

MAYS CLUSTER IB NEWSLETTER



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Dear Mays Cluster IB Community,

Thank you for taking the time to read our first edition of our Mays Cluster IB Newsletter.

The International Baccalaureate APS signature program is designed to provide students the opportunity to explore unique areas of study in preparation for specialized academic and future career opportunities. All students participating in our Signature Program receive targeted instruction that is both rigorous and relevant.

Beecher Hills Elementary

School-wide Action is our focus for this school year. In December, our Kindergarten students hosted a "Love Box" event. They sent out flyers to ask our students to create "Love Boxes" at home which included things that a homeless person needs on a daily basis. Students brought their Love Boxes to school and the Kindergarten Team delivered them to a homeless shelter. In January, our 4th Grade students will provide food to children that are in orphanages in Haiti. Students will rally to collect foods like rice, beans and any other non-perishable items. Be on the lookout for the flyer and join with us as we help an orphanage in Haiti!

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Cascade Elementary



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We are IB Tiger Strong in the Tiger's Den! Our family and community activities have connected, educated, and empowered us all. We became World Wide travelers for our **IB Passport Around the World Night** while we laughed till we cried during our **IB Riotous Reading Night**. Tiger scholars shopped till they dropped with **Earn2Give** then chatted and chewed a while with their parents over some good books for our **Pastries with Parents** event. What's next you ask? Our IB verification visit on January 26th and 27th. Stay tuned...

L. P. Miles Elementary

Miles Elementary is forging away on our mission of becoming an IB Authorized School. Students and Staff displayed being **Principled** and wore the color blue to bring awareness to Human Trafficking Prevention. Our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes are discovering Inquiry through play. International-mindedness is central to the IB mission and Miles Tigers will be celebrating Chinese New Year inside the den. The concept of **Perspective** was explored as we celebrated the 100th day of school.



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Peyton Forest Elementary

At Peyton Forest, we focus school-wide on one learner profile attribute per month. Our Learner Profile Attribute January focus is Courageous. Students who are **Courageous** thoughtfully consider new experiences with bravery and determination, meeting challenges with resilience. They have the bravery to tell people what they think is right. Peyton Forest is currently an IB Candidate school, on the journey to become IB authorized. At Peyton Forest, we are working to build teacher capacity as well as create stronger coherent IB Units of Inquiry to enhance our Curriculum and Instruction.



West Manor Elementary

West Manor is gearing up for 5th grade exhibition. The unit focus is Where We Are In Place and Time. The central idea is: Significant events change history. Our fifth grade students are researching issues that include gun violence, environmental waste, and social media. They will be presenting their projects face to face on February 17. It will also be available online.



Jean Childs Young Middle

Young MS is an IB Candidate School and the theme for SY' 2022-2023 is "Rebuilding The Legacy 2.0". In March 2023 they will have their consultancy visit, as they prepare for Authorization Fall 2023. JCY implements several IB PLCs & Unit Building Workshops each month to prepare for IB Curriculum and Instruction. As well, each month Young MS hosts an IB Learner Profile Celebration to honor students who embodied the Learner Profile Attribute of the month. December's LPA was Open-Minded and nominated students will celebrate on January 20th. January's LPA is Risk-taker and nominated students will celebrate on January 17th.



Benjamin E. Mays High

Benjamin E. Mays High School is an Middle Years Program Candidate School. BEMHS will participate in it's consultation visit in March 2023 along with its partnership school, Jean Childs Young Middle School. As an authorized IB Career-Program school and soon to be Middle Years Program, students in the Mays Cluster will be afforded the opportunity to receive a K-12 IB education. Students will be fully immersed in an educational program that aims to develop culturally aware students who can think critically and engage in an increasingly global society.



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