

IB NEWSLETTER

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

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What's unique to an IB classroom?

Teachers encouraging student collaboration and inquiry make every classroom a special place for IB. PYP teachers provide learning experiences that allow students to construct deeper meaning of concepts explored in the classroom.

In order to participate in this innovative and effective learning environment, the classroom must first establish essential agreements that all students agree upon. It models the framework for the learning community, displaying the value of student input and feedback as part of the learning process. The essential agreements are constantly addressed and revised when necessary. Each class creates their unique set of essential agreements to allow for efficient planning and collaboration.

Ask your child about their classroom essential agreements and what part they suggested to their classmates.



The Hispanic Heritage Month

celebration runs from September 15th through October 15th. Students will experience a Latin Dance presentation and enjoy rich cultural diversity through music in the cafeteria.

What is the Primary Years Program?

The IB Primary Years Program (PYP) is a curriculum framework designed for students 3 to 12 years of age. It focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer both in the classroom and beyond. The curriculum is defined by six transdisciplinary themes of global significance, explored using knowledge and skills derived from six subject areas, with a powerful emphasis on inquiry-based learning.

Learn more about IBPYP at www.ibo.org.



IB Student of the Month (SOTM) for September is Principled

Student of the Month is similar to character of the month. Students are selected in their classes and their names are shared during the morning announcements. Counselors educate the nominees about the Learner Profile titles and how their teachers and friends recognized their amazing attributes. Group pictures are displayed on the grade's hallway.

What's happening in the ...Pre- Kindergarten Class

Our IB theme, **"How We Organize Ourselves,"** gives us an opportunity to explore human systems and communities; the world of work, its value; employment and unemployment and their impact on us and the world around us. In their "I Can Be Anything" unit of study, the Pre-K students are learning that "Everyone is unique with qualities that make us special."



Mrs. Seferovic's Pre-K Class and their Essential Agreements

"We agree to use soft voices, share, take turns, and clean-up."



Even Shelly, the Pre-K class pet, enjoys story time from Riley.

Meta writes a special letter to her mom as she follows the steps in "how to write a letter."

