



Global News

Global Concepts Charter School

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Chess Club Wins !

May Dates

May 4th-7th - Mobile Planetarium
May 5th-7th—NYS Math Test Gr.3-8
May 7th—Chess Tournament
May 11th– 13th - Terra Nova Test – Math – Grades 3, 4,5,6,7
May 11th – 4th Grade field trip
May 17th – **NO SCHOOL**
May 19th - PTA Meeting
May 20th – Talent Show
May 21st – Early Dismissal 11:30am. Parent Portfolio Day
May 24th – Science Perf. Test
May 24th –27th - Book Fair
May 26th – GCCS Board
May 27th – 6th Grade field trip
May 27th – GCCS Annual Violin Concert & Art Show
May 27th – Kindergarten field trip / 3rd Grade Field trip
May 28th - **NO SCHOOL**
May 31st— **NO SCHOOL**

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Global Concepts would like to congratulate our national chess team representatives. The Gators went in as novices and came out in 27th place out of 300+ teams that competed in Columbus, Ohio.

Many parents competed in the Parents and Friends section with their children. Mrs. Weber and Garrett Weber a first grader here at GCCS won first place for their section.

Individual results were as follows:

Alexander Cambell had 3 and 1/2 wins.

Bryanna Herr had 3 wins.

Richard Herko had 3 wins.

Miguel Mercado had 2 wins

Hunter Weber had 2 wins.

Kayla Rose Block had 1 and 1/2 wins.

Nicholas Ivon had 1 win

Garrett Weber had 1 win

Global Concepts and the Chess Club are very proud of all the hard work you put into our first national chess competition. Congratulations.

From the Principal's Desk

It is incredible to think that the 2009-2010 school year is almost gone. It has been a wonderful year of learning and the month ahead promises many special memories in the making. I'd like to thank all of you for your commitment to your children. They have flourished with the partnership between home and school.

In the coming weeks, our students will participate in traditional end of the year activities-field day, talent show and End-of-Grade tests to name a few. They will continue to work hard and play hard. And, during this last quarter of school, it is important that they do their very best. The warm weather and longer days will make that more difficult. This is where you, parents, can make the difference. This is the time of the year that we see students find it harder to stay focused. They will need the structure you have provided for them all year- a consistent bedtime; a healthy diet and healthy snacks for school; and a quiet place for homework and studying. And, don't forget that reading with your child is always a great way to spend time together while strengthening their literacy skills. Let's end this school year the we began SUCCESSFULLY !

Richard Fill
Principal/CEO

PTA NEWS

PTA Meeting May 19th to nominate new officers!

The PTA will be nominating new officers at the May 19th meeting. Current openings include:

President

Treasurer

Secretary

Fundraising Chairperson

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Mr. Clark or Mrs. Johnson, current President, at 821-1903 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

In order for our **SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR** to be a success, we need **PARENT VOLUNTEERS!** The BOOK FAIR will run the week of May 24-26. If you are able to give us any amount of time (even an hour or two is greatly appreciated!), please call Mr. Clark @ 821-1903.

Sincerely,

PTA Executive Committee

MONTHLY MATH QUESTION

IF YOU ARE THE FIRST PERSON TO SOLVE THE QUESTION CORRECTLY, YOU GET A PRIZE FROM THE BOOK STORE. **YOU MUST SHOW ALL WORK AND MUST ANSWER THE QUESTION ON YOUR GRADE LEVEL.**

Primary (Grade 1-2)

Mary has 8 pennies. Jay has 6 pennies. They exchange some pennies for 1 dime. How many pennies do they still have?

Elementary (Grades 3-5)

Allison brought a pair of shoes for \$20. She paid 5% sales tax. How much tax did she pay?

Middle School (Grade 6-8)

Madonna is filling her pool for the summer. She has to use 10,710 gallons. How many quarts of water would this be?

Medaille College 2010 TRIO Alumni of the Year: Ms. Huber

Medaille College's TRiO program holds an annual recognition celebration for their students that earn a 3.0 or higher during that school year. The celebration is "a salute to TRiO students' academic success." The celebrations consist of speakers, an award ceremony, and dinner.

The speakers are usually distinguished members of our community, the President of Medaille College, the Dean of Undergraduate College, and an Alumnus of the Year. The TRiO directors, Dr. Mary Ellen Mulvey and Lisa Black, choose an Alumnus of the Year by looking at alumni that held a high GPA, was actively involved and participated in collegiate clubs, activities, and volunteer work. In addition, they looked at what alumni have achieved since graduation.

After looking at alumni achievements, they chose one of Global Concept Charter School's very own, Ms. Huber! Ms. Huber always maintained a GPA higher than a 3.0 while completing her undergraduate work. Ms. Huber participated in the Multicultural Club and was a Peer Mentor in college. In addition, she volunteered her time to tutor ESL students at South Side Elementary School. After completing her bachelor's degree, she got a job as a substitute teacher in the West Seneca School District and at GCCS. After interviewing for a permanent position at GCCS, she became a fourth grade teacher and is currently a second grade teacher.

While working at GCCS, Ms. Huber has run several intramurals, such as aerobics, basketball, cheerleading, and creative crafts. She is also a member of the Public Relations Committee and tutors her own students after school. She has also assisted students that have recently moved to Buffalo from Somalia. Finally, she is currently working towards completing her Master's degree at Buffalo State and hopes to one day earn a doctorate! Ms. Huber says, "Teaching is the most rewarding job out there. I treasure every day with my students. I am so honored to receive this award".



Human Services
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What Parents Can Do About Bullying and Teasing

Children who are bullied often suffer in silence. They want the bullying to stop, but are often afraid to report it. They may be frightened the bully will pick on them more or are afraid their friends will make fun of them.

What is Bullying?

Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between normal children's play and something worse.

Bullying can include:

- Taunting
- Teasing
- Kicking
- Shoving
- Threatening to beat kids up
- Causing a child to feel unsafe
- Spreading hurtful rumors
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So What Can You and Your Child Do?

Talk to your child. Help your child think about the difference between teasing and true bullying. It is important for your child to understand that ignoring bullying does not make it go away.

- Teach your child to stand up for himself by telling the other student to stop.
- Never challenge a bully to a fight.
- Walk to the nearest adult.
- Involve your child in different activities that can help them make friends. A child who has friends is less of a target.
- Think about a buddy system for your child going to and from school and in the neighborhood.
- Consider a self-defense course. These classes can help kids be more confident.

It's important for the parent to let the school know about the bullying. There is a *Zero Tolerance Policy* in Wake County Public School System. When making a report, tell the counselor or assistant principal:

- Where and when the bullying or teasing takes place (i.e. on the bus, in the hallway, at lunch, at recess, etc.)
- What your child has done so far to avoid or stop the abuse

For more information visit www.bullystoppers.com, www.pta.org or ask your school counselor or School Based Public Health Nurse.

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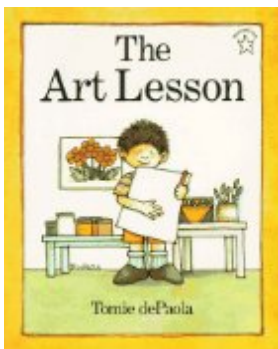
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BOOK CLUB SELECTION

The Art Lesson by Tomie dePaola



This is a charming exercise in autobiography (one of several) by the great author-illustrator Tomie dePaola. "Tommy" is consumed with a passion for drawing. Although encouraged by his family, who treat his pictures with respect and decorate their houses and workplaces with them, he encounters misunderstanding and frustration at school. Finally, an art teacher gives him a chance to do his own thing. *The Art Lesson* is filled with many full-page illustrations in dePaola's inimitably warm, soothing style. It's also packed with the right lessons on individuality and perseverance, especially for children who are already showing a single-minded interest or special talents that put them ahead of their peers.

From Publisher's Weekly

May is National Book Month



HOW TO CHOOSE A "JUST RIGHT BOOK"

BRAINWORK – before going to the classroom library I think about...

- ✦ a topic I'm interested in
- ✦ a familiar author
- ✦ a series I'd like to read

I'd like to try something new!

PREVIEW – using parts of the book to help me learn more about it.

- ✦ read the title and summary (on back or inside jacket)
- ✦ look at cover and illustrations

read table of contents

TRY IT – check to see if it is easy, just right, or challenging

- ✦ turn to the first page of the book or chapter and read several pages aloud (quietly)

close the book and retell the part you read

DECIDE – is this book "just right"?

- ✦ did I read it at a conversational speed?
- ✦ did it sound smooth?
- ✦ were there a few (0-3) hard words?
- ✦ did I understand the story

Now you have chosen Just the Right Book