

THE GLOBETROTTER TIMES

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From Ms. Palesty's Desk...

Where did the Globetrotter Times originate from? Two dedicated P.S. 88 ENL teachers, Ms. Cybura and Ms. Konidas, came to me and proposed the idea of a monthly newsletter to support not only the teachers, but also the students and families of the English as a New Language learners of P.S. 88. In addition, this newsletter will serve as a way to openly communicate the wonderful things that are happening here at P.S. 88. We are excited to begin and sustain this great resource! Hope you all enjoy!

Special Events in September

* School Session Begins For All Students: September 7th

* Meet the Teacher Night: September 12th

* Rosh Hashanah (schools closed): September 22nd & 23rd



Welcome back! We hope you had a great summer. We also hope you are relaxed, recharged and ready to start the new school year, 2017-2018. The summer went by very fast and now it's the time to start our new journey.

Getting to Know Your ELL's

What do I need to know about my ELL's?

1. Where are my students from? (Recently immigrated from their country of origin, born in the U.S., moved from another city, school, ...) Finding out these details will also provide your first clues as to the students' prior experiences with schooling and the family's socio-economic situation.
2. What brought my student and/or my student's family here?
3. What should I know about my student's family? (With whom does the student live?, Is there a family member at home who speaks English?, Does the student have family members who are living far away?, Does the student have responsibilities at home?, Are there any other situations that may be affecting the student, such as financial difficulties, immigration status,...?)
4. What language(s) does my student speak? (You may find the information about the student's home language on the Home Language Survey)
5. What kind of schooling does my student have? (Years of schooling, types of school they attended, literacy background, prior English instruction, any learning disabilities or special needs, favorite subjects ...)
6. What are my student's interests? (What are his/hers some favorite hobbies, sports, and activities?)





Websites of the Month

- www.education.com
- www.getepic.com
- www.abcteach.com
- www.readworks.org

Did you know.....?

CONTINENTS



- * There are seven continents on the Earth: Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Australia, Antarctica, Africa
- * The names of all the continents end with the same letter with which they start.
- * Coldest place on earth - Antarctica
- * Smallest continent - Australia
- * Most populated continent - Asia
- * Least populated continent - Antarctica
- * Largest continent - Asia
- * Continent with the most countries - Africa
- * Contains the world's longest river - Africa
- * Contains the world's largest desert - Africa
- * Contains the highest point on earth - South America (Ecuador)
- * Contains no countries - Antarctica

PARENT CORNER:

Meet the Teacher Night

Tuesday, September 12th, 2017

* Meet the teacher night will help you and your child's teacher find ways to work together to ensure your child's success during the school year. Take advantage of it and think of some questions and concerns you may have and write them down before your meeting.



* During the meeting with the teacher, you can share important information about your child and what you have noticed leading up to the conference.

Questions you may want to ask:



- What academic standards do you use, and what do I need to know about them?
- How will you respond if or when my child struggles in class?
- What can we do at home to support his/her learning for the upcoming school year?
- Is there technology you'd recommend that can help support my child in learning? Which websites or apps do you use the most in the classroom?
- What's the best way to reach you? Email, text, phone call?

