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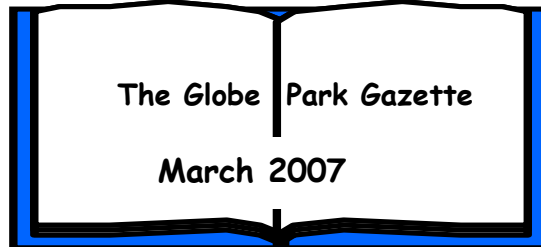
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Dear Globe Park School Community,

**Students of the Month:** Congratulations to the Students of the Month for January and February:

January:

Grade K: Samuel Charpentier  
Grade 1: Jai-Juan Giguere  
Grade 2: Tyler Drainville  
Grade 3: Teja Graphman  
Grade 4: Victoria Taranto  
Grade 5: Andrea Farquhar

February:

Grade K: Anely Cabrera  
Grade 1: Joseph LaBreche  
Grade 2: Joseph Smith  
Grade 3: Julie Brouillard  
Grade 4: Hannah Bourk  
Grade 5: Austin Peloso

**Report Cards and Parent Teacher Conferences:** Our second of three Report Cards for the year will be sent home during the third week of March. Please review the Report Card with your child and bring any questions or concerns to the Parent/Teacher Conferences on **Thursday, March 22**. You will soon receive your Parent Conference Flyer to schedule your conference. Please return the completed form as soon as possible and 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?

**School Report Night:** During the second week of February the NECAP scores for Grades 3, 4 and 5 were sent home with the students. These scores are from the NECAP tests administered to the students during the first three weeks of October 2006. A **School Report Night** to discuss these scores with parents is scheduled for March 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following the PTA meeting.

**Helping your Children At Home:** Here is a reading tip from the Reading Is Fundamental Web Site. Set up a reading area in your home and keep books that interest your children in this area where they can easily reach them. As your children become better readers, make sure that you add harder books to the collection.

**Community Readers:** The Globe Park School PTA will be conducting our school's first Community Reading Day on Wednesday, March 7, beginning at 9:15 AM. The PTA has invited several community members to read to the students in all of our twenty-four classrooms as a way to celebrate reading and encourage all students to pick up a book and read.

**Poetry Contest:** The Globe Park School PTA will also be sponsoring our school's first Poetry Contest for Grades 1 – 5 during the month of March. We are all looking forward to reviewing the efforts of the children and we know choosing the winners will be very difficult.

**DARE:** All grade 5 students at Globe Park School will be participating in the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program beginning in March. This nationally recognized program is conducted in their classrooms by specially trained officers from the Woonsocket Police Department. We feel very fortunate to have such a worthwhile, educational program for our students.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your efforts with your children. We have had a great year and it is hard to believe that we are already approaching Spring. We look forward to seeing you at Parent/Teacher Conferences at the end of the month and in the mean time, please contact us if you have any concerns regarding your children.

Michael Capasso, Principal

## **CLASSROOM NEWS**



### **Mrs. Dzikiewicz and Mrs. Martineau**

Will March come in like a lion or a lamb? We'll see. March also brings in spring and spring brings report cards. Kindergartners will be receiving their second report card the week of March 19th. Conferences will be held on Thursday March 22nd. Please watch for the notice for appointments coming home soon.

This is the last month for BOOK IT. Your child should have received his or her goal sheet for the month. Remember, any book read for BOOK IT can also be used toward the 25-book standard everyone should be working on.



### **Mrs. Szrom and Mrs. Lauzon**

We all have Spring fever and cannot wait until our outside recess can resume! Having finished all of our letters and sounds, we are now concentrating on sight words, decoding, and reading mini books. We finished our author study of Dr. Seuss, wishing him a Happy Birthday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Szrom is reading The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum to the class. We will watch the classic movie and compare and contrast it with the original book.

The children have made unbelievable progress and we are so proud of them. We will share their progress with you on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hope to see you then.



### **Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Labarre**

Bring on Spring ..... enough of this winter gray and white. We need some green ..... we need to get outdoors. This month we will usher in Spring with a Green Week. We will be involved with all sorts of Green activities.....eating Green foods.....having Green Fun.

In reading, we will continue developing letter/sound recognition and building new words. Math and Science will find us measuring, recording and comparing as we begin a unit on Observing Changes. New this month will be stories written by the class. Have your child read his/her story when they bring it home. Parent Conferences will take place this month.....watch for further info.



### **Mrs. Kucharski and Mrs. Robert**

The children are becoming great readers. We have been reading both fiction and non-fiction books as well as learning the difference between them. During March we will be reading and discussing fairytales. We will also begin a unit on poetry. In writing, we are still working on our animal reports and then we will write various types of poems. In math, we are beginning to learn about fractions and probability. We will work on more strategies for adding and subtracting, counting patterns, and numbers to 60. Also, we continue to review place value, money, and telling time as part of our daily calendar time.



### **Mr. Poli and Mrs. DiChristoforo**

With only around 70 days left of the school year, we are working steadily on improving our reading, writing and math skills to prepare us for second grade (I know that sounds scary!).

In writing, we will be focusing on poetry, just in time to enter ourselves in a poetry contest!

Also to come this month, will be quite a bit of assessing for our March report cards. Please make sure your child gets lots of rest at night, as they will be assessed in reading, writing and math for the next few weeks.

Just a reminder that parent conferences are set for March 22nd. A sign-up sheet will be sent home soon, so that you may sign up for the time you wish to come in.

Please remember that there are limited spots, and those who return their sign-up sheet early have a better chance of getting the times they desire.

This month's reading goal is another five books, which means that your child should complete their 25-book goal this month. A special congratulations goes out to the 16 children who have already completed their reading log and are on their second and EVEN third log! GREAT WORK!

\*\*\*Keep a look out for report cards being sent home one to two days prior to parent conferences. That's all for now. See you in April! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at anytime.



### **Mrs. Gobeille and Mrs. DiChristoforo**

It is amazing to see what good readers the children are becoming! Many have reached their 20-book goal for February and will soon meet the year's standard of 25 books! Some are even on their way to completing 2nd and 3<sup>rd</sup> logs! I do encourage all parents to help their children select books that they can now read to you. We are also trying to stir the students' imaginations and expand their writing skills. Be sure to read some of your child's stories in his/her journal when you come for conferences on March 22. The children will also be challenged over the next few weeks to see how

much they've learned in math; adding, subtracting, tens & ones, telling time, etc. Parents can help by making sure your child is well rested and start their day with a good breakfast. Just a reminder that students are allowed to have "spillproof" H<sub>2</sub>O bottles at their desks, and can enjoy an afternoon snack since we eat lunch at 11 A.M. Once again, thanks to all of you for your support and cooperation. It is vital to your child's education. Looking forward to seeing you on the 22nd!



### **Ms. Lamberto, Mrs. Dyndur and Mrs. Hampson**

Happy Spring!! This month we will be reading books by author Eric Carle and do activities that go along with the stories. In math we are all learning to measure and the children are having fun with it. If you have some free time get a yardstick and have some fun measuring. We have a birthday on March 30<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Ashly Menard. As usual if you would like to send in some tissues or wipes they are always appreciated. Hope to see everyone for parent teacher conferences on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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

Spring will be here soon! We will continue to read a variety of genres/literature types in Reading Workshop. Over the next few months we will be focusing on writing Informational Reports in Writer's Workshop. In Math Workshop we will continue to focus on regrouping in addition and subtraction. Please keep practicing the basic math facts at home with your children. We all have a very busy month coming up and look forward to seeing all the parents at Parent/Teacher Conferences. Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!



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

Will it be in like a lion and out like a lamb....or in like a lamb and out like a lion? We will watch the March weather. We might feel the wind which would be great for kite flying. We can use shapes to make a kite. We will collect pennies for patients and count them. Maybe the leprechauns will chip in. Rainbows and writing will be part of our month's activities. We look forward to visiting with parents on parent teacher conference day on March 22nd. We will be sad to say "Good bye" to Alex who will be moving to a new place. Good luck Alex. We will miss you.



**Mrs. Moretti, Miss Christina, Mrs. Boivin, Mrs. Henao, Mrs. Sutherland and Mrs. Vachon**

Mrs. Moretti's class will be focusing on the weather. We still have a few weeks left of winter and with Spring right around the corner these next couple of months should prove to be interesting. Our 6th grader, Kurt Borek, will be graphing the weather for us.

We will be listening to seasonal story books on tape as well. Students will have the opportunity to make choices on which book they would like to listen to.



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

February vacation is over and now it's time to get back into the daily classroom routine!

Our class welcomes our newest student, Ryan, to the classroom!

During the month of March, we will work with the St. Patrick's theme by identifying colors of the rainbow and doing some fun sensory projects.



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

The third graders will be working on informational writing this month. We will continue to work with multiplication and problem solving. Practice looking for sets of things in the real world to help them see how multiplication really works. The genre for our March Book It! report is Fantasy/Fairy Tale. Some of our students will be following the Iditarod Sled Dog Race in Alaska beginning on March 3.

**Mrs. Girard**

I hope everyone had a restful February break and the students are quickly back to work in class. This month, the students will be working on their state projects that they received before vacation. Because of this huge project, there will be no March book report as students will be researching information about their states. The students have the rubrics and criteria so if you have not already done so, please talk to your child about this major project. All projects will be due, Wednesday, March 28th. We will be doing most of the written parts in school but students should be working on the research and their posters at home. In math, we will be moving on the long division and continuing problem solving. Please check your child's homework folder each night for assignments and other important announcements as this busy part of the year begins! Thanks!



**Mrs. Lacourse**

Students are busy working on their state reports. Research packets must be completed by March 8<sup>th</sup>. Students have time to work on them everyday in class, but they may need to work on them a little at home so they will be completed by March 8<sup>th</sup>. The state report will be due March 28<sup>th</sup>, more information will follow in the upcoming weeks. The state report will count as our March book report. Math is becoming increasingly difficult. If you see your child is having trouble with their homework ask them to bring home their Math book. Spring is coming, but homework is still important. Students should be reading for 15 minutes each night. Thanks to Mrs. Reynolds for volunteering in our class. Remember volunteers are always welcomed. Thanks also for the tissue and sanitizer donations.



**Mrs. Polacek**

MARCH 28th!!!! Please mark this date on your calendars, it is the State Report due date. There is no other report due this month so they have had plenty of time to work on this project.

I also would like to remind you that March is Report card month, please sign up for conferences, they'll be held on the 22nd.

It is important that your child does his/her homework nightly, some students do not believe they need to do it. I am asking for help in encouraging your child to do his/her homework and to work hard in school. Some children still need work on Math facts, please try and have them practice at home.

Please keep in contact if you need to, my email address is [iteachp@cox.net](mailto:iteachp@cox.net). or call the school.

Have a great month!



**Mrs. Lavalley and Mrs. Rowey**

Thank you for all of the support we have had in the classroom with homework, snacks and Valentines. We are working on measurement concepts in mathematics. Some ideas for you to help your child with this important concept of measurement would be: cooking or baking your favorite recipes together, weighing fruit on the scale at the grocery store, and looking at a thermometer together. We were excited about finishing a social studies unit about African American heroes. We wrote essays about our favorites and will be sending invitations for our families to come and listen to them. Our book report for this month will be a literary critique of a folktale. We have begun writing our own folktales about dinosaurs, bulldogs, and sharks. Our reading strategy for this month is "Look and Listen for Letter Patterns"- such as consonant blends. Good luck in March!

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

Spring is coming and we can't wait. We will be working on St. Patrick's Day activities that will involve Math and Writing. The children will be making their own treats for that day. We are all very busy getting ready for the next report card. I hope to see you all at the Parent Teacher conference later this month.

The children are also waiting for Mrs. Ozanian to come back from her surgery. We have all missed her very much and can't wait for her to come back.



**Mrs. Gudaitis**

Somehow it is already March! As spring fever begins to set in (and baseball season begins) it is important to remember that homework needs to be a priority and must be completed nightly. Watch for information to come home soon regarding March and April 5th grade fundraisers at McDonalds and Chuck E. Cheese. Also, March book report forms will be sent home soon. We are trying to raise as much money as possible for Pennies for Patients, so that our class can again raise the most in the school and win the pizza party. Please help us to achieve this goal.



**Mrs. Gray**

Let's hope we have the luck of the Irish as we get through the rest of the winter! This month Mrs. Crane will become the full-time teacher in our room to complete her student teaching responsibilities. She has begun a unit on fractions that will last most of the month. The class will also be working very hard on problem solving...we've been doing a lot this year, but we still need plenty of practice before heading off to middle school next year!

To continue the unit in social studies, the students will be learning lots about the first thirteen colonies. Lots to learn about the cultural aspects of colonial life!

Mrs. Johnson has been graciously coming to our class to help us write personal narratives. These pieces are very involved and will probably be finished towards the end of the month. Be sure to ask your child what they're writing about!

Let's hope for warmer days soon...Happy spring!!

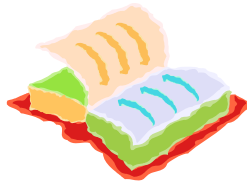


### **Mrs. Laplante**

We are roaring into March and what is sure to be a wonderful spring season. In math, we are finishing the geometry unit. The students made polygon mobiles that will be on display for parent teacher conferences. We will be starting fractions once we finish with geometry. Review of multiplication facts at home would be very helpful before we start the fraction unit. In health, we are working on Family and Social Health. Please keep in mind that your child has homework in this class at least once a week. In reading we have started our new reading groups this week, we are working on biographies. In writing we will be reviewing how to write summaries. Some of the children are still writing retellings instead of summaries.

Parent Conferences are on Thursday, March 22nd. Book Reports will be on display for your viewing, so please try to stop in for a chat & a look at their great reports. March Book Report forms will be going home shortly. As always please feel free to call or send in a note if you have any questions.

Please keep an eye out for flyers on the following upcoming fundraiser events: **Chuck E Cheese- THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH, McDonald's (sometime in May), and ?? Chelos's??**



### **Miss Fallon - Librarian**

Once again, the library will host the PTA Spring Book Fair the week of March 19th.

Students will visit the Book Fair during their normal library time.

I would like to thank Mrs. Joanne Moretti of room 38 for her donation of a book to the library. The book is entitled: Stranger in the Woods by Carl R. Sams II and Jean Stoick. The book was donated in honor of her student Jason's birthday.



### **Mrs. Chopoorian – Music**

Congratulations on three very successful concerts! We will now start to learn how to read and write music on a music staff. All students will write short songs, which they will be able to perform on an instrument.

Kindergarten and First grades will play boomwhackers. Second and Third grades will play xylophones, and Fourth and Fifth grades will be working on recorders.



### **Mrs. Cureton – TIME Teacher**

#### **TIPS FOR PARENTS**

The Harris Library has passes available to those who have library cards.

Some of these passes entitle families to free admission or discounted admission to various places in the area.

Unsure what to do during vacations -- take a look at what is available. Here is a listing:

#### **Free Passes**

Southwick Zoo - One coupon for 1 General Admission. Open May -October. Two coupons allowed per family.

River Tours - (May - October) Contact 724-2200 for reservations and information. Pass admits 2 adults and 2 children.

Providence Children's Museum - Free admission up to 6 people. (Free on 3rd Friday of every month 5-8pm.)

Museum of Work and Culture - 1 adult free

Higgins Armory Museum - Free admission up to 4 people (Under 6 free)

#### **Discounted Passes**

Ecotarium (Worcester) - Discounted admission for up to 2 adults and 2 children in one vehicle (under 3 free)

Mashantucket Pequot Museum - Discounted admission for up to 2 adults and 2 children.

Roger Williams Zoo - 1/2 price admission for up to 4 people

Old Sturbridge Village - 1/2 price admission - may have up to 4 coupons per adult library card  
New England Aquarium - "dated" coupon admits 4 people at reduced price. No passes in summer.  
Boston Children's Museum - "dated" coupon admits 4 people at reduced price.  
Boston Museum of Science - "dated" coupon admits 4 people at reduced price.



### **THE NURSE'S CORNER by Maria Bouvier, RNCSNT**

Here are some winter tips for health and safety!

In general:

- Never allow children to play outside alone. Establish a buddy system with one or more of their friends and have them look out for one another.
- Children younger than eight years of age should always be well supervised outside.
- Check from time to time to make sure children are warm and dry.
- Never send children outside in extreme weather conditions such as snowstorms.
- Tell children not to put their tongues on cold metal. It may sound silly, but some kids still do that.
- Advise children to stay away from snowplows and snow blowers.
- Help children choose play areas with a warm shelter nearby such as a friend's house.
- Reinforce to your child/children never go on a pond with ice. It may look solid but you can't tell by looking.

Clothing:

- Dress children in several layers of clothing. If they get too warm, they can remove one layer at a time.
- Make sure children wear a hat because most body heat is lost through the head.
- Have children keep their ears covered at all times to prevent frostbite.



### **Student Senate**

The Globe Park Student Senate hosted Career Day, February 16th and over 150 students participated by dressing up as what they would like to be when they grow up. The top 5 careers were:

- # 5 - veterinarian
- #4 - construction worker/builder
- #3 - musician or artist
- #2 - athlete (football player or baseball player)
- and #1 . . .Teacher!

Thank you everyone for participating and showing your school spirit. The raffle winners were: K - Marcel Therrien; 1st – a student from Mrs. Gobeille's class; 2nd - Rachael Bourk; 3rd - Xavier Lineberger; 4th - Jennifer Braden; 5th - Justine Palin

At the end of March, The Student Senate will be having our 2nd annual "Math-a-thon", a fundraiser benefiting St. Jude's Children's Hospital. This year 3rd, 4th and 5th grade will be participating. Please look for more information to come!





### PTA News

Welcome Back! We hope everyone had a wonderful vacation. There are just a few announcements of events coming up in March.

First, the Spring Fundraiser orders are due in on Monday, March 5, 2007. Please send them in on this day so we can make sure that the items will be in for Easter. Thank you for your support.

Secondly, the **Buy One Get One Free Bookfair** will begin on Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> through the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please volunteer for this special event. It enables the children to purchase more books for less money. It would be very unfortunate to cancel this bookfair for a lack of volunteers. Please return your volunteer form by Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> so we can plan accordingly.

Third, we are planning a bingo night on Friday, March 30, 2007 from 6:30 – 8:00 PM. Look for flyers that will be coming home. We will need volunteers for this event.

Fourth, the next PTA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2007 at 6:30 in the library. Following the PTA meeting, Mr. Capasso, Will be holding School Report Night. He will briefly explain the NECAP results, how to read your child's NECAP scores. He will answer any questions you may have regarding this. He will speak from 7:30 to 8:00 PM.

Lastly, a flyer will be sent home shortly for nominations of officers in the PTA. We will again be looking for a president, vice-president, treasurer, corresponding secretary, membership and recording secretary. If you are interested please fill out the form that will be going home letting us know of your interest. Please note that the current President, Recording Secretary and Membership people have children in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades and will no longer be holding these positions after the 2007-2008 school year. They would like to take the school year 2007-2008 to train any new person who is willing to take on these positions.



### Calendar

March 5-23 - Pennies for Patients  
March 7th – Community Reading 9:30 AM  
March 8th – PTA Meeting 6:30 PM Library  
March 8<sup>th</sup> – School Report Night 7:30 PM - Library  
March 9th – Second Trimester Ends  
March 14th – School Store open during lunch  
March 19th – March 23rd – Book Fair  
March 19th – Bryant College Program 4th & 5th graders  
March 22nd – Parent Teacher Conferences  
March 27th – School Store open during lunch  
March 30th – Bingo Night