

# International Baccalaureate

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## What is transdisciplinary learning?

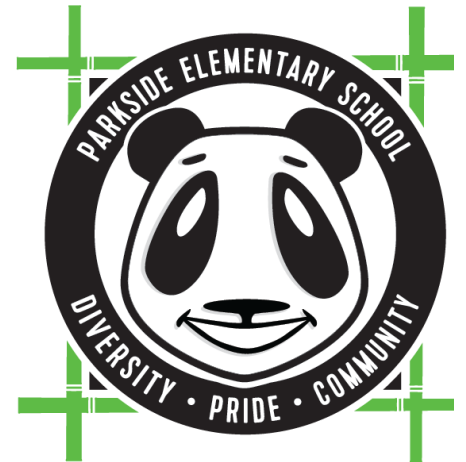
Through the IB PYP Programme's commitment to transdisciplinary learning, students learn to appreciate knowledge, conceptual understandings, skills and personal attributes as a connected whole.



The transdisciplinary themes, that are used to organize the curriculum, mark the starting point of student inquiries. They provide authentic and real-life contexts for students to explore and engage with rich dialogues and ongoing collaboration to build an understanding of themselves, their wider community and the world.

Students reflect on the significance of their learning to take meaningful action in their community and beyond. Through this process of learning in the PYP, students

become competent learners who have the cognitive, affective and social tools to engage in lifelong learning.



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## Learner Profile

### Attribute of the Month

## Communicator

Students who are **COMMUNICATORS** express their thoughts, share their feelings and listen to others.

## 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

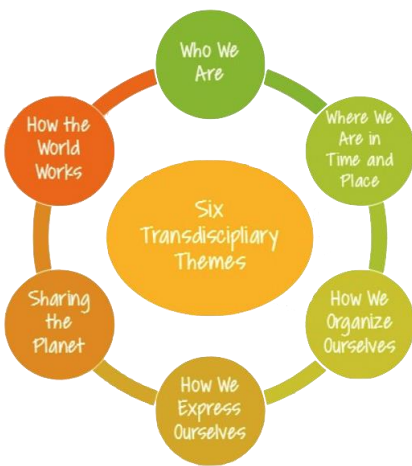
How can parents help to develop students who are **COMMUNICATORS** at home?

- ✓ Encourage your child(ren) stay in touch with relatives and friends who live in other countries by writing letters, using the phone or sending an email.
- ✓ Ask your child(ren) thought provoking questions and encourage them to discuss them with you. For example:
  - Is there anything that you cannot buy with money?
  - Why is the sky blue?
  - Is slime a liquid or a solid?
- ✓ Work with you child to improve his/her listening skills. Being a good listener is an important part of communicating with others.

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## IB Terms and Acronyms You Need to KNOW

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### Did you know?

You can learn more about IB and the PYP Programme by visiting the IB website at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org).

**Key Concepts** – concepts that drive the PYP that are timeless, universal, abstract and transferrable.

**Transdisciplinary Themes** – These themes provide students with the opportunity to incorporate local and global issues into the curriculum and effectively allow students to “step up” beyond the confines of learning within subject areas.

## 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 #1684 “**What is a mariachi band?**”

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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