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### A Message from Dr. V.

Fickett Family,  
We are off to an amazing year at the BEST SCHOOL in the CITY OF ATLANTA? I have observed some awesome things going on all ready. I would also like to thank you again for helping us become an IB World School! We did it and I value and appreciate each of you more than you will ever know. Please find some important dates below. Wednesday, September 21, we will be celebrating International Day of Peace. The Theme this year is "End Racism. Build Peace." Our IB Authorization celebration is scheduled for Friday, September 30th. We will continue to discuss and finalize the logistics in IB planning. National Hispanic Heritage Month is going on. Ms. Woods and Ms. Anglin have created tasks/announcements around that. Also, student led conferences will take place the week before fall break (October 3-8). So start scheduling conferences now. Together, lets keep our eyes on the prize, which is overall student achievement.

Please find below possible videos to share with students when introducing the IB Learner Profile Attribute "Thinker."

[Video One](#)   [Video Two](#)   [Video Three](#)

### IB Learners of the Month

Please begin observing and selecting your IB Learner for the Month of September. Many of you also allow the students to participate in the selection process, which is amazing. This student should be able to explain what it means to be "Thinker" and the importance of being a Thinker. Please submit student names and a grade level picture by September 26th.

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### IB Look-Fors this Month

- All grade levels implementing their first unit. Please collect great artifacts. This is the unit that we will highlight during our first curriculum night.
- Using provocations and key concepts question stems to get students engaged in conceptual and inquiry-based learning.
- Making connections across the content areas to the Transdisciplinary Theme, Central Idea, Key Concepts and Lines of Inquiry.

***IBO Mission and Vision***

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

**IB Learner Profile of the Month**  
**"THINKER"**

**IB Learners think critically and creatively to solve problems and make responsible decisions.**

***Student descriptors***

- Using what they know to solve problems on my own
- Solving problems in different ways
- Making decisions that are fair for everyone
- Building on other people's ideas
- Making connections
- Transferring information into different areas
- Applying thinking skills to make reasoned, ethical decisions

**Provocation question stems to promote "CRITICAL THINKING"**

Who would be affected by this?  
What would happen if.....?  
When did this change?  
Where can this be improved?  
How would you solve this?

Why is this important? Can you provide an example?

**Quote of the Week:** "Nothing is as it seems, but something is everything it is made out to be."  
– Carroll Bryant

