



## June 2008 Newsletter

### Greetings AGC Families!

We are so pleased to present you with the first official newsletter of The Academy for Global Citizenship. Our newsletter will be sent out monthly and will contain important information about what is happening at school. We also will include fun and interesting articles about healthy living and activities to do with your student.

### Our PYP Program

AGC will implement the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, or PYP for short. The program started 30 years ago in Geneva, Switzerland and now involves:

- + 2,000 schools
- + 124 countries
- + 50,000 teachers and
- + 500,000 students aged 3 to 19

From teaching and learning to all the operations of the school, the PYP shapes everything we do at AGC. For example, the PYP outlines that we teach students through inquiry. Inquiry is where

teachers guide students as they ask questions and discover new things about our units of study. This helps students learn basic facts. In addition, it helps students develop deep and lasting understanding. The program also has schools develop student's awareness of their role in the world or their *global citizenship*. At AGC, we will do this by first having students think about who they are and who their community is. As students progress throughout the year, we will introduce them to other cultures and communities around the world through the curriculum.

Another critical component of the PYP is the *Student Profile*. This is a list of 10 characteristics the PYP and AGC feel students must have in order to be successful in the world today. The traits are:

- + Inquirer
- + Knowledgeable
- + Thinkers
- + Communicators
- + Principled

- + Open-minded
- + Caring
- + Risk-takers
- + Balanced
- + Reflective

The faculty and staff of AGC will bring all of these components together to create a warm, challenging, and exciting place to learn! We very much look forward to sharing much more information about this fantastic program and all the great things it will bring to your student's education.

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# Healthy Living

Dear Parents,

Here is a great recipe for a summer treat for the kids and it has no added sugar!

The following recipe is taken from "The Moosewood Collective"

## FROZEN FRUITY POPS

For each recipe, combine the fruit, herb or spice, juice (if called for), and a dash of salt in a blender on high speed for 30 seconds, until smooth. Pour into popsicle molds and freeze for six hours.

### Honeydew-Basil

Mix 4 cups of honeydew melon cubes (which contain potassium) with ¼ cup of vitamin K-packed chopped fresh basil and ½ cup organic frozen lemonade concentrate.

### Pineapple-Cinnamon

For a tropical pop, use 3 cups of pineapple chunks, ½ teaspoon cinnamon, and ¼ cup fresh orange juice.

### Mango-Parsley

Combine 1 ripe mango (an antioxidant powerhouse) and ½ cup loosely packed chopped parsley. If the mango isn't ripe, add ¼ cup frozen lemonade concentrate.

Enjoy this "cool" treat with the whole family.

*Health and happiness from AGC!*



## Environmental Excursions

With only 65 days until school begins, enjoy inquiring with your children at these environmentally minded Chicago destinations and events:

### + July 30, Chicago Solar Powerup!: Daley Plaza, Washington & Dearborn Streets

Solar Powerup gives young students the opportunity to design, build, and race solar cars while learning about renewable energy resources. Come cheer on these young solar scientists at the races and discover the energy provided by Chicago's summer sunshine. (312) 746-4155.

*AGC FACT: Did you know that AGC received a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation to install solar panels on the roof of our school?*

### + Ongoing, The Extreme Green House: Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, 2430 North Cannon Drive

Being "green" means being aware of the connections between ourselves and our floral and faunal friends. Check out the "conservation kitchen", learn about composting, discover recipes for homemade eco-friendly cleaning products and "recycle yourself" through a tube maze. (773)755-5100.

*AGC FACT: Did you know that students at AGC will recycle their classroom waste and compost food scraps?*

### + Read Green. Live Green.: Archer Public Library, 5055 South Archer Avenue

July 22, 3:30 p.m. "Global Warming! What's a Kid to Do?" Journey with Kidworks in our educational and eye awakening performance for children of all ages. Come ride a melting glacier with a penguin, journey to the Amazon rainforest on a monkey, save the coral reef in Australia, and help create a better future for our lives here in Chicago. Kidworks brings Global Warming myths and facts to life, and offers positive solutions to saving the air, the trees, the oceans and ourselves!

July 31, 6:00 p.m. "How Green is My Heart: Stories and Songs to Celebrate a Wonderful World" Beloved storyteller, Gwen Hilary, and musician Enoch Williamson will enchant audiences with tales and songs from around the world that celebrate Planet Earth: Our Home Sweet Home.

August 2, 2:00 p.m. "The Dirt on Garbage" Become a junior environmental engineer and investigate how garbage affects the environment and learn what we can do to make it better! Examine different materials and how they decompose, see how a landfill works - and doesn't work. Create your own environmental art. (312) 747-9241

*AGC FACT: Did you know that developing environmental mindedness in our learning community is one of AGC's core tenets?*

Important Dates	June	July	August
	<p><b>15</b> Father's Day</p> <p><b>26</b> Parent-Teacher-Student Organization Information Meeting 6-7:30 (5101 W. Keeler)</p>	<p><b>4</b> Independence Day</p> <p><b>31</b> Parent Information Evening: Topic is to be determined</p>	<p><b>18</b> First Day of School!</p>

## Staff Profile

### Eva Rosado

Director of Sustainability and Operations



#### What is your role at AGC?

My role at AGC entails management of the non-educational tasks that must be completed in order for AGC to operate in an effective manner. In short, my role facilitates oversight of AGC's sustainability initiative, security personnel, food service, technology, finances, facility, compliance, and more. I am also responsible for planning, and implementing AGC's future facility project.

#### What excites you most about the upcoming school year?

What most excites me about the upcoming school year are the

memorable strides that we as a team will make toward creating an environment rich in opportunity for our students and staff. It is truly an exciting time in AGC's history, and I know that we will do great things for many years to come. This year will be pivotal in setting the tone for who we are, and what we want to accomplish. I hope everyone is as energized and enthralled in AGC as I am!

#### What is your favorite thing to do in Chicago?

There are many things that I love to do in my home town of Chicago, but if I had to pick one I would have to say spending an afternoon going to a small café, and then browsing around some small specialty boutiques.

#### What is the best place you've been to? Where would you like to go next?

This is a tough one! I would say that the best place that I have visited has been Australia particularly a small island called Great Keppel Island that was surrounded by the Great Barrier Reef. It was here that my desire to preserve this planet intensified, and in turn led me to AGC. I think that my next adventure will be taking me to the Dominican Republic as well as back to my roots in Puerto Rico.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EXCURSIONS CONTINUED...

### + Fun for Families: Fruit & Vegetable Garden

Activities: Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Chicago Botanic Garden, 1000 Lake Cook Road, Glencoe

Get close to nature and discover where food comes from with fun activities each weekend! Pollinate flowers, dissect seeds, see roots growing, compost with worms, create a rainbow for healthy eating and more!  
847.835.5440

*AGC FACT: Did you know that AGC will have a school garden where students will connect with their food source and care for plants?*

### + The Face of the Future

Brookfield Zoo, 3300 Gold Road, Brookfield IL

The Chicago Zoological Society's long-term focus on animal well-being, education, science, and field work has helped to cement the organization as a world leader in conservation, ensuring that natural resources—including plants, animals, water, even whole ecosystems—will be available for future generations. Come explore the African habitat, children's zoo and rain forest!  
(708) 688-8000

*AGC FACT: Did you know that AGC is a partner school with the Brookfield Zoo and will take inquiry-based field trips throughout the year?*

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