

IBMYP Newsletter May 2017

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Dear IBMYP Community,

Thank you for taking the time to read the ninth edition of the 2016-2017 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
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IB Learner Profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world. The 10 attributes are **Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced,** and **Reflective.**

The 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.

Upcoming Events

May 1

IB exams continue

May 19

Final Exams begin

May 21

World Day for Cultural Diversity for
Dialogue and Development

May 25

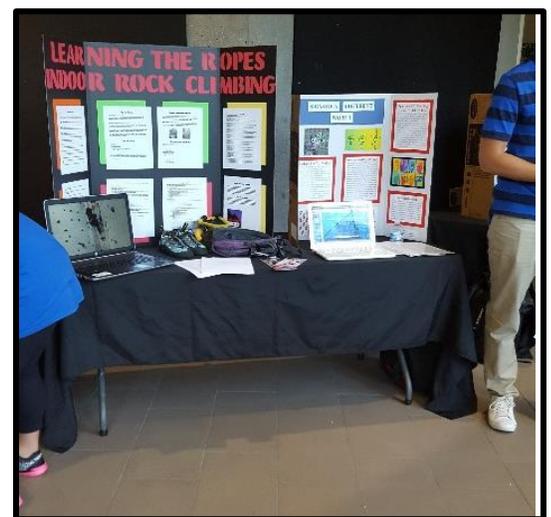
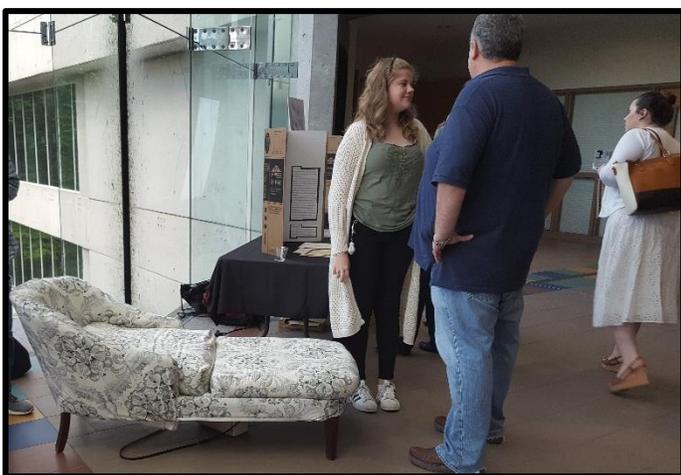
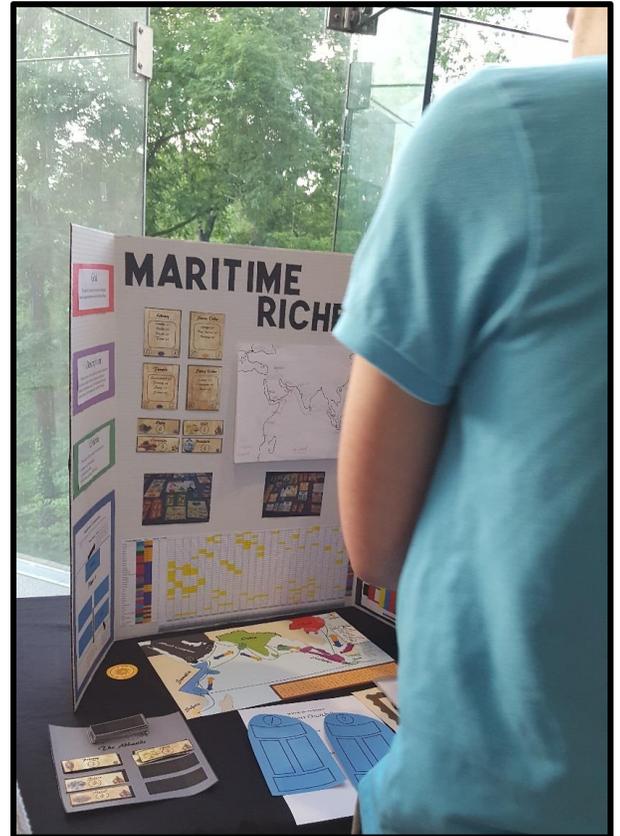
Last Day of School



Teaching and Learning

IB Spotlight: 1st Annual IB Showcase

During the 1st annual IB showcase on April 27th, 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 learning sign language, building a computer, creating anti-bullying campaign, and whittling a baseball bat. We are very proud of our students and we cannot wait until next year's showcase!



Global Awareness- May

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.