

GLOBAL COMPASS

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DANCING TO THE SILENCE

By Ronald Graves

Have you ever been to a dance party without music blaring? Global Concepts Charter High School is turning this idea into an event to raise money for school activities.

It's called silent disco. It's been around since the 1990s, when it was used to reduce noise pollution. This event is also known as a silent party, headphone disco, wireless headphone party, silent rave, and

silent clubbing. It's becoming so popular that it has created its own industry with multiple companies offering to put on these events.

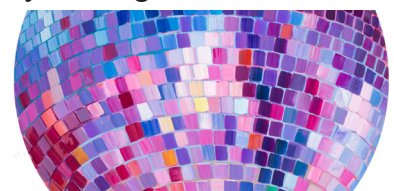
Gretchen Throm is the chorus teacher at Global Concepts and works with Neon-Entertainment in Buffalo to put on these types of events. So how does a silent disco work?

"Everyone gets one pair of headphones, and there's three channels on each set," Throm said. "Each of the three channels is playing a different set of songs. We try to keep them like different kinds of genres on each channel and the person with headphones on can switch between channel to channel. [The] music [they hear] is based on their preference of music."

The silent disco is an experience for all ages and it's fun to watch and enjoy. People can easily chat with friends using normal speaking volumes without loud music in the background.

Throm smiles when she thinks about past events she has done.

"I can hear their feet shuffling on the floor and it's hilarious to watch because you're not hearing the music," she said. "They're hearing the music [on their headset channel] and going along with the sound, such a fun and intense experience and, if you take your headphones off it just looks like a bunch of people are dancing with no sound, which could be very funny. But if you put the headphones on, it's a very immersive experience and it's really exciting."



The Global silent disco will take place on January 19th from 6-8pm in the Global Concepts High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$2 and can be purchased from the senior class or Senior class advisors, Stacey Klimczak and Nicole Atkins.

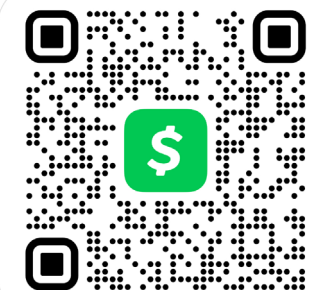
Extra money can be used to buy drinks at the dance. All proceeds will go toward funding future school events, including prom decorations. Only the first 75 students will be admitted.

SILENT DISCO 2024

\$2.00 Per Person, \$GlobalSeniors24, cash or cashapp

Only 75 Available so act fast

Senior Advisors: Mrs. Klimczak or Ms. Adkins



TEACHER OF THE YEAR



THE AWARD GOES TO...

By Spencer Lee and Stacey Klimczak

On the morning of Tuesday, December 12, 2023, Global Concepts K-8 P.E. teacher Tim Mondello opened his email to find more notifications than usual.

Congratulations!!

AMAZING!!!!!!!!

A well deserved honor!!!

I am so excited for you! There is no one more deserving of this award!

Just before these acknowledgements, K-8 principal Barry Schaub Jr. sent a notice that Mondello had been named Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year

in the Western Zone by the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (NYSAHPERD).

The honor was a surprise to Mondello, who is in his 21st year at Global Concepts. “I did not expect to get any awards [for teaching].”

Since Global Concepts Charter School came into existence in 2002, Mondello has been there. He has served as the physical education and health teacher for the elementary and middle schools the entire time and even had a stint as the K-8 athletic director.

“I think it’s great representing Global in a different way,” Mondello said. “Our program started with just me, and it’s progressed to have four Phys. Ed teachers, health teachers down here at our K-8 building. So, seeing it kind of progress from where it started to where it is now: the kids get P.E. every day, K-4, which is awesome, and that’s what they should have.”

According to the NYSAHPERD website, the Teacher of the Year Award “honors individuals for excellence in teaching and overall performance in the disciplines of physical education at the elementary, middle, and high school levels, adapted physical education, health education at the middle school and high school levels, and dance education.”

As far as what constituted Mondello receiving the award over other nominees, he does not know because he was nominated by another teacher. He just tries his best with the kids each and every day.

“I love being active; I love passing along what I love to do to younger kids,” he said. “[I enjoy getting] them involved in activities so they can be lifelong learners of that throughout their lives here, especially nowadays with a lot of sitting and gaming. I like to bring in a lot of different activities for the kids and keep them active as much as they can.”

NYSAHPERD will host an exclusive dinner in February to honor Mondello and other winners.

“I didn’t tell [my students] anything yet,” Mondello said. “I was kind of waiting for, like, the award [in hand].”

UPCOMING...

January

- 10 Boys Basketball 5:00 pm
- 12 Girls Basketball 5:00 pm
- 13 Basketball event 10:00 am
- 15 No Classes
- 17 Girls Basketball 5:15 pm
- 19 Silent Disco fundraiser \$2 6-8pm
- 19 Quarter 2 ends
- 30 Boys Basketball 5:00 pm
- 23-26 Regents Exams
- 31 Honor Roll breakfast

February

- 01-03 Robin Hood 7 pm \$5/\$2
- 13 Parent Financial Aid Meeting 5:30pm
- 15 Lackawanna HS Jazz Festival

March

- Music in the school month*
- 08 Faculty Recital @ MS