

IB NEWSLETTER

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Fernbank is an IB authorized school implementing the Primary Years Program (PYP) since 2008.

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Teachers use a variety of tools for learning in a PYP Classroom

The unit of inquiry, Who We Are, is a natural start at the beginning of the year for most grade levels at our school. This unit primarily focuses on different beliefs, values, and human relationships.

Students learn best when provided with tools that allow them to express their unique ideas in a variety of ways. For the past month, our Kindergarten students have explored an understanding of their classroom and school community through a variety of read aloud stories, classroom brainstorming charts, team building activities, think-pair-share exercises, and collaboration projects. These strategies give students an opportunity to extend and challenge their original thoughts and ideas in a PYP classroom.

As a culminating activity, students will design a friendship book to show their relationships with friends. In the book, students will use pictures of their friends in class with drawings and/or words to describe their relationships with classmates. They will show what it means to be a kind friend and may also dictate how they care for their friends. Teachers will support them by writing their words on the books.

The International Friends Potluck Dinner

It is an annual tradition at Fernbank to celebrate our extraordinary cultural diversity through the International Friends Potluck Dinner. Families are invited to join in with the International Baccalaureate and the Spanish Enrichment Committees to sample foods from all over the world. We celebrated with music and entertainment.



The IB Mission Statement

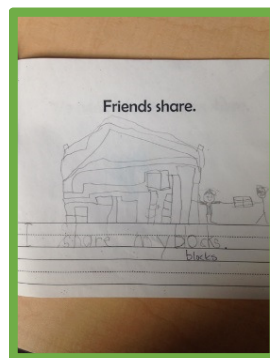
The International Baccalaureate Program aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. The organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment. Our program focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer and is defined by six transdisciplinary themes of global significance.

Kindergarten Students of the Month



What's happening in the ...Kindergarten Classes

Our IB theme, "Who We ARE," gives us an opportunity to explore the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; and rights and responsibilities. In the, "Let's Be Friends," unit of study, the Kindergarten students are learning that "Friendship grows from caring and sharing with others."



"Here are some pictures from our IB Friendship Theme, 'Let's Be Friends.' In some photos the students are working with a friend to draw a picture showing a way to make a friend. The pictures were put together to make a class poster. Other pictures are from our project of making Friendship Fruit Salad. Each child brought a piece of fruit to add to the salad."

~Kindergarten Team

