

PYP UPDATE



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"When teachers create 'curiosity' in their classrooms, kids start to wonder...when they wonder, they want to learn."

-Rick Wormeli

What's New?

Plymouth students, parents and staff enjoyed a visit from Ms. Cheryl Levy, a professional storyteller, on January 23. Students heard a variety of stories focusing on the theme of Taking Action. Mrs. Levy shared with the students the many ways they can make a positive difference in the world. Be sure to ask your child about this wonderful experience.

Also the fifth grade students and teachers are busy preparing for Exhibition, the culmination of their PYP experience. It is a demonstration of what it means to be a PYP student and asks students to apply what they have learned and who they have become throughout their PYP journey.

Plymouth will host their first annual Exhibition on Thursday, March 2, 2017 from 6:00pm-7:30pm @ Plymouth. All students and parents are invited to attend and celebrate the fifth graders' learning through this process.



Exhibition

The PYP Exhibition is underway in the fifth grade at Plymouth. This is an exciting time in the life of a PYP student. Listed below are the *Top Ten Things You Should Know about Exhibition*:

- Exhibition takes place in the students' last year of their PYP schooling.
- Exhibition is a practice that must be completed in every IB World School.
- Each grade level has responsibility in supporting and growing students who can be successful during the Exhibition process...being able to utilize the five essential elements of the PYP.
- Each school may structure the Exhibition according to the needs of the students and school community.
- Schools will follow the "musts" in the Exhibition guidelines (IBO 2009).
- Exhibition is a student-driven, collaborative project that highlights students' passions while allowing them to explore a stance.
- Mentors (including school community members) support students as they work through the stages of Exhibition.
- Taking action is a fundamental part of Exhibition which occurs throughout the process of Exhibition, but may not be evident until after the completion of Exhibition.
- The Exhibition process is far more meaningful than the final product.
- Exhibition is the summative assessment of an IB PYP World School's entire programme.

February: Learner Profile/Attitudes

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Caring-Encourage your child to show compassion and respect toward the needs of others. Encourage them to make a positive impact on others and the environment.

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Appreciation-Discuss with your child the wonder and beauty of the world and its people. Share the many things you are grateful for and encourage your child to do the same. Share a book, such as Belonging, by Jennie Baker or One World, by Michael Foreman.