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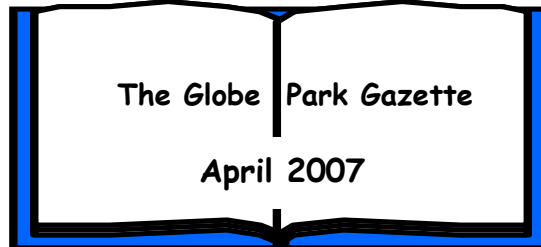
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Dear Globe Park School Community,

Students of the Month: Congratulations to the Students of the Month for March:

- Grade K: Paul Kegbeh
- Grade 1: Vanessa Trejos
- Grade 2: Sagitra Tiger Singkenphiphak
- Grade 3: Zachary Blanchard
- Grade 4: Kendal Lafrenaye
- Grade 5: Keith Kamer

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Thanks to all who attended our second Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 22. These are very special days for you, your children and the teachers and we hope you find them informative and rewarding. While these are the special days we schedule, you are always welcome and encouraged to visit the teachers at Globe Park School. Just call or write a note to let the teacher know when you would like to come in.

Helping your Children At Home: I am going to take this opportunity to repeat a message that I sent in January after the first report card and parent conferences. Now that you have received the second Report Card and met with the teachers at Parent Conferences, please keep in mind any suggestions the teachers have given you to help your children. Also, you can never go wrong reading to or with your children and being sure any homework gets done every day. Thanks for all your efforts with your children and don't forget to check those backpacks.

Community Reading Day: On Wednesday, March 7, 2007, the Globe Park Parent Teachers Association sponsored Globe Park Elementary School's first *Community Reading Day*. Volunteers from the community read in selected Kindergarten through Grade 5 classrooms and each book that was read was donated to that classroom's library. The intent of this event was to share the joy of reading with the children and impress upon them the importance of reading in the workplace and the community. **We want to thank The Community Readers who participated in this event:** Allen Leclair, John Ward, Leo Fontaine, Peter Fontaine, Linda Houle, Elaine Hazzard, Carole Lerner, Dr. Maureen Macera, Dr. Pat McGee, George Nasuti, Melissa Mathurin, Allen Auclair, Kathleen Lombardo, Michael Capasso, Karen Cureton, Pat Dubois, Albert Blais, Tracy Andrews-Mellouise, Linda Plays, Jonathan Gallishaw, Roger Picard, and Jason Marzini.

Arrival and Dismissal: Thanks to all parents/guardians for your patience and consideration during our arrival and dismissal. We have all kept the safety of the children as our priority. I do want to remind you that the driveway in the front of the school is reserved for our busses so please make every effort to avoid that area during our arrival and dismissal times. Also, thanks for your efforts and adjustments with our new Grades 3,4,and 5 arrival procedures. We feel this is working very well so far so we expect to continue this plan for the remainder of the year. However, please be sure that your children arrive at school between 8:45 AM and 8:55 AM. so the teachers can get the day started.

Appropriate and Safe Footwear: As the warm weather approaches please be sure your child wears appropriate and safe footwear to school. Closed shoes without heels and sneakers are always safe whereas sandals or flip-flops may not be safe in the school building or outside at recess. Please refer to the Elementary School Student/Parent Handbook on page 4 for specific guidelines.

Rite Care, Rite Share and Medical Assistance: Federal Law now requires U.S. Citizens who receive these services to show proof of citizenship and identity when you recertify. If you are 16 or older you can prove citizenship by showing your passport or certificate of naturalization OR a birth certificate AND either a driver's license or state photo ID card or school photo ID.

In a little more than 50 days it will be summer vacation. It is nice to have survived the winter and just great to be able to enjoy our beautiful spring weather. This has been a great year for me with your children and I want to thank you for all your efforts and patience.

Michael Capasso, Principal

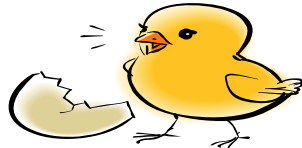
CLASSROOM NEWS



Mrs. Dzikiewicz and Mrs. Martineau

Spring is here and it's already April. This month we will begin our unit on "Things That Grow". The class will be planting seeds and watching our flowers and vegetables grow.

In math, we will begin simple addition and subtraction. We will also be continuing our problem solving. Spring vacation is the week of April 16th. Have a Happy Easter.



Mrs. Szrom and Mrs. Lauzon

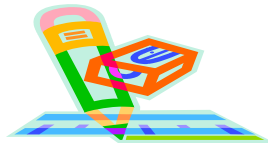
Spring has sprung in Room One! Now that the children have the fundamentals under their belts, it is fun to extend their learning into other areas. We are having fun and learning about spatial relationships with our tangrams. We are working on the concept of half and dividing things into two even groups. We have started our bean plants and will learn about plant science. Our author study will include Chris Van Allsburg and his many fine works. Busy, busy, busy.



Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Labarre

April weather, the clocks, done early this year, all of us adjusting changes all around us. We still have much to learn as the year winds down. Observing Changes will continue to be our theme for the month. More outdoor activities will take place please dress your child appropriately.

We will finish the introduction of our letters this month, but continue to introduce new sounds and words. Writing Journals will have a Spring theme. Our annual Egg Hunt will take place just before the Spring Break. Problem solving, more measuring, and combining and removing objects from groups will be some of our math focus.



Mrs. Kucharski and Mrs. Robert

During the month of March, we have been very busy writing poetry. We have written color poems, acrostic poems, number poems, and alphabet poems. The children will have an opportunity to read their poetry as well as other poems during Poetry Coffeehouse on Fridays in the upcoming months. In April we will be working on informational writing. The children are becoming great readers and now choose a variety of texts to read. This month we will be reading and discussing fairy tales and fables. We will also be writing responses to literature. In math, we will be learning number patterns, working on place value, and learning to count various coins to a total of \$1.00.



Mr. Poli and Mrs. DiChristoforo

Who can believe it's April? Not me, where does the time go,
There's only 50 days of school left, and there's so much more we need to know.

So needless to say we will be working, no matter how warm the weather,
The workload may be heavy at times and others like a feather.

In reading we will be sharpening up on our fluency and comprehension skills,
So keep on reading everyday at home, even if it's "Jack and Jill".

In writing, we will work on a "how to", get ready because these will be great,
This is the time the children tell us what to do, it's their turn to educate.

In math, we are working on geometry and measurement, so get ready for some fun,
The children are ready to show you their homework, and they want you to be stunned.

Projects, projects, and more projects, what fun, what fun, what fun,
We have so many spring projects planned, it would be an amazing feat to get them done.

We also have Spring break approaching, but please do not be fooled,
This is a time where children can stay refreshed, with what they learned in school.

So I wish you all a happy spring, with sunshine and not so much rain,
That you may go out and enjoy yourselves, instead of staring through a windowpane

See you in May!

P. S. Thanks to all I saw at parent conferences. It was a pleasure seeing you all again!



Mrs. Gobeille and Mrs. DiChristoforo

The children have been happy to welcome spring! Our science lessons will focus on observing and recording the changes in nature that will be taking place. It is hard to believe that we have already reached the last trimester of first grade. This is a very important time as the children will be expected to do more reading and writing independently in preparation for second grade, as well as expanding many math skills! Thanks to all of you who were able to attend parent-teacher conferences. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. A Happy Easter and Spring to everyone!



Ms. Lamberto, Mrs. Dyndur and Mrs. Hampson

Happy Spring!! Parent-teacher conferences went well and as always it was nice to see all of you. This month in room 21 we will be reading books by author Aiki. In science we will be planting flowers and learning how to keep our bodies healthy. On April 25th Kayvona will be celebrating her birthday. If any of you would like to send in tissues or wipes they are always needed Have a great Easter!



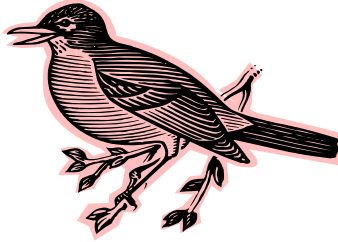
Mrs. Capalbo, Miss Flood, Mrs. Lemay and Mrs. Allard

In April we will continue to improve our reading in the Reading Workshop. Our focus will be on reading for meaning and using all of our reading strategies to figure out more complex word patterns. We will focus on Literary (fiction) and Informational Responses (nonfiction) in Writer's Workshop, as well as writing and responding to poetry. In math, we will continue to work on regrouping in addition and subtraction and numbers in the hundreds. In math problem solving, we will be teaching the children how to explain "how" they solved a math problem, both orally and in writing. Please remember to help your child memorize their basic addition and subtraction facts up to a sum of 20 (without counting on their fingers or using a number line). Have a great April vacation!



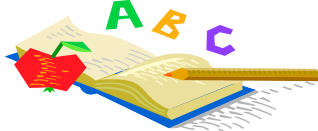
Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Allard, Mrs. Gamache, Mrs. Gingras and Miss Young

April Fools' Day will be fun as tricks are played on everyone.
April 26th we'll have birthdays for two, P and L-can you guess who?
Colors, shapes, words and such, each day we will learn so much.
April comes and April goes...then it's May and who knows????????????



Mrs. Moretti, Mrs. Boivin and Mrs. Vachon

Welcome Spring! Mrs. Moretti's students will be planting various types of seeds into clay pots. The students will be tracking the growth of each pot as well as observing the differences between each plant.



Miss Christina, Mrs. Henao, Mrs. Sutherland and Miss Cheri

April will most likely bring rain, so the class will be doing some fun projects on weather and water. The students will have opportunities to explore with some fun sensory activities and art projects. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Cheri who will be helping in our classroom for part of the day!



Miss Ficca, Mrs. Palmieri and Miss Maciejko

Yeah! The final third grade book report of the year is here! Students will write a response letter about a chapter book in a genre of their choice. Students are all working on informational writing. Students in Mrs. Palmieri's and Miss Ficca's classes will be creating nonfiction ABC books. Any help you may offer your child to research their topic would be very much appreciated. Continue to work with numbers in daily living to help enhance and expand our students' number sense. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and fractions are all out on the table now, as well as area, perimeter, and volume. Have a great spring and thanks again for your support and all that you do for your children.



Mrs. Girard

The state projects are complete and the student's hard work really shows. Thank you to all parents and of course students who worked so diligently on these projects. Well Done! As for April, we are beginning our final push towards the end of the school year and this time brings many new things to learn and explore. Students will be beginning to have assigned reading each night along with their homework. So please continue to check your child's homework folder nightly. Also, there will be two final book reports for April and May. Details to follow.

Everyone have an excellent Easter and enjoy our hopefully warm April vacation!



Mrs. Lacourse

Electricity is everywhere! Including are classroom. Students need to continue to do their homework. Students should be reading each night and filling in their reading logs. We will begin fractions in April. Students must read a Newberry Award book for their April book report. All students chose a book from the classroom. Book reports are due April 26, 2007. State reports are completed and the students did a marvelous job. Our classroom pencil supply has been depleted I would appreciate any pencil donation you could make. Continued thanks to Mrs. Reynolds for volunteering.



Mrs. Polacek

Happy Easter and Happy vacation week this month! Have a great time with your children over vacation. This month we will be starting fractions in math. Math facts are still very important, please encourage your child to practice them at home. This month we will be doing a Newberry Award Winner book report. Please have your

child pick a book that has been given this award or at the very least an honorable mention. If you need a list I do have one. The details for the book report will be going home before vacation, so they will have time to work on it then. The report will be due on April 26th. Everyone has not handed in their 25 books booklet as of yet, please have your child fill one out and hand it in. Everyone should have been able to read 25 books by now, if not they still have two months to do so. Thank you to all of the parents that came in to meet with me during parent conferences, it was nice to talk with you.



Mrs. Lavallee and Mrs. Rowey

Spring is here! We have finished our reports on famous African American heroes and begun writing folktales. We have enjoyed reading many, many folktales over the past month. In mathematics, we are learning about measurement and graphing. Thank you to those of you who have helped with the estimation jars project. If you haven't had an opportunity to participate, don't worry, the jars will be sent home soon. We look forward to a planting unit in science. Have a fantastic spring break!



Mrs. Levasseur, Mrs. Ozanian, Mrs. Peloquin, and Mrs Foisy

It's hard to believe that we are in the last trimester. We are all looking forward to the warmer weather and the vacation coming up this month. We will continue with measuring during math while we sample new recipes. The children are also doing alot of practice with reading and writing. Some of them are beginning to work on cursive writing now that they are more comfortable with the work we do in class. We will continue working on our crafts where we work on our OT goals. Finally we want to thank Mrs. Kerrigan who has been working in our room since Mrs. Ozanian has been out sick. We will miss her very much when Mrs. Ozanian comes back to work.



Mrs. Gudaitis

Spring is here! Along with spring comes many outside commitments. Please do not allow homework to take a backseat to these commitments. Parent Teacher Conferences have been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 3rd. I look forward to seeing you all there! Watch for information to come home soon regarding our fifth grade fundraiser at Chuck E. Cheese on April 26th! Also, the fifth grades welcome D.A.R.E. Officer Harris to our school. Our class will participate in the D.A.R.E program for the next 9 weeks.



Mrs. Gray

It is April already...who knew this year would fly by??? Since we have said "goodbye" to Mrs. Crane (our student teacher) we are back in our normal routine. It was wonderful having her here, we all will miss her greatly. We wish her the best of luck with her teaching career. In math will be tackling percents...since we just finished a unit on fractions it'll be an easy transition. In social studies it will be full force into the Revolutionary War! This interesting time in American history is very important to how this country came to be. In music class the 5th graders will start practicing for their end-of-the-year musical. It will be set during this time period. Though the calendar says it is spring, we are still experiencing some issues with colds in our classroom. I am asking for your help to control germs. If a few parents could send in a tub of Clorox Disinfecting Wipes, that would help us keep our desktops clean and germ free. Thank you in advance.....

April will be a quick month due to April vacation. I hope you all do something fun!



Mrs. Laplante

Happy Spring! April will be a short, but very busy month. Our last book report project will actually be a Time Line of your child's life. The packet on this project will be going home the first week of April so keep an eye out for it.

In Math we are finishing up fractions and will be working on ratio, percent and probability concepts.

In Reading and Writing Workshop, we are all reading the same book, but we are still breaking up for our literature circle groups.

In Health, we are finishing working on Family and Social Health and will be getting ready to learn about adolescence and all the things that occur during that time. Permission slips will be coming home in order for your child to participate in this optional part of the health class.

Some of the children have met the 25-book standard, some have not!!! Those that have not met the standard yet need to work on reading books so they can meet the 25-book standard before the end of the year. I will be sending home letters before April vacation informing you of how many books your child needs to read in order to meet the standard. As always, if you have any questions about anything please do not hesitate to call or send in a note.

Please try to make it to our fundraiser on Thursday, April 26th at Chuck E. Cheese.



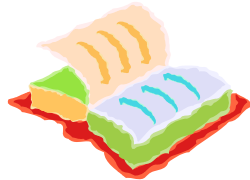
Mrs. Chopoorian – Music

In April all students will be working on reading and writing music. 2nd and 3rd grades will be writing a short song for the xylophone. 4th and 5th grades will be writing a short song for the recorder.

We also will be working on our May concert music. 1st and 2nd grades will be singing about bugs. 3rd and 4th will be singing the "Carnivale of the Animals" complete with a multi-media presentation. The 5th grade will be working hard on the Revolutionary War musical, "The Patriots". The 4th and 5th Grade Chorus will be learning music for our May 31st concert at the High School.

ALL CONCERTS WILL TAKE PLACE THE THIRD AND FOURTH WEEKS OF MAY!

Currently, I am looking for crafty adults to help make bug antennae for the 1st and 2nd grade concert. Please send me a note if you are interested in helping.



Mrs. Cureton – TIME Teacher

TIPS FOR PARENTS

You can get the most out of reading by asking questions, such as:

- What new words did you learn from the story?
- What happened in the story?
- Who were our favorite characters?
- What places were described in the story?
- Did you learn something new from the story?

This month's BOOK SWAP will take place on Thursday, April 12,. The times Are from 8:45 am until 9:45 am and just prior the the PTA meeting 5:15pm until 6:15 pm. We have a large assortment of books and a limited supply of children's books. Look forward to seeing you there. Light refreshments are served.



Student Senate

The Student Senate would like to thank all the students who came to school in our School colors for Spirit day in March! The winners of our school spirit raffle were:

- K: Matthew Beausoleil
- 1st Gr.: No Winner!
- 2nd Gr: Joseph Smith

3rd Gr: Cody Reed
4th Gr: Patrick Gince
5th Gr: Annelise Ambert

Also, our Math-a-Thon fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital is in full swing and I would like to thank the over 60 students participating in such a wonderful event. This is a great opportunity for our school to help such an important institution such as St. Jude's and we are hoping to top our money raised last year. The Student Senators are looking forward to the warm weather so we can begin cleaning up school grounds and continuing our beautification projects. Thank you all for your support of the Senate!



THE NURSE'S CORNER by Maria Bouvier, RNCSNT

April Is Child Abuse Month

I want to share a few things regarding child abuse that you can tell your children.

*Talk to your children about the difference between safe and unsafe touches from anyone including family, friends, teachers or other adults. Reiterate what your child should do if he/she is touched inappropriately and how important it is that your child tells you about it.

*Teach your child not to go anywhere with or accept anything from a stranger, or anyone he/she doesn't know well. Instruct your child to never answer the door if home alone, or tell anyone on the phone that he/she is alone. Equally important, don't leave a child alone until he or she is mature enough for the responsibility.

*Make sure you always know where your child is, whom your child is with and when your child will be home.

*Leave your child only in the care of people you know and trust. Make sure babysitters have references and are reliable and responsible adults.

*Always take seriously your child's talk of being abused, whether sexual or physical. Find out as much information as you can and call 911 or child welfare services immediately.

*Give your child constant love, support, and praise. Feeling safe and loved is essential for your child's self-esteem. This will help to empower your child to resist touches that are unsafe.



PTA News

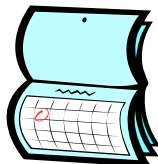
March was a busy month. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped out at bookfair. Without you we could not have been so successful. Thanks to Denise Gray for chairing the cookie walk. It is always a wonderful event.

On March 30th we had our last bingo night. Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Donna Marcotte for chairing the event. She did a wonderful job.

PTA nominations were due on March 28th. We were hoping more people would have signed up for a position next year. There is still time. We accept nominations from the floor during our meeting. Please consider being a board member of the PTA.

Spring fundraiser orders will be sent home on Wednesday, April 4th. Please make sure, if you have a large order that someone is there to pick up your child. Thank you to all the people who purchased items. The winners of the Chelo's gift certificate are: Shawn Reynolds in Mrs. Lacourse's class and Bethaney Lambert in Mrs. Gudaitis' class.

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12th in the school library at 6:30 PM. Come and share your ideas. Have a safe vacation.



Calendar

April 2nd – Student Senate Meeting 3:00 – 4:30 PM

April 6th – No School – Good Friday

April 10th – Cultural Arts Program – Slimgoodbody 9:30AM & 1:30 PM

April 12th – Book Swap 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM and 5:15 PM – 6:15PM Library

April 12th – PTA Meeting 6:30 PM Library

April 16th – 20th – April Vacation

April 24th – RIPIN Workshop ABCs of IEPs 6:00 – 8:00 PM Library

April 26th – Chuck E. Cheese Fundraiser

April 27th = School Spirit Day – Mismatch Day
April 27th – Poetry Night 6:30 PM