

The most important thing we can teach our children is to believe in themselves.

Woonsocket Education Department

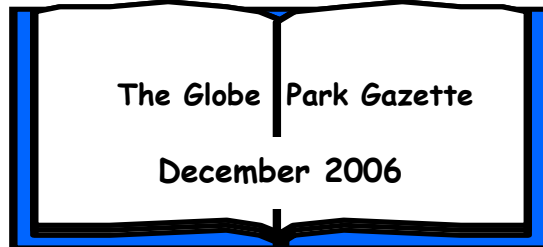


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Dear Globe Park School Community,

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

- Grade 1: Tyrese Kaba
- Grade 2: Noah Asstafan
- Grade 3: Travell Languirand
- Grade 4: Nathan Pincince
- Grade 5: Stephanie Brunelle

Report Cards: Our first of three Report Cards for the year will be sent home on **Monday, December 11.** Please review the Report Card with your child and bring any questions or concerns to the Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, December 12.

Parent Teacher Conferences: We will be holding the first of our two Parent/Teacher Conferences on **Tuesday, December 12.** You should have received your Parent Conference Flyer and scheduled your conference by now. If you have not returned your conference slip, please send it in right away. Please make every effort to be on time for your scheduled conference. The teachers have a limited amount of time and really need to stay on schedule because of the many parents they have to see. Also, if you would like to speak with him/her more extensively, you will be able to make an appointment during conferences for another time. Thanks for your patience.

Five Questions All Parents Should Ask Their Child's Teacher: We are once again encouraging all parents to ask the following 5 questions during Parent/Teacher Conferences. These questions, developed by the Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN), will help you and the teacher have a focused conversation about your child's educational experience at Globe Park School.

1. What are my child's strengths?
2. What concerns do you have about my child?
3. How does my child work with others?
4. What information can I share with you about my child?
5. How can we work together so I can be involved in my child's education?

Helping At Home: The best way to help your child at home for the month of December is to stay on your usual daily schedule with your child as much as possible. The Holiday season has a way of disrupting all of our lives and our young children do a much better job at school with a regular schedule.

Parent Involvement Policy: At the November 9 meeting of the Globe Park PTA, page 9 of the Woonsocket Education Department's, 2006-2007, Elementary School Student/Parent Handbook was approved as Globe Park School's parental involvement policy.

The staff and I wish all of you a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season. It has been a pleasure working with you and your children and we hope to see all of you at some of our PTA sponsored holiday events so we can celebrate this special time of year together.

Happy Holidays,
Michael Capasso, Principal

CLASSROOM NEWS



Mrs. Dzikiewicz and Mrs. Martineau

Happy Holiday to all the families in Room 3 from Mrs. D. and Mrs. M. This month kindergartners will be receiving their first report card. REPORT CARD ENVELOPES need to be signed and returned to school. The report card is yours to keep.

This month we will continue are work in letter and letter sounds. In math we will continue our work on number recognition, patterns and problem solving. We will be working on a few special Christmas projects.

Have a happy and healthy holiday season.



Mrs. Szrom and Mrs. Lauzon

Welcome December! The year is flying by so fast, we can hardly believe it. The children are learning so much we look forward to sharing their progress with you on Tuesday, December 12th. During December we will learn the letters Ss, Dd, Ff, Kk, Oo, Rr. We will continue to learn color and number words. Have a wonderful holiday and vacation with your kids.



Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Labarre

Happy Holidays, December is here.....Santa, Christmas trees, decorations, wishes, excited children. Our theme for the month will continue to be Family Traditions. Please share with your child a favorite Christmas or other holiday tradition that you have. Also, please note the days and times of the special events for December.

Our classroom work will have a Holiday spirit as well. Our math work will include a special Christmas tree decorated with macaroni. Reading readiness will focus on the Christmas letters, sounds and words. New vocabulary words and a new writing Journal will also have a Holiday spirit. Hope to see you all at Parent Conferences on December 12th to share your child's work and progress.



Ms. Lamberto, Mrs. Dyndur and Mrs. Hampson

We cannot believe it is already that time of year again! This month we are sad to say Miss Paige will be leaving us on December 22nd. We enjoyed working with her and thank her for the great job she has done. We wish her luck in her future as a teacher; she will be a fantastic one. This month we will continue working with patterns, letters, sounds, and words. Everyone in class is working very hard and making progress. Thanks for helping out at home. I look forward to seeing you on the 12th at Parent-Teacher Conferences.



Mrs. Gobeille and Mrs. DiChristoforo

We hope all of the families enjoyed listening to their children read The First American Thanksgiving! Thank you to all of the parents that contributed to our Thanksgiving feast. In December, we will work on a collection of Christmas poems that will form a booklet called, I Like Christmas. We may have several projects that will need parental assistance and thank you in advance for your anticipated help. As you know, it will be challenging to channel the children's enthusiasm as the Christmas season approaches. We will try to do this through a variety of educationally related projects. I look forward to meeting with you at Parent-Teacher Conferences on December 12th. Mrs. DiCristoforo and I want to wish you all a wonderful holiday season.



Mrs. Kucharski and Mrs. Robert

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving! The children are becoming more confident in their reading abilities as they learn more strategies for reading. After listening to a story as well as after independently read stories the children will be identifying story elements: characters, setting, problem, and solution. We will also look at various character traits. In math, we will continue with addition and subtraction as well as number recognition and position. In problem solving, the children have begun to independently choose a strategy to use to solve the problem. In writing, we are working on animal stories. We will do a thematic unit on bears this month. Have a Merry Christmas!



Mr. Poli and Mrs. DiChristoforo

Do you hear what I hear?

I hear the holiday season loud and clear and so do the children. But that isn't going to stop us from learning. In addition to our daily routines, we will be learning about Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, and Christmas. It seems like we are always celebrating something in our classroom.

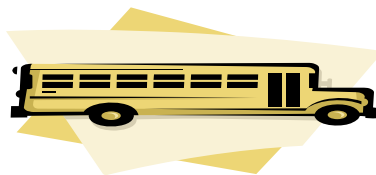
Don't forget...Parent conferences are on December 12th and report cards go home on December 11th. Hope to see you there. If you haven't returned your parent conference sign up sheet, please get them in. I will be setting up the times shortly and sending them home.

We owe a GIGANTIC thank you to those of you who helped make our "Thanksgiving In School" a success.

We truly appreciated your help (as you can tell by the many thank yous we say).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

Have a great Holiday!
and
See you in 2007!



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

In December, the three second-grade classes will reflect on holiday themes in Writer's Workshop. We will also be working on Narrative Procedures (How-to's) in writing, using the writing process skills (pre-write, first draft, revision, editing, and publishing). Retelling skills will be a major focus in Reading Workshop. In Math Workshop, we will be working on Fact Families in addition and subtraction. Strategies to use in math problem-solving are being taught in math workshop also. Learning math facts in addition and subtraction are very important. Please help your child to learn these at home also. We are looking forward to meeting you at Parent-Teacher conferences! Happy Holidays!!!



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

DR8-What is the first letter? What is the last letter? How many letters are there? That's a little of what December can offer. All work and no play makes for a dull life so we will be enjoying the holiday season while

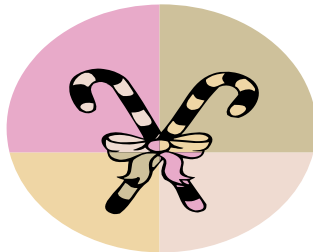
we are working. We hope that Kathi is back in the swing of things real soon and we look forward to her return. Meanwhile, Cheri had been a Godsend. Thank you, Cheri. We will also celebrate Nicole's birthday. In addition, there will be a book fair, a Holiday Shoppe for purchasing gifts for loved ones, and parent- teacher conferences!

We would like to begin a drive to collect new and used ice skates to bring to River Island Park. They could use skates for men, women, boys and girls. Did you know you can go to the park (behind the museum of Work and Culture) and skate for free? At night, lights are on, a fire is lit and skates are available to borrow for free. Sudsy is there selling hot cocoa and all profit goes St. Jude's Hospital. Skates will be collected from Dec.-Feb. so spread the word. They can be brought to us in room 37.



Mr. King, Miss Christina, Mrs. Boivin, Mrs. Henao, Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Vachon

December is already here and we only have a few weeks together before the break! During the few weeks, we will be increasing the students' independence by allowing them to problem-solve or communicate "help" before adult intervention. The students will also be participating in science experiments with snow and learning about the process of melting. Many holiday crafts will be coming home in the next weeks as well. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Miss Ficca, Mrs. Palmieri, Miss Maciejko and Miss Kociuba

Our Book It! book report for December is a realistic fiction book of choice. In writing we will be working on a narrative. This hectic season is a great time to have children count change and tell time to help keep you on schedule! We welcome anyone who would like to read a story, make a craft, or share a holiday tradition with the students. Please contact your child's teacher if you are interested. Thanks again for all of your support this school year. We appreciate all you do for your children. Happy Holidays!



Mrs. Girard

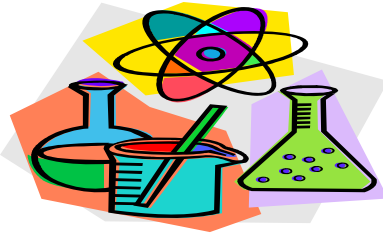
With the holidays quickly approaching, the students have been working diligently on several projects in class. They have finished their memoirs, which will be displayed for you to see on Parent Teacher Conferences. We are now working on poetry. In math, students are reminded to continue practicing their multiplication tables each night as we will now be beginning division and the students need to know their facts. This month in reading, the students will have to choose a holiday picture book for their Book Report. This project is on fluency and we would like the students to read their books with younger children in the school. They will also have to make a small art project to go along with their books. Information and rubrics will be distributed next week. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Parent Teacher Conferences December 12th. I am eager to share your child's progress with you. Have a safe and happy holiday!



Mrs. Lacourse

November has past by so quickly it is hard to believe it is December already. Report cards will go home this month, if you haven't signed up to meet with me please do so promptly. I know December is a busy month for all, but please check your child's homework nightly to be sure it is done. Our December book report is due December 19th. The students must select a holiday picture book that they will read to a kindergarten class.

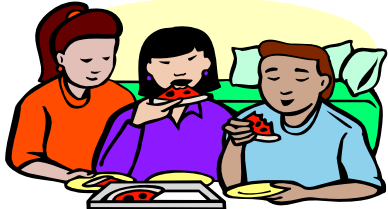
We have begun a unit on weather in science. Please have your child watch the weather on television whenever possible this month. They may be able to explain fronts and how they affect the weather. Happy Holidays!



Mrs. Polacek

Room 13 is happy to welcome back Mrs. Polacek. We are glad to have her back!

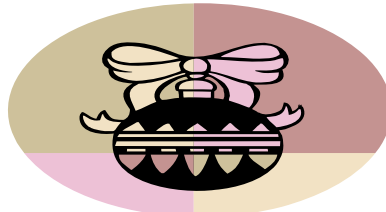
The students should have completed their November book reports on mysteries. They will be receiving the information for their December book reports soon. Students have picked their state for their state project. Please help your child gather information on their state. Mrs. Polacek will send home more detailed information at a later date. Just as a reminder, homework needs to be done nightly. The only day it is not given is Friday.



Mrs. Lavalley and Mrs. Rowey

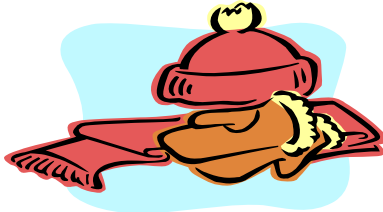
We've had a busy first trimester. We're doing book reports to earn free pizza through Pizza Hut's Book-It program. We've finished our realistic fiction stories and are beginning our nonfiction animal reports. Addition/Multiplication Sundaes are under construction as we learn our facts. There's one exciting thing we're doing in library. We're learning to find books on the computer! Happy holidays and a happy new year!

Jason Deschamps with a little help from Mrs. Lavalley



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

It's hard to believe December is already here. We have been so busy that the time has flown by. This month our reading and writing activities will focus on the upcoming holiday. In Math we will be working on money. Some of our students will practice counting out amounts while others will work on multiplying using decimals.



Mrs. Gudaitis

The holidays are fast approaching! During this exciting time of year holiday excitement can often lead to forgotten assignments. Please be sure that your child continues to complete his or her homework nightly. December's book report will be a "How To" report. Look for information to be sent home soon. Our class will be going to the Holiday Shop on Wednesday, December 6 at 10:00 in the morning. I look forward to meeting with each of you during Parent Teacher Conferences on December 12.



Mrs. Gray

It's that time again.....Christmas spirit is filling the air! As we sum up the 2006 calendar year, we've got lots to do. In math we are going to move onto learning about different kinds of graphs. We'll be interpreting them, analyzing them, and even creating our own. In social studies we'll be finishing up with studying the different Native American tribes and start studying the Colonist period. It is such a great part of American history! This month the class will be writing their own "how to" papers, so ask your child what they decided to write about. We will be having a Christmas party on the 22nd. Be on the look out for more information on that. Happy holidays to all!



Mrs. Laplante

December is already here! Time is just flying by this year! I am looking forward to Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, December 12, 2006. Please make every effort to schedule a time to meet prior to that night.

The holiday season is upon us and our lives are getting busier, please make sure that your child is completing their homework nightly.

In math, we are continuing our journey in multiplication and will be starting division very soon. We are reading the book, *Trip To The North Pole* as a class this month. We are hoping to plan a field trip to the IMAX in December to see the movie, please keep an eye out for information on this trip. In health we are wrapping up the unit on Personal Health. All classes will be tested the week of December 4th, please make sure your child is studying for the test. Your child gets homework every week in health class, please make sure they are completing it carefully.

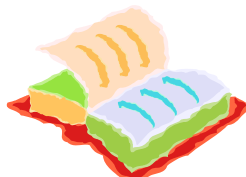
December's book reports are how to reports. This assignment will be due December 22. Our holiday party will also be held on this date. More information on this will follow. Some good gifts to give your child for the holidays are the following: pencils, pencil sharpener, a new box of crayons or colored pencils, books, and the most important gift of all, your time and love. Happy Holidays to all!!!



THE NURSE'S CORNER by Maria Bouvier, RNCSNT

<u>SYMPTOMS</u>	<u>ALLERGIES</u>	<u>COLD</u>	<u>FLU</u>
FEVER	NONE	RARE	HIGH (102-104)
HEADACHE	NONE	RARE	FREQUENT
ACHES & PAINS	NONE	SLIGHT	USUALLY May be quite severe
TIRED/WEAK	NONE	MILD	EXTREME May last 2-3 Weeks
RUNNY/STUFFY NOSE	WATERY NASAL DISCHARGE	COMMON THICK DISCHARGE	SOMETIMES
SNEEZING	FREQUENT	USUALLY	SOMETIMES
SORE THROAT	SOMETIMES	USUALLY	SOMETIMES
CHEST DISCOMFORT/ COUGH	LITTLE OR NONE	MILD TO MODERATE BEGINS DRY THEN BECOMES LOOSE	COMMON, MAY BECOME SEVERE
OTHER	COMES AND GOES THROUGHOUT SEASON	LASTS 1-3 WEEKS	LASTS 2-3 WKS
	EYES USUALLY RED	EYES NOT RED	EYES NOT RED
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Now that you have a reference guide for colds/flu, I would like to help in order to keep all of your family healthy. As a wife, mother, grandmother and nurse I come in touch with a lot of illness. I try hard to follow the four best ways to not get sick or if I do get sick I still follow what a very wise physician once said. If your child should get a cold or flu the 1st - step is to get a lot of sleep. For children it would be going to bed early. 2nd - eat all their meals, especially breakfast. They need the nutrients to get them through the day. Breakfast is the most important meal we eat. 3rd - give them a glass of water with every meal and send water to school all year, as summer seems to make them perspire and in the winter it is very dry in the school. And the 4th is the most important. Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands!! This highly acclaimed doctor/researcher said, "if nothing else always wash your hands". Hands carry most of our germs. Also teach your child to cough/sneeze into their upper arms, especially in school. They can cover their cough/sneeze with their hands but if they don't go right to the sink to wash their hands they will definitely spread the germs. I really hope you and your family a healthy fall/winter season. HAPPY HOLIDAYS, TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES.



Mrs. Cureton – TIME Teacher
TIPS FOR PARENTS

DECISION-MAKING BUILDS GOOD JUDGMENT

Teach your youngster to use good judgment instead of simply telling him what to do. Rather than saying, "Get your notebook off the kitchen counter," ask him to consider why he should do it.

Say something like, "I'm getting ready to make dinner. Why do you suppose your book shouldn't be on the counter?" Let him come up with the reasons by himself. Example, It will be in the way; something could spill on it, etc.

Source: Language of Good Discipline, Robert Schwebel

Two workshops will be held for parents and guardians relating to Unraveling DRAs, GLEs, and Progress Reports. The first session will be held on Wednesday evening at 6pm in the school cafeteria. The second session will be held in the school library on Thursday morning at 9am. A notice has been sent home with a form to be returned to school if you plan to attend. If the notice has been misplaced simply send in a note to school with your name and grade(s) of children.



Mrs. Chopoorian – Music

Our new unit deals with singing. Students will practice matching pitches and singing scales. Everyone is working on songs from different countries for our winter concerts. The concert schedule is as follows:

Jan. 30, Tues., 6:30 pm 4th & 5th grades

Feb. 1, Thurs., 6:30 pm 2nd & 3rd grades

Feb. 6, Tues., 6:30 pm K & 1st grades

All concerts will be in the cafeteria.



Student Senate

The Student Senate is proud to announce the winners of our first School Spirit day, Pajama Day. In kindergarten: Layla Fontaine; first grade: Isabella Lambert; second grade: Samantha Kongphet; third grade: Brendan Smith; fourth Grade: Mrs. Lacourse; Fifth grade: Austin Peloso. Thank you to everyone who participated. Our next School Spirit day is Friday, December 1st and it is Crazy Hair Day.

The Student Senate is also asking for your help with our first annual Holiday Food Drive. Along with the PTA, the Senate is collecting can goods and non-perishable foods from November 27, 2006 to December 18, 2006.

Students can bring the goods to the bins near the library. The Feinstein Foundation pledged \$1 for every item donated to help the needed. Please help us not only help others this holiday season, but help us raise money for our school.

Lastly, each month the Student Senate will be collecting Campbell's Labels for Education. We collect these labels at the end of each month and the class with the most labels each month receives a cookie party.

Congratulations to our Oct/Nov. winners Ms. Ficca's class.



PTA News

November was a quick month. I'd like to thank all those who helped out at Bingo Night. Everyone had a great time and we collected two boxes of food for Brian's Pantry. December is upon us and we have a very busy month ahead of us.

1. Holiday Shop will run from December 4th through December 7th. The prices range from \$1.00 - \$6.00. Please have the children shop for immediate family only. Thanks to all who are volunteering to help out the children with their shopping needs.
2. Bookfair will run from December 11th through December 15th. This is a big undertaking. **We are in need of volunteers. If you can spare an hour of your time it would be greatly appreciated. If we cannot get enough adult volunteers, we will have to cancel the bookfair for December and the bookfair in March will not be Buy One Get One Free.** I would like to thank the people who have already volunteered to help.
3. Cookies and Coffee Cakes will be distributed on **Monday, December 18th from 1:30 –3:30 PM in the school gym.** Please pick up your items during that time. **Cookies and Cakes cannot be sent home with children on the bus. Any items not picked up will be donated to a food pantry.**

4. Reading with Santa and a cookie walk will be held on Thursday, December 21st in the school cafeteria. It will begin at 6:30 PM with a story followed by cookies and milk. Santa will arrive at 7:00 PM. The cookie walk will begin at 7:15 PM.

Miss Ficca's class won for the most Campbell soup labels for October. They will receive the homemade cookies made by Denise Gray.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for December 7th at 6:30 PM in the library.



Calendar

December 1st – Yearbook Meeting 3:00 – 4:30 – Library

December 4th - 8th – Holiday Shop

December 4th – Student Senate Meeting

December 6th – Parent Workshop Unraveling DRAs, GLEs and Progress Reports 6:00 PM Cafeteria

December 7th - Parent Workshop Unraveling DRAs, GLEs and Progress Reports 9:00 AM Cafeteria

December 7th – PTA Meeting 6:30 PM - Library

December 11th-15th – Book Fair

December 11th – Report Cards Go Home

December 12th – Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 4:30PM and 5:30 –7:30 PM

No School for Kindergarten Students

December 15th – Yearbook Meeting 3:00 – 4:30 Library

December 19th - School Store Open During Lunch

December 21st – Reading With Santa 6:30 – 8:00 PM

December 25th – January 1st – Christmas Recess