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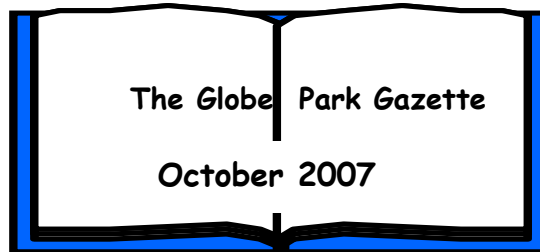
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Dear Globe Park School Community,

Welcome Back The school year is now underway and the children have settled into their classrooms. I want to thank all of you for your patience and efforts in making the transition from summer vacation to the 2007-2008 school year a smooth one for your children. A special welcome to our new parents whose children have entered our schools for the first time. Also, a special thanks to the Grade 2 and 3 parents whose children had to make the adjustment from three classrooms in each grade to two classrooms in each grade.

Helping your Child At Home: We strongly encourage you to read with your children everyday for at least fifteen minutes. Either they can read to you or you can read to them. Either way will help lead to success for your children in school. Also, please make every effort to check your children's backpacks every day for notices from the school, notes from the teacher and homework. Finally, it is very important for your children to come to school every day and arrive on time so they do not miss any teaching and learning time.

Homework Folders: Each child in grades 1-5 should be coming home with a green homework folder every Monday-Thursday night. The front of the folder gives information about our homework practices and philosophy. All of your child's homework should be in one of the pockets inside the folder. The other pocket contains information for you to keep at home. If your child has not been bringing home his/her folder or tells you that he/she does not have homework on a weeknight, please check with your child's teacher. Please make sure to remove the items in the "Please keep at home" side of the folder every night. Kindergarten children will probably not use their homework folders until later this month.

Student Progress Reports: Your child will come home with a student progress report on a monthly basis. You should have received your first report on **Thursday, October 18**. Please review the report with your child, sign it and return it to school the next day.

Arrival, Dismissal and Late Busses: Thanks for all your efforts during arrival and dismissal. It has been excellent this year. I know it seems like arrival and dismissal take a long time but we would rather be overly cautious when it comes to the safety of the children. Also, a special thanks to those parents who were very patient while the bus company resolved the issues with our late busses.

PTA: If you have not joined the PTA, please do. Your \$5.00 in dues makes it possible for our children to go on field trips and see wonderful cultural arts performances. It also helps us make improvements to the school that would not otherwise be possible. We need as many parents/guardians to join as possible. It is the only way this important part of our school can continue to help improve the quality of your child's educational experience. It's the best \$5.00 you'll ever spend! We thank you for your support.

State Testing: October is State Testing Month in Rhode Island. It is very important for the children in Grades 3-5 to attend school every day and be on time. Thanks for your efforts.

Miss Ficca: The Globe Park School Community recently lost a very special friend and an outstanding teacher. When I think of Miss Ficca, many words come to mind including dedication, commitment, leadership, fun, caring and a love of children, friends and family. We know Miss Ficca can never be replaced but we can honor her memory by continuing to provide an outstanding school community for our children that would make her proud of us.

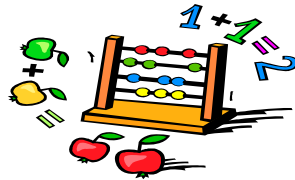
Sincerely,
Michael Capasso, Principal

CLASSROOM NEWS



Mrs. Dzikiewicz and Mrs. Martineau

Welcome Autumn and apple season!!! Our classroom rules and routines are in place and we are ready to begin. This month we will be beginning our reading and math programs. We will be concentrating on the letters m, t, c, b, a in reading and on number recognition and graphing in math. Also during the month, we will be reading stories and poems about fall and fall celebrations. Homework will be starting this month.



Mrs. Szrom and Mrs. Lauzon

Happy Fall from Room 1 Kindergarten.

The children have made a nice adjustment to school. We have already learned the letters and sounds of A a, B b, and C c. In the coming weeks we will concentrate on the letters T t, M m, L l, J j, and H h, along with leaves, pumpkins, and Halloween.



Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Labarre

We are off to an amazing start to the new year. Our rules and routines are being set in place and we are all working at learning to cooperate with each other. New ways of using materials are also being explored in preparation for working in our kindergarten program. Evaluations on all the children are nearly complete.

This month we will begin working with our reading and math programs, with an emphasis on letters, sounds and numbers. Also, look for our rubric on how we will grade your child's work. A writing Journal will focus on things the children Like and See. Our Theme for the month will continue to be ALL ABOUT ME, and in Science we will begin exploring our Senses. As always contact me if things don't make sense or you have questions.



Ms. Lamberto, Mrs. Dyndur and Mrs. Hampson

We are already back into the swing of things. We would like to welcome Jennifer Dekreon a student at Rhode Island College. She will be student teaching in our classroom until October 26th. This month we are doing activities related to apples. We made apple pie and apple sauce. We are working on number recognition and counting. It has been a great transition back to school and we look forward to a great year ahead. We are in need of tissues and Clorox wipes. Thank you for all that you do.



Mrs. Penta

The children have adjusted nicely to first grade. They have made a smooth transition and are becoming familiar with the rules and routines of our classroom. We have been reviewing letter sounds, numbers, color words, and working on patterns. In science, we are working on an apple theme. Next month, the students will be learning some ways to help get them ready to add and subtract. We will also be working on a fall unit which will include the study of spiders and pumpkins. Also, please remember to have your child read five books by the end of October.



Mrs. Kucharski

Since the beginning of school, the children have been learning the classroom and school rules as well as the routine of the school day. In math we are working on graphing and in the upcoming month will begin addition and subtraction. Also, we have begun to work on problem solving strategies. In reading we are learning sight words and the strategies to decode unknown words. We will be working on procedural (how-to) writing pieces and responses to literature. Our themes for the month are apples, pumpkins, and spiders.



Mr. Poli

We have picked our desks and chairs,
Got rid of all our first day fears.

We have been practicing all our letter sounds,
So when we read and write, we'll make leaps and bounds.

We are getting adjusted to all our classroom rules,
To get rewarded instead of having the blues.

We are learning that first grade is fun,
But a lot of work is expected to be done.

Hard work and focus will let us shine,
Because 180 days will be here in no time.

Homework, class work, and teamwork too,
Will help us easily make it through.

If you have any questions, concerns or need anything,
Then to room 28 you'll find us, in the 1st and 2nd grade wing!



Mrs. Lemay and Miss Angell

We would like to welcome all of our new first grade students to Globe Park School. We are getting to know each other and learning lots of new and interesting things about each other. The students are settling in nicely to the routines of the classroom. We have already started some literacy centers, such as listening center and partner read. We have made our classroom rules. Homework will begin on Tuesday, October 9th. The green homework folders must be returned every day with your child's homework completed. Miss Angell is our student teacher until October 26th. We realize that there have been many changes for your children in the last month. Please feel free to call me at any time when you are concerned about your child. Have a nice Columbus Day weekend!



Mrs. Capalbo, and Mrs. Irza

We wish Mrs. Lemay well with her new grade 1/2 class at Globe. We also warmly welcome her former Grade 2 students into our two classes.

Our students will find fire safety a frequent topic in October, along with apples and autumn. Our writing curriculum will continue to focus on sentence making, including the correct use of capitalization and punctuation. In math, we will be working on addition facts to the sum of 20. We have begun our Reading Workshops in both classes and are also enjoying discussing various books during Shared Reading. Kevin Henkes is quickly becoming a favorite author (for now!) of some of the children! Please encourage your child to meet the 5 book reading goal for the month of October and to record these books in the reading log. Please also continue practicing math facts at home. We look forward to a wonderful year with our new second graders!



Mr. Lapierre, Mrs. Brin and Mrs. Bannon

We've finally gotten ourselves settled in. The staff has been very welcoming and helpful. Mrs. Bannon, Mrs. Brin and myself are still learning the ins and outs of the school, but everything has been going smoothly. We're very happy to be here at Globe Park School.



Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Allard, Mrs. Aucoin, and Mrs. Tetreault

We are still getting to know each other in room 37. We are learning to communicate, to wait, to use the bathroom and to play. Each day we hope to learn something new or practice what we've learned. We welcome Thomas, Caleb, Loagn, Gregory, Bruno, and Christian. We thank Linda for her help and wish her well in her new position. Welcome to Erica and Katie (RIC students) who will be observing and helping us. In October we will celebrate Gregory's birthday! We look forward to a great year.



Mrs. Moretti, Mrs. Boivin, and Mrs. Vachon

During the school year the students will be working on their alphabet knowledge. We will be exploring as well as investigating story boxes through the use of representative objects with each book that is read.



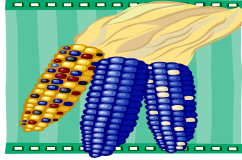
Miss Christina, Mrs. Henao, and Mrs. Heard

The month of September has flown by and we are all back in the swing of the school routine! This month, the students will be exploring the effects of fall. They will be dressing warmer and seeing how our environment changes color due to our beautiful leaves. The end of the month will be spent learning skills through a Halloween theme. We will be exploring colors by creating creepy spiders and spooky ghosts. The students will also practice dressing up in Halloween costumes to prepare for Trick or Treating.



Mrs. Palmieri and Mrs. Allard

September has been a busy month in third grade. We have been spending a lot of time learning the class routine and getting to know each other. We have also been working hard practicing for the upcoming NECAP testing. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and has a good breakfast before each of the testing dates. Our first book report is on a mystery book and will be due on October 31st. The students will receive a Pizza Hut "Book-It" coupon upon completion. In science, we have been studying about plants and seeds. We will be focusing on paragraph writing in writer's workshop. We are off to a great start and I look forward to our continued work!



Mrs. Girard

We have had a wonderful start of the school year and are just starting to get into the swing of things. At the beginning of this month, the students will be taking the NECAP test and we are in the process of reviewing in preparation for this test. Please make sure that your child is getting a good night sleep and having a well-balanced breakfast each morning. Also, it is extremely important that all students are in school each day of this important test. Students may have less homework the week of the NECAP, but things will return to normal. Please check your child's backpack each night for their homework. Also, students should be practicing their multiplication tables nightly. Thank you to all parents who have sent in tissues and hand sanitizer. I really appreciate any donations!



Mrs. Lacourse

The students are settling into our classroom. They are learning the routines of the classroom. We have done a lot of review in preparation for the NECAP testing. We will begin to write our Memoirs this month so start looking through pictures. Weekly letters will continue to go home on Mondays, be sure to look them over so you know what is happening in our room. Students need to memorize their multiplication facts. Volunteers are always welcomed. Donations of tissues and hand sanitizer are appreciated.



Mrs. Polacek

Can you believe September slipped by us so quickly? Thanks to all who handed the book report in on time, if it hasn't been handed in it really needs to be done. In October we will be doing a Mystery book report, have your child find a good mystery and start reading. The information for the report will be going home soon.

The beginning of October brings us testing which means your child really needs to be in school on time and rested. Please don't forget to have your child have breakfast so they don't get hungry during the test. I am sure all of the students will do well, please encourage them to try their hardest each and every day.

Your child will not have homework during testing weeks, that is except for journal. They can write about whatever they want in their journal each night.

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns please send a note in with your child or you may email me at jteachp@cox.net.

Have a great month!!



Mrs. Lavallee and Mrs. Rowey

We have all been getting acquainted with the new policies and procedures of the classroom- setting up our notebooks for each subject, learning how to complete daily assignments and following the procedures of the classroom. Now, we are getting down to business. We enjoy our reading centers- Reading Rods, JumpStart, Buddy Study, and guided reading. Our mathematics centers include JumpStart, independent exploration, problem solving, and math manipulatives. Have a happy and safe Halloween.



Mrs. Levasseur, Mrs. Ozanian, Mrs. Gamache, and Mrs Foisy

It's hard to believe September is over. The children have been working very hard getting used to the new routine. With the beginning of October also comes the beginning of our Alternate Assessment. We will be working on many different projects in order to get this started.



Mrs. Gudaitis

With October's arrival comes the "excitement" of NECAP testing. Please be sure that your child gets plenty of rest and eats a healthy breakfast, so that they come to school ready to learn. Please reinforce with your child that he or she should try their best during the testing.

Book reports will soon be assigned. For this book report your child will be allowed to pick any approved chapter book at his or her reading level. Look for information to come home soon regarding this report.

When NECAP testing is completed the fifth graders will begin switching classes. I will be teaching Social Studies, Mrs. Laplante will be teaching Health and Mrs. Laithy will be teaching Science.

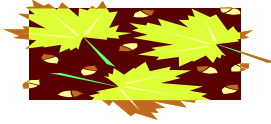
Just a reminder, Student Update forms go home every Thursday evening and must be signed and returned on Friday morning. All assignments, which are being corrected for a better grade, are due to me by Monday mornings. Finally, book orders are due on October 19th.



Mrs. Laithy

Grade 5 and grade 4 will be voting to see who will be student senators. All the classes are having a walking and running marathon in gym for a mile on October 6, 2007. Halloween is coming up and that means the PTA is throwing a big party at Globe Park School. Students: When you are in 5th grade you are role models for the other students in the building.

Written By:
Jonah Houle



Mrs. Laplante

It's hard to believe that we have been in school for almost a month. It has been a very busy September. REVIEW, REVIEW, REVIEW, is all we have been doing to prepare for state testing. I will be sending home packets over the weekends that your child will need to review as a homework assignment in order to help prepare them for the test. It would be very beneficial to your child if you would go over the packets with them. I do not usually assign homework on the weekends but I want to make sure every child gets the extra review to improve their test score. Testing starts on October 2nd and continues through October 16th. It is very important during testing time that your child gets a good nights sleep and eats a healthy breakfast. They will be working very hard so they will need the extra energy.

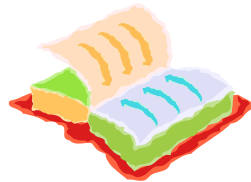
Homework is a very important part of your child's education. Homework is assigned nightly Monday through Thursday. Please make sure your child is completing it **every night**.

If you have not already done so please consider joining the PTA, it only costs \$5. Our PTA does very much for our school and the money raised from becoming a member benefits all of the students. I hope to see you the night of the Halloween Dance, Friday, October 19th. I am looking forward to having a great year with your child. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call, send in a note or email me at mrslaplante@yahoo.com.



Mrs. Chopoorian – Music

Welcome back for another fun year in music! We will be reading, writing, improvising and performing rhythms during the month of October. And of course we will be singing Halloween songs. 4th and 5th Grades should look for recorder order forms, which are being sold by the PTA.



Mrs. Cureton – TIME Teacher

NECAP testing is beginning October 2. Here are some hints to help your child do better on tests.

1. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep. Provide a good breakfast. If you wish your child to have breakfast at school be sure to allow plenty of time for your child to eat. School breakfast begins at 8:30.
2. Avoid scheduling appointments during these times. Write the dates for the testing on your calendar.
3. Your confidence will be contagious. You could say, "This test is important. I know you will try hard and do your best."
4. Be certain that your child arrives to school on time.

BOOK SWAP - OUR SCHOOL BOOK SWAP WILL BEGIN ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 11. THE TIMES ARE 9:00 - 10:00 AM. ALSO FROM 5:30-6:30 PM JUST PRIOR TO THE PTA MEETING. SEE YOU THERE.



Student Senate:

The Globe Park Student Senate will be holding its election for 4th and 5th graders on October 5th. We are looking forward to a productive and spirited school year. If there are any projects that you would like the Student Senate to participate in please let me know. Any questions about Student Senate activities please see me in Room 12.

Mrs. Girard



THE NURSE'S CORNER by Maria Bouvier, RNCSNT

Welcome back to school. I hope this year we find our students healthy, happy and safe.

If you have a child that has Asthma, or a life threatening allergy that requires medication, please make sure we have what they need in school. If another child has some other urgent problem that needs medication the above has to be followed. I would like to go over the Medication Policy. Medications should be brought to the nurse by an adult. This includes over the counter medicines as well. If a child should require medicine at school a physician's order, signed by the physician and parent /guardian with complete instructions including name of medication, dosages, time to be administered reason for medication and duration to be given is required. Also all medications must be in the original bottle and must state what is written on the physician's order. Each time a new prescription is received the bottle with the newest date must be given to the nurse. This is required in order to be sure the medication is still being prescribed for that child. These policies and the law are important to your child. As for over the counter medications, such as cold medicine, cough drops, lozenges, should not be taken to school without a note from the parent/guardian. These items cannot be given more than once and can't be sent a second time. If they need these types of medicine you need to follow the explanation above for doctors orders. This is a school policy and a safety precaution. Children can choke on any cough drop, lozenge or other hard item they put in their mouth, and no one would know what is happening.



PTA News

Well a new year is underway and we would like to welcome all the new and returning families. We have a very active year planned and we hope you will come to enjoy the events.

First we would like to say the fall fundraiser is over. We would like to thank all the families who participated in the event. We will be sending home a notice letting you know when your purchased items will be ready for pick up.

Picture day was on Monday, September 17th. We would like to thank all of our volunteers who helped out on picture day. We couldn't have been so organized and ahead of schedule without your help. The pictures will be in sometime at the end of October. A notice will go home at that time informing you of the make up day. We realize that classrooms in the 2nd and 3rd grades will be changing; therefore, we have asked the photographer, Exposure #1, to retake the classroom pictures so your child will have a picture with their new teacher and classmates.

On Friday, October 19th, we will be having a Halloween Dance. It will be from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at Globe Park School in the cafeteria. Please look for flyers asking for volunteers. Sign up if you can. The more volunteers we have the better the event will run. Thanks to Wanda Lafrenaye and Melanie Champagne for chairing the event.

We will be having a pie fundraiser this year. Catalogs will be going home on October 1st and the fundraiser will end on October 15th. These pies are very delicious and a great seller. They will be in for Thanksgiving so make sure you purchase some. It will make your cooking day a little easier. Please note that the PIES CANNOT BE SENT HOME ON THE BUS. THEY MUST BE PICKED UP ON THE SPECIFIED DAY.

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for October 11th at 6:30 PM in the school library.

Yearbook

The yearbook committee is looking for donations of disposable cameras for the classroom teachers and the students on the yearbook committee to use throughout the year. Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Also, we are asking parents to take pictures at school events. You can email the pictures to Lisa Cheever at Cheever4@verizon.net or drop off copies at the office.



Calendar

- October 1st – 15th - Pie Fundraiser
- October 2nd -4th NECAP Testing grades 3-5
- October 8th – Columbus Day No School
- October 9th -11th – NECAP Testing grades 3-5
- October 11th - Book Swap 9:00 – 10:00AM and 5:30 – 6:30 PM in the Library
- October 11th – PTA Meeting 6:30 PM – Library
- October 12th - Yearbook Meeting 3:15 – 4:15 PM
- October 15th-17th – NECAP Testing grade 5
- October 19th. Halloween Dance 6:30 PM Cafeteria
- October 22nd – Pennies for Literacy drive begins
- October 31st – Cultural Arts Performance – Lazer Light Show