

Global News

Global Concepts Charter School
- November 2009 Newsletter -



November Dates

4th -3rd Gr. Violin – Kleinhans Field Trip

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-1st Quarter grades close

9th - Picture re-Take

10th - Report Cards Go Home

11th - NO SCHOOL–Veteran’s Day

12th - Evening Portfolio Day
5-7pm

13th - **Early Dismissal (11:30am)** Parent Portfolio
Day 12-4pm

18th - GCCS Board Meeting 7pm

19th - 3rd Grade – Kids on the Block Assembly in
Auditorium

21st - GCCS Thanksgiving Chess Tournament
9:30am-3pm

26th & 27th - **NO SCHOOL** Thanksgiving Recess



Chess Club has a Howl of a time!

Global Concepts Chess Club hosted their second annual Halloween Chess Tournament this past Saturday the 24th of October. We had a record attendance of 39 chess players all dressed up in their spooky and entertaining costumes. The participants enjoyed pizza, beverages, cookies and candy from our piñata made kindly by Mrs. Cirillo. The parent volunteers were Mrs. Weber, Mrs. Meloon, Miss. Block, Miss Ahmed, Mrs. Santora, Mr. Harvey, and Mrs. Dent and to all others present a huge THANK YOU... for without your assistance this tournament would have been crazy.

The players were divided into three sections depending on their abilities. The first section “The Vampires” consisted of USCF players rated 700 or higher. The second section “The Werewolves” consisted of USCF players rated under 700, and our final section were “The Zombies” which were all our newcomers who do not have a USCF membership.

Winners were as follows:

“The Zombies” (10 players)

1. Joseph Butler III
2. Nicholas Ivon Jr.
3. Brianna Butler
4. Roman Castle
5. Hannah Crawford

“The Werewolves” (21 players)

1. Pedro Lopez
2. Reagan Lyle
3. Kevin Lyle
4. Miguel Mercado
5. Rashaun Anderson

“The Vampires” (8 players)

1. Richard Herko
2. Samuel Santora
3. Alexander Campbell

From the Principal

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each participant of this year’s food drive. To all the students, parents, staff, and faculty members who so freely donated, thank you! Your generosity has been shown tremendously and is greatly appreciated. May we continue to acknowledge and reflect on the things and people we hold dear in life and never forget to be grateful for them. Happy Thanksgiving!!!!

Richard Fill, Principal/CEO



TEST REMINDER NYS

Social Studies Assessment Grade 5

November 16-17, 2009

GOOD LUCK FIFTH GRADERS!

Picture Re-take Day

SMILE! It is school picture day on Thursday, November 8th. Parents may choose what outfit they would like their child to wear.



Early Dismissal Day

Please be aware that Friday, November 13th, 2009 is an early dismissal date for all students due to Parent Portfolio Day 12-4pm.

Global goes to the Philharmonic

This is a very exciting time for GCCS. The First, Third and Fifth graders will be attending a Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performance in October and November.

Our students will discover similarities and differences while comparing and contrasting with a live orchestra. The students will practice critical thinking and active listening skills with selections from Mozart, Mendelssohn, Janacek and Brahms.

The orchestra will demonstrate different levels of musical pitch relative to the instruments. Selections from Beethoven's 6th Symphony, Brahms' 3rd Symphony and Stravinsky's Firebird will be included.

In violin class, the students are listening and playing the music and have learned the

biographies of these famous composers which will help prepare our students for a rich and engaging time at the concert.

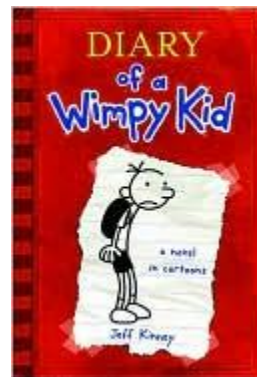
A special thank you goes out to Mr. Fill, Mr. Ehrle, Mrs. Bernat, Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Spahr, and Mrs. Eggleston, along with all teachers who invested their time and effort to make this experience a success.

Respectfully,
Alexandra Savka & Paul Struckmann

The Reading Corner



Book of the Month:



[Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney](#)

Kinney's popular Web comic, which began in 2004, makes its way to print as a laugh-out-loud "novel in cartoons," adapted from the series. Middle school student Greg Heffley takes readers through an academic year's worth of drama. Greg's mother forces him to keep a diary ("I know what it says on the cover, but when Mom went out to buy this thing I *specifically* told her to get one that didn't say 'diary' on it"), and in it

he loosely recounts each day's events, interspersed with his comic illustrations. Kinney has a gift for believable preteen dialogue and narration (e.g., "Don't expect me to be all 'Dear Diary' this and 'Dear Diary' that"), and the illustrations serve as a hilarious counterpoint to Greg's often deadpan voice. – Publishers Weekly

PTA News

Dear GCCS,

Hello everyone, October was an exciting and busy month for the PTA. We had our October meeting, table for Open House, and the Scholastic Book fair. I enjoyed meeting many of you at the PTA table at the school's Open House and look forward to seeing you at other events throughout the year. Our Scholastic Book Fair was a great success we once again exceeded all past sale amounts; we appreciate everyone who came out to support not only the PTA but literacy.

A special thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and effort making this event such a success.

If you and your family celebrated Halloween I hope you and your family had a safe and enjoyable Holiday. With the Holiday shopping season quickly approaching I have a new online program that I would like to tell everyone in our community about. It is called Good Search, the address is www.goodsearch.com, and it is a free service to participate in. Whether you are doing research for school or Holiday ideas every search done through this site generates about a penny for the charity of your choice. You may say that a penny does not sound like allot but if 100 people do 2 searches a day for the next 60 days it would add up to \$120 just for doing an everyday activity. To participate all you have to do is when you need to do an online search visit www.goodsearch.com. About midway down the page there is a section that asks "Who do you Good Search for?" Use the drop down box to select Global Concepts Charter School PTA and then search using the search box. You will receive the same results as if you searched through yahoo.com and you will raise money for our PTA. Also, for those who are like me and like to shop online the company has a division called Good Buy where portions of your online purchases through companies such as Best Buy, Wal-Mart, Target,

EBay, and hundreds of other online merchants get donated back to the charity of your choice.

The PTA knows that with your help, we can continue to support the great programs and activities that our school offers to the students. So please show your support and join our group as we strive to create the best environment possible for the students of our school. If you have any questions or concerns on Good Search or any other PTA event or programs feel free to e-mail us at pta@globalccs.org. Please visit and join our website at <http://gccs.webptn.com>. In addition to other resources and links, the website will have information about activities, fundraising and calendar of events. Additionally, becoming a member of the PTA will give you a voice in your children's education – so please consider joining.

The PTA will continue to work at enhancing the school experience for not only for the children, but for everyone in our community, by building on what we have worked on in the past and also planning some new and exciting events. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on November 19th or other school events. or leave me a message in the PTA mailbox and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Scott Harvey
PTA President

Important Reminder!



After 8am your child is tardy!

If your child comes to school late, he/she must have a signed, written excuse to explain his/her tardiness. Your child should report to the front desk receptionist with his/her excuse, and then he/she will report to class.
