

Cheh Khabar?

WHAT'S NEW?

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**MIGRATION,
HUMAN
CIVILIZATION,
NOMADIC
LIFESTYLES,
TRAVEL,**

**& MODES OF
TRANSPORTATION.**

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THIS MONTH:

In August,
Golestan Kids will
learn about...

migration, human
civilization,
travel,

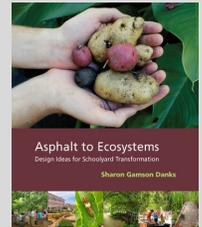
nomadic lifestyles,
& modes of
transportation.

In Fridays' Social Cultural studies, we will learn about Northern and Eastern Africa.

S P O T L I G H T O N T H E C O L A B

Golestan is excited to announce a new chapter in its collaboration with Green Schoolyards America (GSA). GSA will be moving into Golestan's new campus this fall, as an in-residence Colab member.

In the winter of 2016, the Directors of both nonprofit organizations were introduced to each other by a member of the Ashoka team. Golestan is an Ashoka Changemaker school while Sharon Danks, author of *Asphalt to Ecosystems* and Executive Director of GSA is an Ashoka Fellow. The two organizations began collaborating closely with each other when it became clear that their respective visions for the future of schoolyards were completely synergistic.



GSA focuses on shifting the landscape for school grounds at the systemic level by working on policy and high level organizational change, while Golestan uses its small school in the SF Bay Area as a model for the Colab - a branch of the organization that works with educators worldwide. Golestan has been the perfect partner for GSA to present a real-life example of a local school that incorporates the practices GSA hopes to bring as a standard in our country.

As an in-residence member of the Golestan Collaborative, GSA will have direct access to a campus that is in the middle of a dramatic transformation from 100% asphalt to a dynamic, natural living playscape and farm (including gathering Before and After site data). Both organizations will benefit from exposure to each other's collaborators and visitors. Sharon Danks is a trusted advisor; it will be tremendously helpful to have her onsite during phase 2 implementation of Golestan's new obstacle course and farm. Close proximity of these two organizations will further enhance opportunities for collaboration and long term impact.

For more information on Green Schoolyards America, [click here](#).

For more information on the Golestan Colab, [click here](#).



Click [Here](#)
to see what
Golestan kids
did in June!

FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES

1

FOR THE LOVE OF TRAINS!

Take Amtrak to the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento! Afterwards, check out the boats and the sights in Old Sacramento.

2

THE MANY FORMS OF TRAVEL

Take a ferry to San Francisco from Larkspur, Berkeley, Alameda, or Jack London Square. Tour the city by Muni, bus, cable car, or even by foot! Discuss how indigenous people in the East Bay might have crossed the bay before there were bridges. How long would it take? Then take BART home.

3

WHAT/WHO ARE IMMIGRANTS?

Talk about your heritage with your children, and how we're all immigrants except indigenous people. Discuss people who came to this country as slaves or refugees.

DIGEH CHEH KHABAR?!?

(WHAT ELSE IS NEW?!?)

As of September 1st, 2018, Golestan is considered an International Baccalaureate (IB) candidate school for the Primary Years Program (PYP).

IB World Schools share a common philosophy and a commitment to high-quality, challenging, international education. Golestan is expanding its dedication to global citizenship by immersing our students in multiple languages in our new elementary school. More information here.

For more information on the IB program, click here.



WISH LIST

PLASTIC & TERRA COTTA PLANTING POTS

We need as many used plastic and terra cotta pots we can find to transfer herbs, vegetables, and flowers from our garden to our new site. WE ALSO NEED PLANTS!

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NEW GENERATION
OF SCHOOLS**



WE HAVE THE VISION. WE HAVE THE PLAN. NOW WE NEED YOU.

**EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION
FOR AN EXPERIENTIAL WORLD:
GOLESTAN 2.0**

LEARN

HOW YOU CAN HELP
SHAPE THE FUTURE
OF OUR
ORGANIZATION!