



# New Parent 411

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

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CEE = Christi Elliot-Earby

Connections = The Art/Mandarin/Music/PE/Science classes each student has one day each week

Curriculum Night = A parent-only event at the beginning of the school year providing teachers the opportunity to share their plans for the year with the parents. Parents are able to ask questions in the classroom setting.

HOS = Head of School (principal)

LC = Lower Campus: grades K-3 located at Heritage Drive

Media Center = the library

Mystery reader = some classes have a different parent come in once a week to read to the class. This weekly visitor is a surprise, hence the mystery. Contact your teacher for more information

Parking = Parking is limited: please heed the speed limit and No Parking signs. Do not block driveways or mailboxes at any time.

PTCC = Parent Teacher Community Council – GLOBE's equivalent of a PTO/PTA. All parents are members and your participation is strongly encouraged.

Room Parent = each class has one or more parents who volunteer to assist teachers in communicating their needs to and coordinating special events with the parents.

Spirit Wear = official GLOBE logo shirts sold by the PTCC and worn on Fridays throughout the school year

UC = Upper Campus: grades 4-5 temporarily located at NE Baptist Church

Village Plaza = the cafeteria/auditorium

Water bottle = each child must bring one to school every day



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## Top 6 Things you need to know about The GLOBE Academy

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**1. READ THE CHARTER:** Welcome to The GLOBE Academy Charter School. GLOBE is always capitalized as it's an acronym and stands for what our school is: Global Learning Opportunities through Balanced Education. A charter school is a school which receives public funding but operates independently. The "charter" establishing each school is a performance contract detailing the school's mission, program, students served, performance goals, and methods of assessment. Please be sure to read the GLOBE Academy Charter, especially the sections related to constructivism, homework, use of portfolios as an alternative to traditional grades, Positive Discipline and dual-language immersion model.

You can read our charter here: <http://globeptcc.weebly.com/documents--links.html>

**2. UNIFORMS:** GLOBE Academy students wear uniforms. You can read about the uniform policies here: <http://www.theglobeacademy.org/ourschool/student-life/school-uniforms/>

On Fridays, students are invited to wear spirit wear in lieu of uniforms. Spirit wear can be purchased at Open House and at various pop-up sales throughout the year.

**3. VOLUNTEER:** The GLOBE parent volunteer organization is called the Parent Teacher Community Council (PTCC). The PTCC has its own website which has a lot of helpful information including links to teacher and specials blogs: <http://globeptcc.weebly.com/> Every parent at GLOBE is a 'member' of the PTCC, to join a work group and get involved. Please check the calendar for upcoming meetings: <http://www.theglobeacademy.org/calendar/>

There are now additional opportunities to volunteer with the sub-committees of the GLOBE Board. More information on how to assist these new committees will be sent out during the school year.

Every GLOBE family is required to log 10 volunteer hours per school year. Click here to record your hours on the Parent Volunteer Hours form: <http://www.theglobeacademy.org/>

**4. CARPOOL:** The GLOBE Academy does not provide transportation services and is located in a quiet residential area. We aim to respect our neighbors and each other by strictly following carpool protocol. You can read the guidelines for participating in carpool here: <http://www.theglobeacademy.org/ourschool/parent-resources/carpool/>

You can find another family to carpool with here:

<http://www.carpoolworld.com/carpooling.html?c=globe>



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**5. ROOM PARENTS:** Each class or team of classes at GLOBE should have a room parent. You should contact your room parent to make sure you are receiving emails from them. The room parents are often asked to forward important school information to the classes. Your room parent can also provide you with a class contact list, your child's weekly schedule and your specific class rules for snacks, birthday celebrations, mystery reader program, holiday parties, eating lunch with your child and much more! If you don't know your room parent, please check with your teachers.

**6. PARENT HANDBOOK:** Please take time to read the parent handbook. It is your guide to the GLOBE Academy! You can find it here: <http://www.theglobeacademy.org/ourschool/parent-resources/familyhandbook/>

It includes a lot of important information including that GLOBE is a nut free school and the following school snack policy: "Healthy Snack Policy: Students may bring healthy, non-sugary snacks with them to school daily to eat during times designated by the teacher. Because sugary snacks have been proven to negatively affect children's attention, mood, and ability to focus, we do not allow children to bring such snacks to school. Please see your student's teacher for more specific guidelines."

## Getting plugged in / Where to find more information

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\*The main phone number for The GLOBE Academy is: (404) 464-7040

\*GLOBE Website: <http://www.theglobeacademy.org/>

\*PTCC Website: <http://globeptcc.weebly.com/>

\*Main Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/globeacademy>

\*Process to subscribe to school email communications:



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1. If you have provided your email to the school previously and are receiving some or all communications please add: GoGLOBE2013@gmail.com, CElliott-Earby@TheGLOBEAcademy.net, and boardofdirectors@TheGLOBEAcademy.net to your email account address book.

2. If you or someone you know is still not receiving emails from the PTCC please have them do step 1 and also join the distribution list by visiting the following link below and signing up. If you are already receiving emails there is no need to sign up again:

<http://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/d.jsp?llr=7gyct6pab&p=oi&m=1116610846940&sit=bvrsiirib&f=88910b9f-cd92-4c87-a50e-266458106edf>

## **MORE QUESTIONS?:**

While not a perfect means of communication, Facebook does serve as one more way to keep us connected / share information. The following are existing pages that are you may join outright or request to join if they are closed pages limited to the GLOBE community only. To join, search for:

- The G.L.O.B.E. Academy - the official school-moderated page containing official communications
- Parents and Teachers of GLOBE - An unofficial page NOT moderated by the school. This is a great place to go to ask for clarification/advice/ etc. on all things GLOBE. Especially useful when you're new!!
- GLOBE High School Planning Committee – Unofficial/parent-initiated group organized to explore future options
- GLOBE Campers – Unofficial group for planning parent-organized school camping trips. Fun!
- GLOBE Community Exchange - A place for classified advertisements of various sorts
- Many individual classes (like Second Grade Spanish track) have their own Facebook pages as well so ask your room parents about those if you haven't heard of one yet.

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