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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of a Current 5th Grade Student,

If you have a current 5th grader who will be attending Logan Middle School in the fall we encourage you to (1) review this information thoroughly, (2) call with any questions that you may have, and (3) if interested in The Global Village option, complete and submit the enclosed interest survey. As an extension of our current curriculum, this program will feature:

- A growing understanding of our global interconnectedness
- The study and appreciation of global and cultural issues
- Recognition and reduction of cultural stereotyping
- Contemporary technology and applications infused in learning
 - Wikis, Blogs, Podcasts, & Documentaries
 - Virtual Tours and Video Conferencing
- Purposeful interactions with international students through collaborations with UW-L's Office of International Education, School of Education, and Biology departments
- Service learning projects (locally, nationally, internationally)
- Mock Science Books in Film
- Innovative Language & Cultures course
- Gateway to Learning

Expanding our already rich curriculum is very exciting. The innovation and relevance represented within this choice program was recently lauded at a School District of La Crosse Board of Education meeting. It is important to note that enrollment in the program will not exceed the targeted number of fifty-two (52) students. Please take a moment to review the enclosed interest application for The Global Village.

Two 6th grade teachers, Mrs. Robin Fleig and Mrs. Samantha Parkhurst, have been selected to spearhead this innovative program at Logan Middle School. The Global Village choice program will offer a unique combination of academic and cultural education that is certain to engage your 6th grade student. The program encourages academic achievement, enjoyment of learning, and a celebration of the differences—and similarities—of our world's peoples.

Are you interested in learning more? You can come and meet Mrs. Fleig and Mrs. Parkhurst, hear more about The Global Village, and ask any questions you may have on **Monday, March 9th, at 6:00 pm** in our choir room (found on the 2nd floor of our building). We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

Dr. Troy D. Harcey

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Enrollment Criteria & Timeline Information

The Global Village Choice Program for Incoming 6th Graders at Logan Middle School (Beginning in the 2009-2010 academic school year there will be one “house” in 6th grade)

- Enrollment may not exceed the program’s targeted number (52 students). Targets will be determined by the district based on room availability and average class size in the grade level.
- “Choice” selection will follow a three-tier timeline for the following year:
 - 1st selection will begin March 13th, 2009; notification the week of April 6th, 2009
 - 2nd round on April 13th, 2009 (if not full)
 - 3rd would be on-going (if not full) – Interest applications taken anytime

Once selections are made, parents will be asked to recommit to attending this program within Logan Middle School. If they have changed their minds, slots will open up for the next selection.

- Waiting lists will be kept on file and addressed on the above timelines. Waiting lists will not be carried over from year to year. We would prefer not to have students move into the program in the middle of the school year; however, extenuating circumstances will be considered.
- The principal, associate principal, and at least one central office administrator will **use the following criteria** to determine approval of the request:
 1. Applicant matches the school’s need for balanced grade level enrollments for staffing and class size.
 2. Applicant helps the school reach the district’s average for socio-economic balance (approximately 40% on F/R lunch).
 3. Applicant and parents support the program’s specific instructional philosophy and demonstrate interest/aptitude for this type of education. This may include prior experience with the philosophy (i.e. international, technology, service learning, etc.).
 4. In-district applicants (attendance) will be honored before out-of-district or other middle school requests if other criteria have been met. The out-of-district students will be placed on the waiting list according to state statute.
 5. Applicant and parents must be willing to adhere to program’s stipulations and requirements for technology handling, care, and if necessary, replacement.
 6. As the program evolves, keeping families in one school will be a priority.

Note: Completing an interest application does not guarantee a placement in the Global Village choice program. Our capacity is fifty-two (52) students. This is also not a "first come, first served" process. That said, we would like to receive Interest Applications by March 13th, 2009. All criteria being equal, we will be selecting via a lottery process to ensure equal opportunities for interested students/families.



YOU HAVE A CHOICE AT LOGAN MIDDLE SCHOOL!

We are proud of the fact that Logan Middle School offers a well-rounded comprehensive education in mathematics, language arts, science and social studies. Logan Middle School students also have extensive opportunities in physical education, visual arts, music, and health...and our after school programming has been nationally recognized for its excellence. However, we also recognize that one size does not fit all in education!

A new option for “choice” in the School District of La Crosse is Logan Middle School’s recently established Global Village program.

Our Mission: To create an exciting learning environment that develops confident, contributing citizens in our ever changing and inter-connected world.

Our Philosophy: We believe...

- Children are the world’s most important resource
- Solving most of the major problems facing our country today will require every young person to learn more about other regions, cultures, and languages
- The ability to think globally enhances one’s ability to act locally
- Students’ access to information and technology connects them with global issues and peers in other cultures
- Learning can be fun and serving others can be rewarding

Future Plans Include:

2009-10: open 6th grade Global Village “house” for 52 students

2010-11: add a 7th grade house for total of 104 students (6th + 7th)

2011-12: add 8th grade house for total of 156 students (6th + 7th + 8th)

Class sizes are estimates and may vary from year to year. Next year, a student can continue in the Global Village option, or opt for a regular 7th grade placement.

Decisions about placement in the new 6th grade Global Village choice program will begin on March 13th, 2009. Parent notification will begin the week of April 6th, 2009.

Logan Middle School—The Global Village

2009-2010 Use Agreement

**The School District of La Crosse owns the iTouch and iBook and its contents.
It is loaned to you for educational purposes.**

Parent Responsibilities and Terms

Your student has been loaned an iTouch and/or iBook computer to improve and personalize his/her education this year. It is essential that the School District of La Crosse Use Agreement be followed to ensure the safe, efficient and ethical operation of the district's computer. In order for your student to use the iTouch and/or iBook in class, and to take it home, you must be willing to accept the following terms and responsibilities:

- Will read the Acceptable Use Agreement and discuss it with my student
- Will supervise my student's use of the iTouch and/or iBook at home
- Will make sure my student charges the equipment nightly and begins the school day with a fully charged battery
- Will make sure my student brings the iTouch and/or iBook to school each day
- Will discuss appropriate use of the Internet and supervise my student's use of the Internet
- Will not attempt to repair the equipment
- Will report any problems or damage pertaining to the equipment
- Will report loss/theft of the equipment to school and proper authorities within 24 hours
- Will not change the configuration of software or hardware associate with the equipment
- Will not attempt to download or install any programs or files from the Internet or other sources
- Will not remove any program or files on the iTouch and/or iBook except for personal documents of my child
- Will pay up to \$100 (each occurrence) for repairs that are not covered under the Apple Care Contract and Warranty or replacement if iTouch and/or iBook is damaged, lost, stolen, or vandalized

Student Responsibilities and Terms

Your iTouch and/or iBook should be used for **EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY**. In order to use the equipment in class and to take it home, you must be willing to accept the following terms and responsibilities:

- Will read the Acceptable Use Agreement and discuss it with my parent/guardian.
- Will adhere to the terms of the School District of La Crosse Acceptable Use Agreement and district guidelines each time the iTouch and/or iBook is used at home and at school
- Will recharge the equipment's battery nightly and begin the school day with a fully charged battery
- Will bring the iTouch and/or iBook to school each day
- Will keep the equipment in its assigned protective case when not being used
- Will make the equipment available for inspection by an administrator or another staff member upon request
- Will use appropriate language in all communications
- Will abide by copyright laws
- Will not sue or attempt to use another student's assigned hardware, logins, files, or personal information
- Will not give out personal information such as name, address, photo, or other identifying information online
- Will not change the configuration, install, or remove software or hardware
- Will not attempt to repair, alter or make additions to the iTouch and/or iBook
- Will report all problems and damage immediately
- Will not remove or attempt to remove asset or identification tags on the equipment
- Will report loss/theft of iTouch and/or iBook to parent(s)/guardian(s), school and proper authorities within 24 hours

SIGN-OFF ON:

- √ Administrative Rules – Acceptable Use Agreement Guidelines
- √ Damage, Loss, Theft, or Vandalism Financial Obligation Agreement

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Print Student Name

Student's Signature

Date

Street Address

City

State

Zip Code

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Email Address (to be used for communications)

Please return to Logan Middle School with your Global Village Interest Application.