

International Baccalaureate

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What are Key Concepts?

The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (PYP) is driven by seven key concepts that give the inquiries direction and meaning.

The concepts that drive the PYP are **timeless** (factual examples change, but not the core understanding), **universal** (so students can apply understandings across cultures, situations disciplines) and **abstract** (so students engage in higher order thinking to grapple with central ideas)

The seven key concepts listed below help students make connections between subjects and skills. Take a look at the questions that our teachers use to explore ideas.

Form- *What is it like?*

Function-*How does it work?*

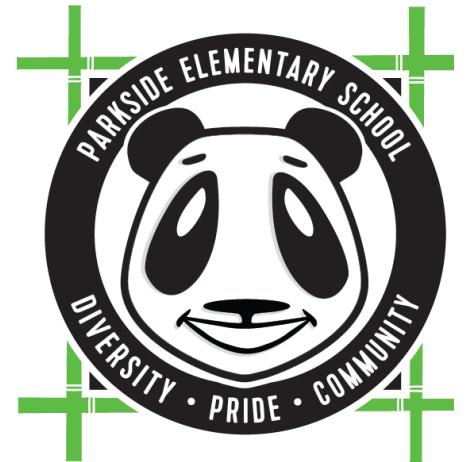
Change-*How is it transforming?*

Causation-*Why is it as it is?*

Connection-*How is it linked to other things?*

Perspective- *What are the points of view?*

Responsibility- *What are our obligations?*



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Attribute of the Month

Caring

Students who are **CARING** respect the needs and feelings of others and show concern for the world around them.

IB and SEL

Social and Emotional (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

Community Connections

How can parents help to develop the Learner Profile attribute of being Caring?

- ✓ Model caring behavior for your child.
- ✓ Point out to your child when you have noticed them helping others without being asked, using kind words, thinking of others, and doing nice things for others or the environment.
- ✓ Talk about ways you can be a caring member of our community.

IB Terms and Acronyms You Need to KNOW



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POI (Programme of Inquiry): The Program of Inquiry (POI) serves as a framework for our curriculum and illustrates the major concepts that students will be exploring. It is made up of six transdisciplinary themes that help students gain an understanding of themselves and the world around them.

UOI (Units of Inquiry): A unit of inquiry is a 4-8 week in-depth exploration of a concept. Students will inquire into a central idea or a main understanding by being guided by lines of inquiry and teacher questions.

Knowledgeable Contest

Wonderopolis.org is a great site for students to inquire and learn about different topics. This site is a place where natural curiosity and imagination leads to exploration and discovery in learners of all ages.

This month's challenge: Use wonderopolis.org to find the wonder of the day #2748 "Who Was Hank Aaron?"

The first Parkside IB Learner to submit one of the "Try It Out" activities to Mrs. Lowe will receive a special prize!

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