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Dear Parents:

We are so pleased that your child will participate in Global Scholars for the 2017-18 program year, and we wanted to tell you more about it.

Global Scholars allows your child's class to communicate with classes of students around the world. During the 2016-17 year, more than 10,500 students ages 10-13 participated! These students came from 50 large cities on 5 continents, so it is a truly global program.

Next year's curriculum is "Feeding Our Cities." Students will discover the global food system and its impact on cities around the world. They will learn about nutrition and food access and their influence on public health, and discover the complex systems needed to grow and distribute food to the world. This topic will help students see that although they live in different cities, they share common experiences and challenges.

Students will spend about two hours each week on Global Scholars in their classrooms, led by their teachers. They will write, create videos, and use other technology to complete assignments, sharing them with students around the world through the secure, password-protected Global Scholars "e-classroom." No one outside the Global Scholars community will be able to see your child's work without your permission. Students will have a chance to comment on one another's assignments, and they will receive comments from other students on their own work. This structure allows students to learn about new cities, countries, and cultures directly from other students their own age. It also strengthens students' skills in technology, communicating in English, and understanding different perspectives.

Global Scholars is a program of Global Cities, Inc., based in New York City. Thanks to support from Bloomberg Philanthropies, we are able to offer this program at no cost to participating schools. For more information, please visit our website: www.globalcities.org.

We look forward to working with your children!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Meg Louis".

Meg Louis
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