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In a display of solidarity with Japan after the tsunami, students created a chain of over 1000 origami paper cranes.

Thank you for contributing to our success!!

Your support gives us the resources we need to bring innovative teaching and learning practices to life at Global Learning Charter Public School.

Last year, we asked for your support to:

- help us bring our classrooms into the 21st century;
- expand our field studies program and partnerships within our community, and;
- establish a strong global curriculum.



Students incorporating new SMART Board technology in their Presentations of Learning.

Thank you for hearing us!

Your partnership allowed us to:

- purchase more computers, getting us closer to our 1:1 student to computer ratio;
- purchase advanced technology and SMART Boards for many of our classrooms, allowing us access to virtual labs and curriculum;
- connect students with their community through engaging field studies, and;
- enhance our global curriculum, including sending our juniors and seniors to Puerto Rico as part of our first global travel component to enrich their understanding of other cultures.

All of these improvements were made possible because you care about our students' success!

As we implemented these new elements of our curriculum, our students became more and more excited about the possibilities for the future.

Your continued commitment to GLCPS and to strengthening education in New Bedford and the Southcoast region has translated into our largest anticipated high school enrollment since we opened our high school in 2004!!! We could not be happier that more and more students and families are choosing to stay with GLCPS, and we wanted to say thank YOU for helping us realize our potential as a strong college preparatory school.

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Board of Trustees Year in Review:

2010-11 was a highly productive year for Global Learning Charter Public School. Our new chairman of our board of trustees, Tom Davis, reports that the school's fiduciary health is strong, with multiple successful fiscal audits. GLCPS set a new record with 10th grade MCAS advanced/proficient scores with 92 percent in English and 82 percent in math, both well above the state average of 84 and 74 percent, respectively. The board and school community wish to acknowledge outgoing chairman, Ben Baker for his leadership and commitment to GLCPS.

The 2011-12 school year is off to an exciting start. Now entering our 10th year, we are participating in our state charter renewal. The board is especially thrilled about an expanded partnership with the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth and the Ocean Explorium.

We are also happy to announce our new school leaders. Our former Assistant Principal, Lena Pires, and Director of Special Education, Al Affonso, have assumed the roles of Middle School

and High School Principal, respectively. These individuals, both of whom have been with the school for many years, are highly qualified and well regarded team members who bring to GLCPS extensive professional experience and familiarity with our school community and culture. We would also like to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Deirdre Tarpey, who comes to us with over 13 years of experience in education and a deep commitment to New Bedford and its students that matches our own.

We are grateful for your continued commitment to helping the youth of New Bedford realize their full academic potential.



GLCPS Launches Innovative High School Program

The rapid expansion of our high school enrollment resulted in some new curriculum programs. We are excited to announce the next phase of what will become a more comprehensive and long-range partnership with the Ocean Explorium at New Bedford Seaport (OE) and the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth (UMD).

Our goal is to increase the number of students who access and continue to pursue science, technology, engineering and mathematics - STEM - fields in high school, higher education and the workforce. GLCPS, OE and UMD just launched an innovative and challenging formal and informal STEM education experience for GLCPS high school students.

The joint venture includes two high-school level STEM academic programs, including an integrated marine science and physics course for all GLCPS high school freshmen and an Advanced Placement (AP) Environmental Science class for GLCPS juniors and seniors. We have also introduced a new "Port to Port" history course that ties the study of New Bedford to ports all over the globe, while giving our high school students a historical lens through which to view the STEM disciplines.

These courses are held at a new satellite site in the Ocean Explorium building. GLCPS will leverage the vast scientific, research and academic resources of the University and the Ocean Explorium as well as the cultural and historical resources of downtown New Bedford.

Mark Smith, Executive Director of the Ocean Explorium, states, "It is tremendously exciting to see this next phase in STEM education emerge in New Bedford through such a powerful informal-formal learning model.



STEM Initiative Press Conference at the Ocean Explorium
Vivian Guilfooy, Education Development Center; Patrice Coholan, Horizon Marine; Stephanie Wick, GLCPS; Carolee Matsumoto, GLCPS Ambassadors Council; Derek Stevens, GLCPS

Through this cross-agency effort, we are creating a learning environment of compelling power and effectiveness – engaging the senses and the mind in real world science."

We need your help to make this a state-of-the art STEM facility! The costs of creating this innovative partnership and program are far higher than we anticipated and are not covered by public funds. The extensive start-up costs include:

- renovating the physical space to transform it into classrooms;
- equipping those classrooms with STEM tools and technology, and;
- transporting our students to and from the site.

Your support has brought us where we are today, leading us into the 21st century. Please help us sustain this important academic program by making a donation today!

Snapshots from 2010-11

Freshmen enjoying the sailing component of Marine Science at the New Bedford Community Boating Center.



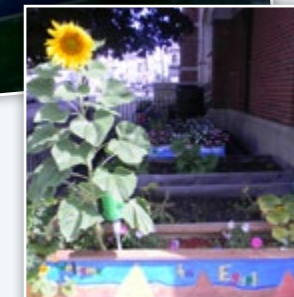
5th grade students getting a hands-on science lesson on Envirolab.



Sixth graders excited to be presenting their global Presentation of Learning (POL) on Pakistan.



6th grader presenting the engineering principles behind his irrigation system for our Community Garden.



Our Community Garden in bloom.



Alvin Ailey visited GLCPS again to dance with our students.



Chairman of the board, Ben Baker, stopped by to see some interesting POLs on Egypt.



Global Gala 2011 was a major draw for alumni volunteers.



GLCPS Drama Club presented Mulan Jr. this year.



Seniors bonding on their white water rafting trip before they go off to conquer the world!



Juniors and Seniors exploring Rio Camuy Cave Park in Puerto Rico.



Teamwork and camaraderie at its height during our annual Students vs. Staff Volleyball Game.



Class of 2011 Valedictorian Emily Westgate and Salutatorian Carlos Rivera.

MISSION

The mission of Global Learning Charter Public School (GLCPS) is to ensure that all of our students achieve academic excellence, are ready for the rigors of higher education, and master essential skills that prepare them for the economic, social and civic challenges of a 21st century, global society. At GLCPS, essential skills include: technology literacy, public speaking, global citizenship and arts exploration.

THANK YOU!! We are grateful to those of you who made a financial or in-kind contribution to our general fund in the 2010-11 fiscal year. You helped us exceed our annual fundraising goal by 30%. We would also like to thank those who purchased tickets and supported our Global Gala 2011, at which we raised over \$19,000 for the GLCPS College Scholarship Fund.

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