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Dear Parents:

We are so pleased that your child is participating in the Global Scholars program this 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. This year, more than 12,000 students ages 10-13 are participating! These students come from 40 large cities on 5 continents, so it is a truly global program.

This year's curriculum is "Digital Cities Connect!" Students will study how the internet and other digital technologies have changed how we communicate, how things are made, and how we live and work. This topic will help students see that although they live in different cities, these cities are connected in a global communications network and share challenges facing all cities.

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](http://www.globalcities.org).

We look forward to working with your children!

Sincerely,

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

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