

Skip the hassle of sending cash to school by setting up an eWallet for your child. Online shopping is also open NOW! Check out all the details here. <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/skylinekidsread>

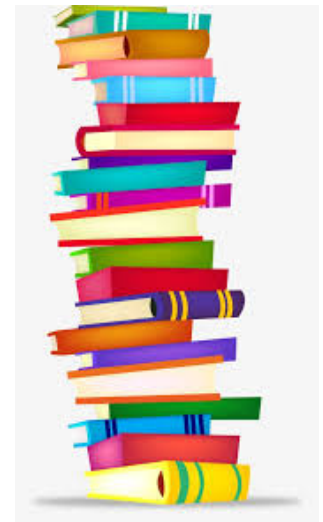
We Need Volunteers!

Want to help make the Book Fair a success? Volunteering is easy and FUN! If you can lend a hand, sign up here.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lkaNW4QCCrOfiiH7YZC1aUYClY1BtDIqk3nYNtZN9-o/edit?tab=t.0>

Why the Book Fair Matters:

Every single dollar spent goes right back into Skyline's library, helping us stock the shelves with the latest and greatest books for our eager readers. This is the ONLY funding source for our school library, so your support truly makes a difference!



Skyline's Move & Groove- a-Thon (March 27)



It's that time of the year again - get ready for the annual Move & Groove A Thon!

This fun event is the PTA's once-a-year fundraiser that is also a great event the kids look forward to each year. It will be held on Thursday, March 27 at Skyline.

Primary Global Ed News

MEMORIZE A SPRING POEM (March 17-21)

Your child's teacher will send home a packet of spring poems. Your child is select one poem from the collection to memorize and to "perform" on his/her sharing day. This is a great opportunity to practice reciting with expression! Props are welcome to add more dramatic flair to the poetry performance.



LOOKING AHEAD

Our focus this year has been on communities and how people meet their needs within a community. Beginning in April, we will be traveling back in time to the Middle Ages to compare how people met their needs in a different time and place. As part of this focus, your child will be learning about the food, shelter, clothing, and healthcare from medieval times. Global Ed will then have a Medieval Faire on April 11th to celebrate our study of the time period.. Your child will need a costume for the faire. Be on the lookout for knights, princesses, and peasant costumes!



TOPIC SHARING SCHEDULE

- 3/4-3/7: Create something new from recycled materials
- 3/10-3/14: Open sharing
- 3/17-3/21: Memorize a spring poem
- 3/31-4/4 SPRING BREAK
- 4/7-4/11: Open sharing