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Hello, pupils in Australia,

we are the GLOBE-Team of the Mittelschule Elsterberg in Germany.

Elsterberg is a small town with about 5000 citizens in the south-east of Germany, near the border to Czech Republic. In our school there are about 350 pupils aged between 11 and 17. If you want to know more about our town and our school, you can read something at the homepage (<http://www.elsterberg.de>).

Our school has taken part in the GLOBE-Program since December 1995. Pupils of our school have been collecting data since March 1st 1996. Every day we measure the air temperature, the precipitation and we observe the cloud cover.

In our team there are pupils from different classes. The pupils of every class have various tasks. We, 8 pupils of the 7th class, do the daily measurements. Every day, at the weekend and in the holidays, too, one or two pupils go to our weather station in the schoolcourt.

Five pupils of the 8th class measure the water temperature and the pH-value of a small pond weekly. And members of the 9th class collect soil measurements once a month. Some measurements are done during the normal lessons of biology, chemistry and geography. So all pupils of our school learn something about GLOBE.

Last year we started some activities to make the GLOBE-Program more famous

On July 3rd – 5th we organized a small GLOBE Learning Expedition like the great one in Helsinki. On this conference at our school took part pupils from 12 German schools. The pupils spoke about their experiences in the GLOBE-Program and learned new methods to collect data. A highlight was a video-conference to the participants of the GLOBE Learning Expedition in Helsinki.

On November 25th we organized a web-chat between the Saxon minister of education and American, Chinese and German pupils. The American general consul in Germany took part in this conference, too.

Another highlight for us was the translation of the 10 000th data to the GLOBE-server on December 10th. Beatrice and Susanne sent this data by a new Internet-radio-line to the USA.

This year we want to make a great party on the 5th anniversary of the start of the GLOBE-Program, the Earth day on April 22nd. We plan some activities around our school and in the WWW. Maybe we can hear some news from Australia on this day.

Good bye from Elsterberg/Germany to „Down under“

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