
IBMYP Newsletter April/May 2019

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Dear IBMYP Community,

Thank you for taking the time to read the sixth edition of the 2018-2019 IB Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) newsletter. I hope that you find this newsletter informative! My goal is to improve the understanding of the IB MYP as we continue to implement the International Baccalaureate Programme here at North Atlanta High School.

Why is it important to reflect? Reflecting is an essential act that both students and teachers should engage in daily. Reflecting may enhance meaning, promote insight and learning, and link new experiences to previous learning. To reflect, we must evaluate, judge, analyze, and synthesize information. IB values reflectiveness as an IB learner profile attribute. Furthermore, reflecting on our own ideas and the ideas of others, strengthens our international-mindedness. I will take time to evaluate the reflections I have detailed this year in order to support the growth of MYP at NAHS.

Thank you,

Dr. Nikia Showers
IB MYP and Personal Project Coordinator

IB Learner Profile

April's Learner Profile Attribute of the Month is **Balanced**. We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives – intellectual, physical, and emotional – to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with others people and with the world we live.

May's Learner Profile Attribute of the Month is **Reflective**. We thoroughly consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

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Upcoming Events

April 22- May 24

EOC and DP testing

May 21

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

May 21-24

Final Exam

May 24

Last Day of School

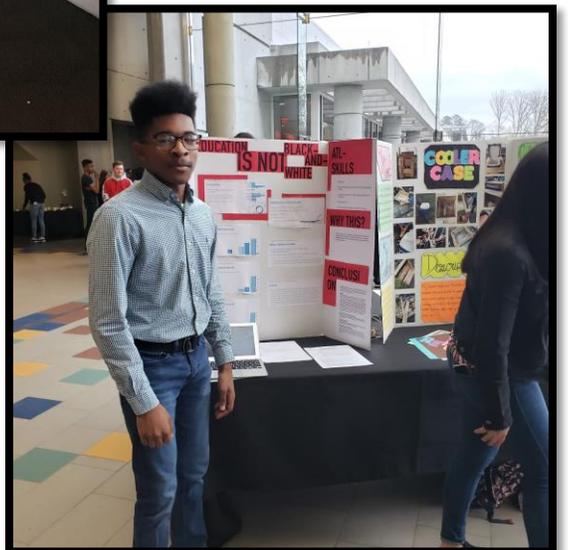
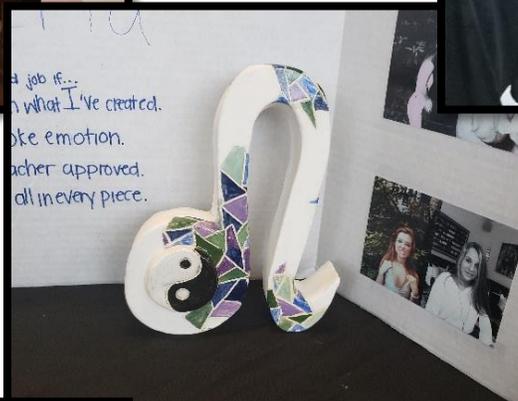
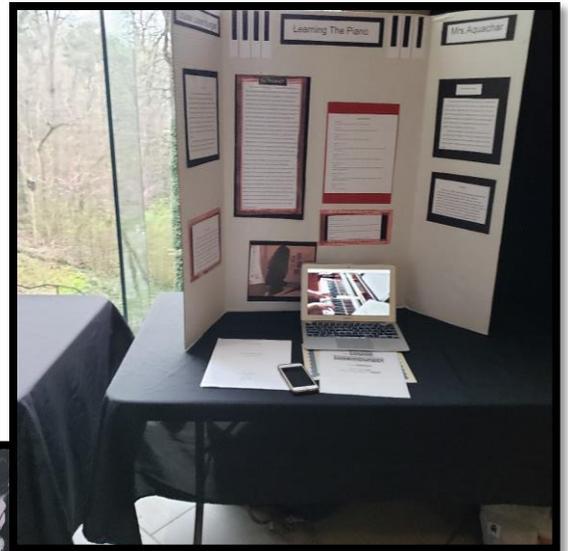


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Teaching and Learning

Middle Years Programme: 3rd Annual IB Showcase

During the 3rd annual IB Showcase on March 26th, both IB DP and IB MYP students presented their hard work to family, friends, and faculty. The DP students showcased the rigor, depth, and breadth of the DP program while MYP students showcased their personal and independent projects, such as building a cooler case, creating a book club, constructing the North Atlanta High building from Legos, and designing up-cycled clothing. We are very proud of our students and we cannot wait until next year's showcase!



Global Awareness- The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

The internationally-minded IB student is a critical and creative thinker. They engage in global ideas and issues with humanity and compassion. The world can be unpredictable and challenging at times, but the IB student can break down problems and make ethical, reasoned and balanced arguments based continual development.-- ibo.org. For the month of May, engage in global based activities to better understand the world around us.

Reflection/Inquiry Question

How can we cherish cultural diversity?

What do we need to understand about culture?

How can we develop respect for other cultural point of view?

How should development affect culture?

Know

Three-quarters of the world's major conflicts have a cultural dimension.

Bridging the gap between cultures is **urgent** and **necessary** for peace, stability and development. Cultural diversity is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional, moral and spiritual life. Cultural diversity is thus an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development.

At the same time, acceptance and recognition of cultural diversity – in particular through innovative use of media and Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) – are conducive to dialogue among civilizations and cultures, respect and mutual understanding- www.un.org

Think/Communicate

Ten simple things YOU can do to celebrate the Day- www.un.org

1. Visit an art exhibit or a museum dedicated to other cultures.
2. Invite a family or people in the neighborhood from another culture or religion to share a meal with you and exchange views on life.
3. Rent a movie or read a book from another country or religion than your own.
4. Invite people from a different culture to share your customs.
5. Read about the great thinkers of other cultures than yours (e.g. Confucius, Socrates, Avicenna, Ibn Khaldun, Aristotle, Ganesh, Rumi).
6. Go next week-end to visit a place of worship different than yours and participate in the celebration.
7. Play the "stereotypes game." Stick a post-it on your forehead with the name of a country. Ask people to tell you stereotypes associated with people from that country. You win if you find out where you are from.
8. Learn about traditional celebrations from other cultures; learn more about Hanukkah or Ramadan or about amazing celebrations of New Year's Eve in Spain or Qingming festival in China.
9. Spread your own culture around the world through our Facebook page and learn about other cultures.
10. Explore music of a different culture.