



# The Global Corner Fiscal Year – 13 Annual Report Passport to Italy

## SCHOOL YEAR 13-14 FY-13 STATISTICS

Number of Schools Visited	21
Number of Students	7072
Funds Raised	\$58,425
Expenditures	\$54,028
Teachers:	6
Volunteers	12

### Mission Statement:

The Global Corner provides opportunities for the children of Northwest Florida to learn about world languages, cultures, and geography through innovative, educational programs.

### Motto:

“Bringing the World to Life –  
One Child at a Time.”

The motto reflects our primary focus. Although we teach thousands of children each year, our hands-on activities allow children to experience the adventure each in their own way. As we broaden the horizons of children throughout Northwest Florida, we enable them to dream big dreams – and envision themselves as explorers of our world!

## The Global Corner Continues to Touch Lives!

In this year’s **Passport to Italy**, students learned to recognize “the boot” peninsula that projects into the Mediterranean Sea.

Miss Jeanne shared with them all sorts of interesting facts in the Introduction—did you know, for example that Vatican City is actually a country inside Italy? Did you know that pizza was “invented” in Italy, but pasta was not? Did you know that in ancient Rome, the emperor had his soldiers go up into the mountains to bring back snow that was mixed with honey and nuts to make what may have been the world’s first frozen treat? In this picture a sign language interpreter assists Miss Jeanne at Bratt



Elementary School for one of the students with special needs.

We were very lucky to have several teachers this year with a connection to Italy: one, Miss Dora was born in Italy, and two others,

Miss Lisa and Miss Michele have Italian heritage—their families came from Italy.

**Ancient Rome:** Of course, how could we talk about Italy without mentioning the importance of ancient Rome? In this class, Ms. Ramani showed the students what life was like 2000 years ago. Here is a picture of students dressing up like ancient Romans. It’s amazing to think that



so long ago, the Romans had running water, sewage systems, “central heat” and many of the amenities we think of as modern. In this activity, younger students had the chance to play hop-scotch, a game that goes back to the Roman Empire. Older students learned about Roman numerals and used them to work out some math problems.

**Italian Music & Dance:** Our music and dance classes are always one of the most fun, and this year’s was no exception. →

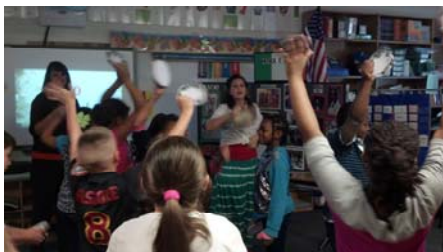
Next Year: **Passport to Kenya!**

Bringing the World to Life—One Child at a Time



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Miss Brigette provided a whirlwind tour of Italian music through the ages—including the first writing of musical notes and



notations, and the invention of the piano and violin.

Students had an opportunity to watch videos of famous opera singers, and learn that opera is popular with all ages in Italy. And, the best part of the lesson was learning to do the tarantella, the national dance of Italy, while using a tamborella.

**Italian Art:** Miss Lisa was back for her fourth year of teaching art—and this year was particularly meaningful for her because her roots are Italian. In this class, students learned their colors and



shapes in Italian, and were introduced to many famous Italian artists and art forms.

Younger students created a class mosaic using the colors and shapes they had learned (see picture above). Older children learned more about Leonardo Da Vinci and his mirror writing — then got to write their names backward and design their own fanciful machines.

**Italian Culture:** In this class students were “introduced” to Catarina from Milan, Armando from Venice, and Marco from Naples.



Miss Dora explained how the children and their families live, giving our students a better understanding of the similarities and differences between their own lives and those of the Italian children. They also learned an Italian song that is used to teach children their numbers from one (uno) to ten (dieci). The picture above shows students learning the song.

**Italian Festivals:** Every town, city, and village in Italy has its own festival, so we thousands of celebrations to choose from when developing this lesson. Miss Michele, whose family came from Italy, taught about three of the most famous: the Carnivale of Venice, the Palio di Sienna, and the Regatta of the Ancient Maritime Provinces.



Student learned about the amazing costumes and masks worn by the participants of the Carnivale—much like our own Mardi Gras. Ω

### Students at These Schools Took a Virtual Tour of Italy!

- AK Suter
  - Bratt
  - Byrneville
  - Dixon School of the Arts
  - Ensley
  - Escambia Westgate
  - Global Learning Academy
  - Gulf Breeze
  - Hellen Caro
  - Home School Groups
  - Jim Allen
  - Molino Park
  - Montclair
  - Montessori School of Pensacola
  - Myrtle Grove
  - NB Cook
  - Navy Point
  - Pensacola Beach
  - Oriole Beach
  - Scenic Heights
  - Warrington
- To make reservations for your school to participate in next year's Passport to Kenya, call Lee Hansen at 850-332-6404**

#### Passport to Italy Teachers

Jeanne Hooper—Head Teacher / Introduction

Lisa Burridge—Art & Architecture

Ramani Cantrell—Ancient Rome

Brigette Heye—Music & Dance

Dora Riesenberg—Culture

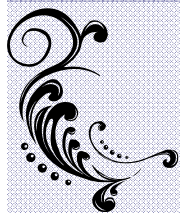
Michele Thomas—Festivals

Lorraine Laurie, Rita Kukuk, Joan Frary, Anita Solarski—Substitutes



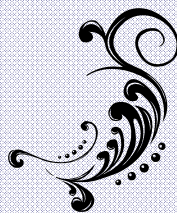


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We had three fabulous events to raise awareness of The Global Corner:

An Italian Wine Tasting

Our Annual Explorers' Luncheon & Silent Auction

&

A Sneak Peek at V. Paul's Italian Restaurant

### Festa del Vino Italiano!

Sponsored by The Global Corner

Friday, November 1st

6 to 8 pm

Pensacola Opera Center

Join us to learn about and sample the wines from seven distinctive regions of Italy - paired with delicious Italian fare.

Proceeds from this fun-filled evening will help support The Global Corner's "Passport to Italy" program in area elementary schools.

Reservations are limited so call or go online today.

\$35 Individual - \$60 Couple



To make reservations call 850-332-6404 or visit [www.theglobalcorner.org](http://www.theglobalcorner.org)



Our "Festa del Vino Italiano" took place on November 1st at the Pensacola Opera Center. It was a wonderful evening with wines from seven distinctive regions of Italy, paired with delicious Italian fare. A special thanks to our evening's sponsors:

**Mimmo Wine Distribution**

**Lillo's Tuscan Grille**

**Wine World**

**Publix**

**Bonnelli's Italian Café**

and to Ray Jones and Nick Geeker for sharing their Italian wine expertise with us.



The Global Corner

Explorers' Luncheon

&

Silent Auction

June 3rd, 2014

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**Thanks also to our**

**Guest Speaker—Dr. Kathy McGowan**

**And Essay Contest Winners:**

**Ansley Ballenger**

**Natalia Mercado**

We held our "Prima Visione" event after the end of the fiscal year, but our

"Sera da Gustare"

evening to savor—was all Italian!

The event celebrated the opening of Pensacola's newest Italian Restaurant—V. Paul's—and was our most successful event yet!

Evening Proudly Sponsored by:

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Students dance the *Tarantella*, the national dance of Italy during their visit from The Global Corner. Thanks to our supporters, more than seven thousand young explorers experienced a virtual adventure to *Italia* this year!