

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

Woonsocket Education Department



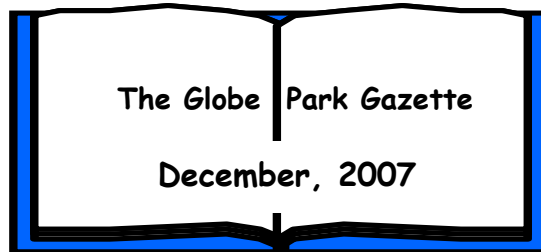
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Dear Globe Park School Community,

National Title I Distinguished Schools: Globe Park School is honored to be one of the two schools in Rhode Island being recognized as a National Title I Distinguished School for “Closing the Achievement Gap Between Student Groups.” Two schools per state are chosen by state Title I directors based on the following criteria:

- Free and reduced lunch rate of at least 35%.
- Demonstrated high academic achievement for two or more consecutive years.
- Met or exceeded state standards for making adequate yearly progress for two or more consecutive years.

Congratulations to the students, parents and staff for this well deserved recognition. Globe Park School will be represented at the National Title I Conference by two teachers who will attend the conference and participate in the National Title I Distinguished Schools’ activities and recognition ceremonies.

Report Cards: Our first of three Report Cards for the year will be sent home on **Wednesday, December 5**. Please review the Report Card with your child and bring any questions or concerns to the Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, December 6.

Parent Teacher Conferences: We will be holding the first of our two Parent/Teacher Conferences on **Thursday, December 6**. 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 October 11 meeting of the Globe Park PTA, the district parental involvement policy was approved as the Globe Park School parental involvement policy.

Student of the Month: During the months of October, November and December, all students who completed the summer reading requirements will be eligible to be selected as Student of the Month for their grade level. During the months January through June, all students who complete their 25-book requirement in their Reading Log will be eligible.

Congratulations to the Students of the Month for November:

Grade 1: Brooke Langlois

Grade 2: Isabella Lambert

Grade 3: Rachel Bourk

Grade 4: Victoria Walsh

Grade 5: Brooke Sylvestre

The staff and I wish all of you a Happy, Healthy Holiday Season.

Michael Capasso, Principal

CLASSROOM NEWS



Mrs. Dzikiewicz and Mrs. Martineau

Happy Holidays, December has arrived and kindergartners will be receiving their first report card on December 5th. We will be sharing your child's progress with you on December 6th. You will need to sign and return your child's report card envelope. The report card is yours to keep.

Along with our work with letters and their sounds, numbers, patterns and problems solving, we will also be working on some special Christmas projects.

As my thirty-five year career comes to an end, on December 21st, I would like to thank all the parents and children for all their support and help over the last four and half years. I have enjoyed my time here at Globe Park School.

Have a Happy Holiday Season and a wonderful vacation.



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 Thursday, December 6th. During December we will learn the letters Ss, Dd, Ff, 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. We had a fun time discussing what each of us thought Thanksgiving was about and then sharing what we actually did on Thanksgiving Day. Please talk with your child about a favorite Christmas or other Holiday tradition that you have so they can share it with the class.

Our classroom work will join in the fun as well. Math work will include measuring and counting, as well as a special tree decorated with macaroni. Reading readiness will focus on letters and sounds, along with new vocabulary words and a new Writing Journal which will all have a Holiday Spirit. Please note the days and times of the special events for December. Hope to see you all at Parent Conferences on December 6th to share your child's work and progress.



Mr. Poli

Here it is December, the most magical month of the year,
And before you know it the new year will come and spread its happy cheer.

This month will be very busy even though it will go by fast,
There's lots of holidays to learn about and how they were celebrated in the past.

Like Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas, some might ask what they are?
But your children will soon know about each one, they are truly shining stars.

Aside from holiday celebrations, there is still much more to learn,
Like writing our ABC book --the letters H and I and J when it's J's turn.

In reading we are still working on our strategies, and reading more difficult text,
It's amazing to see some of the progress already, I can't wait to see what's next.

A "December is a time to celebrate" party is sure to come, when? We have no clue,
Somewhere in the middle of all the work that we have to do.

Report cards are going home on the 5th, parent conferences are on the 6th too.
I hope to see you all that night to discuss anything that you choose to.

As always, I am here for you if you have any concerns or questions,
I'll be in room 28 at Globe Park School, Just in case you needed directions.



Ms. Lamberto, Mrs. Hampson and Mrs. Dyndur

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. The school year is going by so fast. This month we are celebrating two birthdays, Michael T. and Gabriel. Happy birthday to them. Mrs. Dietz will be leaving us on the 21st. Good luck to her. Also we want to wish Mrs. Dekreon the best. We wish them luck in there future as teachers. They will both be sadly missed. We hope everyone has a happy and healthy holiday season.



Mrs. Penta

In December, we will be learning about holiday traditions from around the world. The children will also be working on fairytales in reading. They will compare/contrast some of the different versions of The Gingerbread Man. In math we will work on adding and subtracting numbers up to 12. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on December 6th. Happy Holidays to all!



Mrs. Kucharski

In December we will continue to read informational text as well as reading fairytales. We will discuss the features of a fairytale and compare several of the stories that we read. In writing, the children will finish their "how- to" pieces and then move on to writing stories about small moments that include details as well as longer and more interesting sentences than past writing. We are still working on addition and subtraction strategies in math and will begin geometry and fractions towards the end of the month. This month we will be learning about bears.



Mrs. Lemay

It is hard to believe that December is already here! All of the students are working very hard to learn all their letter sounds, especially their vowels. They are having lots of fun doing finger spelling. Please ask your child to show you how we do it. They love it! In science and reading last month we focused on reading informational books about animals. In math we are now doing subtraction or "take away." Parents can practice this in the supermarket or at home when they are unpacking groceries, say "If I have 3 cans of tomatoes and I take away 1, how many are left?" With Christmas fast approaching the children are getting excited already. I encourage parents to remind their child that schoolwork and homework still needs to get done. I look forward to meeting you all at parent-teacher conferences on December 6th. Have a safe and restful holiday vacation!



Mrs. Capalbo and Mrs. Irza

December will be a very busy month! In Writer's Workshop, we will be reflecting on holiday themes and focusing on narrative procedures (How-to's). Retelling skills, with an emphasis on details and story language, will be emphasized in our Guided Reading groups. In Math Workshop, we will be introducing time and money concepts and working on "Fact Families" in addition and subtraction. Having every student "automatically" know the + and - number facts through 20 is our home-school connection goal. Please use any and all opportunities to help your child memorize the facts through 20! Knowing these facts will greatly help each child when we get to two digit addition. In Science, we will discuss the seasonal changes that can be observed as autumn ends and winter begins. We will also finish up our solar system unit. Thank you all so much for helping your children observe and record the stages of the moon throughout November. The children were really excited about all that they saw and learned! We look forward to seeing you at Parent-Teacher Conferences. Happy holidays to all!



Mr. Lapierre, Mrs. Brin and Mrs. Bannon

We made it through November in good shape. The students have been working on creating addition stories. The older kids also started on place value.

We cleaned out a pumpkin and used the seeds to incorporate lessons on place value, estimation, and graphing. We also used the pumpkin to make pies, which I'm pleased to say did not burn.

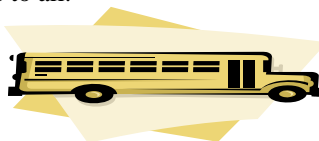
The month of December will find us continuing to develop written language and reading skills. In math, we will be working on subtraction, more and less, estimation, and measuring. We will also be working on a painting project, and I'm sure there will be more baking as well.

Happy Holidays!



Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Allard, Mrs. D. Peloquin and Mrs. T. Peloquin

December is the end of the calendar year and hopefully the end of the many changes. We said "Good-bye" to Thomas after his short stay with us. We wish Nicole a speedy recovery and a "Happy Birthday"! We welcome Barbara back for a little while ;). The students are working on colors, patterns, and their names. They are learning calendar activities, movement, and songs. I hope to see all the parents at the parent-teacher conference on Dec. 6th. Many thanks to the anonymous donations that we have received for the classroom. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all.



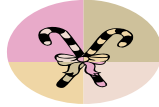
Mrs. Moretti, Mrs. Boivin and Mrs. Vachon

Students will be learning about the letter's S and T. We will also be experiencing the difference between warm and cold through sensory table activities.

Seasons Greetings

Miss Christina, Mrs. Henao and Mrs. Heard

In December, the students will continue their experiments with ice and maybe even snow! The students will spend December learning along with a Christmas theme. The students will be bringing home many craft projects of snow, elves, wreaths, and reindeer.



Mrs. Palmieri and Mrs. Allard

Is it already December? It seems hard to believe. The students have been working very hard and we are pleased with their efforts. December is always a challenging month to keep them focused and engaged but we are up to the task! In math, we will be working on addition and subtraction with regrouping as well as problem solving. In writing, we are finishing up on our narratives (personal story) and will begin procedural writing or a "how-to". We are just about through learning all of our cursive letters and will soon be transitioning to writing in all cursive. The students are very excited about this! Our December book report is on a realistic fiction book. More information on this will be sent home soon. Enjoy the upcoming holidays!



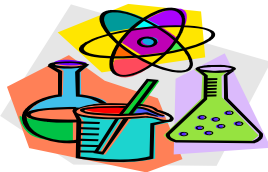
Miss Maciejko

The weather may be getting chilly, but Room 20 is warming up to learning! After hearing the book "The Candy Corn Contest," by Patricia Reilly Giff, we decided to have our own contest! Children got to take a guess on how many little treats were packed into a jar. The guessing lasted three days. Numbers were plotted on a graph and a clue was given each day to help narrow down the range of answers. We ended with a three-way tie between Herson, Devon R., and Dilyn. The boys split the winnings and graciously shared some with the class. After reading "Tornado Alert," the class participated in an experiment, learning how to make a tornado in a jar. We followed up by using this topic in our Procedural Writing pieces. December's book report is on a book of realistic fiction. Congratulations to Dilyn Remillard, who was voted by his classmates as November's Student of the Month for Cooperation. I look forward to seeing all the parents at the December 6 conferences!



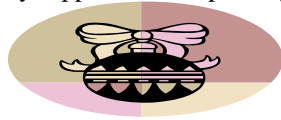
Mrs. Girard

December is here and the students have been very busy learning many new things! Please be sure to continue to quiz your child on his or her multiplication facts, as we will be learning long multiplication and division soon! Also, please begin looking with your child for their favorite holiday or winter picture book when they were younger. For the December book report, 4th grade will be working with kindergarten and sharing their favorite holiday books. This is a fluency book report where the students will be reading to a kindergarten student and then doing a small craft project to go with the book. Details will be sent home soon. I am looking forward to seeing all parents at Parent Teacher Conferences on the 6th! Any volunteers and donations for the classroom are welcomed! Have a Happy and Safe Holiday!



Mrs. Lacourse

December is already here. It feels like the year has just begun. First trimester report cards have gone home. Please work at home on the areas that your child could use some help. Our December book report works on fluency. Students must select a holiday/winter book that they could read to a kindergarten student. They must then come up with an activity to do with a kindergarten student. A simple craft works best. The student should supply all materials needed for the activity. If getting the materials is a problem please let me know. Please read the weekly letter I send home. This is a communication device between us to inform you of what is happening in the class for the week. Volunteers are always appreciated, especially around the holiday season.



Mrs. Polacek

Can you believe that December is here already? Some of your children still need to work on multiplication tables. This month's book report will be fun for your children. They will pick a holiday/winter book that they will be able to read to a kindergarten child. They then must make an activity to do with that kindergarten child. A little craft or something to do with the book would be appropriate. They will need to bring in all supplies needed to do the project with the child, with an example of one completed. I know the holiday time is busy but please remember to have your child do their homework nightly. Have a wonderful holiday season!



Mrs. Lavalley and Mrs. Rowey

Happy holidays! Thank you for everyone's contributions to our yummy, Thanksgiving corn muffins. They were a great success! In mathematics, we are learning about money- adding money, making change, and estimation. In reading class, we are all reading chapter books and are working steadily to achieve the goal of reading 25 books by the end of the year. In thematic studies, we are learning about mammals and current events. We will be having a family holiday project coming soon. Students will be asked to bring in something special that is symbolic of their holiday traditions and to write an essay about what the object means to them. Next, they will share it with the class. Criteria charts and more information regarding this project will be forthcoming. We wish for everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.



Mrs. Levasseur, Mrs. Ozanian, Mrs. Foisv, Mrs Gamache and Mrs. Chece

WOW! It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is over. This will be our final month with our student teacher. We will continue reading and working on our phonics skills.

We have many fun activities planned to help us get through the month. We will be doing many fun activities during the month of December that will help children develop their reading, writing, math, social studies, and science skills. Children will learn about the holidays celebrated during the months of December and January through various types of literature and projects.



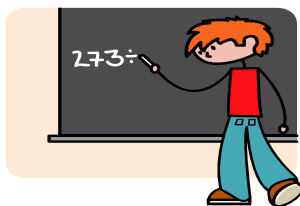
Mrs. Gudaitis

The holiday season is now upon us. There are many fun and exciting events planned for the fifth grade this month. On December 5th we have been invited to attend a Christmas concert at Woonsocket Middle School. This same week our PTA is hosting a book fair. Our class will go to the fair on Monday Dec. 3 during Library. Children will be allowed to attend later in the week as needed. The Holiday Shop will be on December 12 at 9:30. Finally, our school is hosting a fundraiser at the Woonsocket Chelo's on both December 12 and 13. Look for more information to come home soon.

T-shirt orders are due by Dec. 7th. If you need a new order form please send a note in and one will be sent home. They will also be sold at parent teacher conferences on December 6th.

Finally, December's book report is a How To. Information will be coming home very soon. This report will be due December 21st.

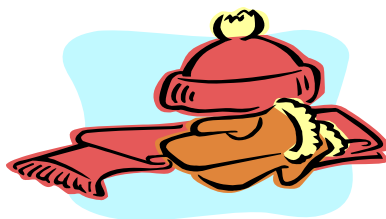
I look forward to seeing all of you at parent teacher conferences. Thank you to all the families who have donated snacks this month.



Mrs. Laithy

Mrs. Laithy's class is currently studying poetry. Some students haven't been reading at home and handing in book reports on time. In math we are doing decimals, get the point. Parent-Teacher conferences are coming soon. OH NO!!! Hope you all come. Book Fair is coming soon. Don't forget your wallets. Happy Holidays to all. HOHOHO! New Years is coming. Come to school and start the New Year off good. Peace on Earth and Peace Out.

Shyanne Lemme
Grade 5 Room 10



Mrs. Laplante

December is already here! Time is just flying by this year! The holiday season is upon us and our lives are getting busier, please make sure that your child is completing their homework nightly.

The 5th grade classes will be holding two fundraiser events this month. You can show your support by eating dinner (or lunch) at **Chelo's** on either **December 12th or 13th**. We will be sending home flyers next week that need to be presented to Chelo's on the nights of the events (so our school can earn 20% of the profits). **We are also selling t-shirts until December 7th.** If you need another order sheet just let me know and I will send another one home.

In math, we are continuing our journey in measurement and will be starting geometry very soon. In reading, we just started the book, *Trip To The North Pole*. We will read as a whole class this month. Guided Reading Groups will start back up after the new year. In health we are wrapping up the unit on Personal Health. All classes will be tested the week of December 10th, please make sure your child is using the worksheets as well as the study sheets to study for the test. Your child gets homework every week in health class, please make sure they are completing it carefully.

December's book report is a "how to". This assignment will be due December 21st. Please keep the packets in a safe place because replaced packets result in loss of recess. Our holiday party will also be held on December 21st. 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, a new **T-SHIRT** and the most important gift of all, your time and love. **Just a reminder, Parent/Teacher Conferences are on Tuesday, December 6, 2007. If you cannot make it on that night, I am always available for a phone conference.**

Happy Holidays to all!!!



Mrs. Chopoorian – Music

All students will be working on concert music for our Jan/Feb concerts. This semester we will be working on the music standard for singing scales and intervals, singing alone and in a group, and performing for an audience. Have a wonderful Christmas!



THE NURSE'S CORNER by Maria Bouvier, RNCSNT

I would like to remind parents to make sure your child has proper warm clothing. This includes mittens/gloves, hats and scarves. It is warm sometime but you can't be sure it is going to stay that way. I'm sure many children will say they don't need them. However, you as adults know that there is a loss of heat from the body and that includes the head, which can lower a child's resistance to germs. Also the hands get chapped and cracked and are very inviting to germs as well. If you notice your child's lips becoming dry or red and cracked, putting Vaseline can help them to heal. Advise your children not to lick their lips as saliva has an enzyme that breaks down the moisture barrier of the skin. Lip balm is a great incentive to get your child to keep their lips moist instead of licking them. They make good stocking gifts at Christmas. We will be seeing more colds as winter approaches. This means the possibility of having to take medicines, such as prescribed medication like antibiotics, or other medication such as Tylenol or decongestants. Most of these medications can be given in the morning before school, after school and at bedtime. As for cough drops and lozenges if you intend to send them to school we can only give them once during the school day and they should be accompanied by a note from the parent. They cannot be duplicated the next day without a doctor's order. This is the school policy. Have a wonderful, safe Christmas.



Mrs. Cureton – TIME Teacher

TIPS FOR PARENTS

Reading is a skill and it gets better with practice. Research shows that kids who spend as little as 30 minutes a day reading books, magazines, and newspapers are more likely to become good readers. Encourage your child to spend some time reading every day.

UPCOMING EVENTS: December 11 - 6:30pm - school cafeteria – A Build-A-Book family event is planned for grades K through 3. We will work together to make a book for gift giving or a family memory. Grandparents (and other special people in your child's life) would really enjoy receiving something personal from their grandchildren. Purchase a kit for \$6.49 at the Book Fair and we will gather on December 11 to help the children become authors. If a flyer has not been received it will appear soon in your child's folders.

December 13 -- Book Swap and Parent Discussion for the month of December will take place from 9:00 -10:00am and from 5:15pm until 6:15pm. This month's topic will be about interpreting the DRA (reading) scores that appear on the report cards. A notice will be sent with a form on the bottom for submitting suggestions for future topics. In January Mr. Capasso will talk about the No Child Left Behind legislature and what it means for your children.



Student Senate

Congratulations to our October School Spirit winners for Pajama Day. 1st Gr. – Franky Dias, Mrs. Penta; 2nd Gr.- Abner Rodriguez – Mr. Lapierre; 3rd Gr. Tyler Drainville – Mrs. Palmieri; 4th Gr. Samantha Morgan – Mrs. Lacourse; 5th Gr. – Joanna Cullerton – Mrs. Laithy. Thank you to all those who participated in school spirit. Our next school spirit day will be Character Day. Details will go home soon! Our next Student Senate meeting will be Monday, December 3rd! Happy Holidays from the Student Senate!



Yearbook

The yearbook committee is doing a great job taking pictures and putting together the 2008 yearbook. However, we are always willing to accept photos that parents have taken at school events. Our student reps can't possibly attend every event, so we are counting on parents to take pictures, especially at upcoming music concerts, Reading with Santa, and Community Reading. If you would like to send us a photo, please email it to Lisa Cheever at cheever4@verizon.net or drop off the photos at the office. Thank you and Happy Holidays!



PTA News

November is over and I would like to thank Donna Marcotte for chairing Bingo night. Everyone had a great time and we collected 3 boxes of food and a \$50.00 gift card donated by the Charpentier family. Thanks to everyone who donated.

The pie fundraiser was delivered the week of Thanksgiving. We hope everyone enjoyed their pies. Thanks to all who participated.

Well December is here and we have a very busy month ahead of us.

- The week of **December 3rd through December 7th**, we will be having a **Scholastic Bookfair** in the library. Students will be attending during their regularly scheduled library time. The bookfair will also be open during parent/teacher conferences.
- The week of **December 10th through December 13th**, we will be having our annual **Holiday Shop** where students can come to purchase Christmas gifts for family members. Prices range from \$1.00 - \$6.00 per item.
- On **December 18th**, we will be having our annual **Reading with Santa Night and Cookie Walk**. Flyers will be sent home soon asking for volunteers to bake cookies for the cookie walk.
- The next PTA meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday, December 13th in the school library.

Happy Holidays to everyone from the PTA

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The focus for this month's Student of the Month is Cooperation. Students who are chosen will have their picture displayed on a "Student of the Month" bulletin board each month and they will also be given a certificate of achievement from our principal, Mr. Capasso. Students will have more opportunities to show us their best throughout the school year because the remaining months will focus on characteristics such as: cooperation, responsibility, respect, self-discipline, patience and honesty. We're looking forward to acknowledging the students who make Globe Park the great school it is.

Congratulations to:

Kindergarten: Noah Felicio, Talia Garza, Sarah Hazard, Tyler St. Jean

Grade 1: Jordan Dutcher, Jarrod Houle, Irene Leary, Julysa Nolasco, Kayvonna Parenteau

Grade 2: Samantha Buskey, Christian Cruz, Jason Forrester, Connor Gray

Grade 3: Dilyn Remillard, Brandon Violette

Grade 4: Gabriel Girard, Amber Spaur, Skylar Suffoletto, Victoria Walsh

Grade 5: Ariana Archambault, April Cheever, Denise Inthirathvongsy, Ryan Kounnavong

DECEMBER

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2	3 BOOKFAIR	4 BOOKFAIR	5 BOOKFAIR WMS Concert for Grade 5	6 BOOKFAIR Parent/Teacher Conferences No School for Kindergarten	7 BOOKFAIR	8
9	10 Holiday Shop	11 Holiday Shop Build-A-Book Night 6:30 PM Grades K-3	12 Holiday Shop Chelo's Fundraiser	13 Holiday Shop PTA Meeting 6:30 PM Book Swap Chelo's Fundraiser	14	15
16	17	18 Reading With Santa 6:30 PM	19	20	21	22
23	24 Christmas Vacation	25 Christmas Vacation	26 Christmas Vacation	27 Christmas Vacation	28 Christmas Vacation	29
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