

## 2008 Summer Update

Global Partners Junior's fourth full year of programming ended with a bang! Over 100 New York City students attended the end of year celebration on May 21, 2008 at Tony Dapolito Recreation Center. Participants from 24 sites, including nine Parks & Recreation Computer Resource Centers, exhibited their final projects: mock travel agencies promoting trips to foreign cities. The program featured a live performance of **"What's Bubblin' in Dublin,"** a rap written and produced by Sunset Park Recreation Center students promoting tourism in Dublin, Ireland. Other multimedia projects included video commercials and print advertisements. NYC Global Partners Board Member Jacqueline Adams, Senior Counselor at Burson-Marsteller served as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

The theme for this year's web-based exchanges has been **"My City and Myself,"** focusing on culture and community. In addition to communicating on the internet forum throughout the school year, students created media-based projects and explored various aspects of culture including international cuisine and world music.

"It's a very cool way for middle school students to get excited about technology and learn about the world," said Marjorie Tiven, NYC Commissioner for the United Nations, Consular Corps and Protocol and Treasurer of Global Partners.

This year more than six hundred New York City and international students participated in the program. International cities included Beijing, Budapest, Buenos Aires, Dublin, Jerusalem, London, Madrid, Mumbai, Paris, Rome, Seoul and Tokyo.

Global Partners Junior programming will begin again in September 2008. Activities will be centered around the **"Exploring My Environment"** curriculum focusing on natural resources, ecology and conservation.

### Students perform *What's Bubblin' In Dublin*



"Every St. Patrick's Day we go on the streets to play!  
You can find a four leaf clover,  
Or a little leprechaun just sitting on your shoulder.  
Walk around the cities, see some castles—  
Everywhere you go take a trip to the past, yo!  
**What's bubblin' in Dublin? Everybody get, get, get jumpin'!"**

### LYRICS

### Students celebrate at May 21st End of Year Party



# Global Partners Junior

-  **Beijing, China**
-  **Budapest, Hungary**
-  **Buenos Aires, Argentina**
-  **Dublin, Ireland**
-  **Jerusalem, Israel**
-  **London, United Kingdom**
-  **Madrid, Spain**
-  **Mumbai, India**
-  **Paris, France**
-  **Rome, Italy**
-  **Seoul, South Korea**
-  **Tokyo, Japan**

**Connections from around the world!**  
 Kids in twelve international cities collaborated with NYC students this year.



Students in Rome designed a trip to Buenos Aires! They recommend trying the **"bife de costilla,"** a typical Argentine meal consisting of a t-bone steak, seeing a **tango** performance in the San Telmo neighborhood and visiting **"El Obelisco"** a monument in the city center.



As part of the **"Food Around the World"** lesson, students in Jerusalem created a video about traditional breakfast foods. Girls from **Silwan School** tell their friends on the internet forum about the ingredients and foods they eat on a daily basis. Some of them can be found here in New York City: **hummus, olives** and **cheese**. These girls hold an **olive branch** to show how the food looks as it grows.



## Big Apple Tours!

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A  
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A class at **Bayside Senior School** in **Dublin** created "Big Apple Tours" as its final project to show visitors the best places to visit in New York City.

## International Guest Speakers visit Global Partners Junior!

International guest speakers visited New York City classrooms to give a real, personal perspective on the foreign cities participating in Global Partners Junior. Speakers from **France, Hungary, India, Ireland, Japan, South Korea** and the **United Kingdom** shared many aspects of their home culture with New York City students. Speakers spent time with students at sites in all five boroughs and gave interactive presentations.

Global Partners Junior leader Yoko Hasebe and six other teachers from Japan traveled to several sites to record video greetings for participating students in Tokyo middle schools. Kids at Hamilton Fish CRC, Jackie Robinson CRC, Richmondtown Public Library, and PS 269's CAMBA After-School program sent personalized messages back with Yoko and the teachers. The Japanese guests also shared traditional folk-tales such as "The Story of the Grateful Crane."

Other speakers taught popular games and demonstrated how to wear traditional clothing such as Korean robes and Indian saris. Some speakers brought tasty treats with them: students sampled red bean cakes from Japan, savory pepper biscuits from Budapest, and French eclairs.

### NYC students learn about India



Students at the NYC Housing Authority's Sheepshead-Nostrand Community Center learn about culture in Mumbai from Nidhi Narang, a Metro International speaker. The non-profit organization Metro International works with Global Partners staff to coordinate classroom visits by Fulbright Scholars living in New York City.

### Sinead O'Gorman from Ireland visits Brooklyn



Girls at St. John's Recreation Center learn the steps to an Irish jig from guest speaker Sinead O'Gorman. Look at those bouncing feet!

### Visitors from Tokyo, Japan



Teachers from Tokyo, Japan teach kids at PS 269's CAMBA After-School Program how to spell their names with kanji, Japanese characters.

# 2007-2008 Global Partners Junior Sites in NYC

## CAMBA

After-School at PS 269, Brooklyn

## Goodwill Industries of Greater New York

Diane Armstrong Family Learning Center, Queens

## Good Shepherds Services

PS 15 Beacon, Brooklyn

## HANAC

After-School at PS 2, Queens

## Mosholu-Montefiore Community Center

Williamsbridge Beacon 113, Bronx

## New York City Department of Parks & Recreation

Al Smith Computer Resource Center, Manhattan  
Chelsea Computer Resource Center, Manhattan  
Hamilton Fish Computer Resource Center, Manhattan  
Jackie Robinson Computer Resource Center, Manhattan  
St. John's Computer Resource Center, Brooklyn  
St. Mary's Computer Resource Center, Bronx  
Sorrentino Computer Resource Center, Queens  
Sunset Computer Resource Center, Brooklyn  
Tony Dapolito Computer Resource Center, Manhattan

## New York City Housing Authority

Bronx River Community Center, Bronx  
Sheepshead-Nostrand Community Center, Brooklyn  
West Brighton Community Center, Staten Island

## New York Public Library

Richmondtown Library, Staten Island

## Police Athletic League

PS 333 Beacon, Queens

## Queens Community House

Queens Community House: Pomonok, Queens

## St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corp.

School Settlement Association, Brooklyn

## The After-School Corporation

Community Partnership Charter School, Brooklyn

## YMCA of Greater New York

Cross Island Beacon, Queens

## United Activities Unlimited

PS 18 Beacon, Staten Island

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