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IB: Primary Years Program Update

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WHAT IS PYP?

PYP represents the words Primary Years Program. The PYP includes students in Kindergarten through Fifth grade. Learning in the PYP is guided by inquiry and students are encouraged to connect their learning to real world situations.

Current Units of Inquiry

Kindergarten:
Planet Pleasers

1st Grade:
Can You Find Me Now?

2nd Grade:
What Lies Ahead?

3rd Grade:
Energize Me/
Water World

4th Grade:
Do You Hear What I Hear?

5th Grade:
Changing Minds/
Blood and Gore

The Next Units of Inquiry

Kindergarten: "Rain or Shine"

An inquiry into **Where We Are in Place and Time**—Kindergartners will be exploring how people and animals adapt differently to weather changes throughout the year.



1st Grade: "Seasons"

An inquiry into **How the World Works** – First graders will be discovering how changes in the environment occur with each season.



2nd Grade: "Gone with the Wind"

An inquiry into **How the World Works**—Second graders will delve into the world of natural disasters and how they impact everyday life.



3rd Grade: "The Market Place"

An inquiry into **How We Organize Ourselves**—Third graders will be exploring how relationships between communities are based on needs and resources.



4th Grade: "Local Government"

An inquiry into **How We Organize Ourselves**—Fourth graders will be investigating the systems of government and how they are put in place to maintain organization.



5th Grade: "Discovering the Earth's Biomes"

An inquiry into **How We Organize Ourselves**—Fifth graders will be discovering the characteristics and locations of the Earth's biomes/ecosystems.



Our Primary Years Program is Authorized!!!

Since the opening of York International in 2006, we have been working to become an authorized International Baccalaureate School. In April we received news that our hard-work has paid off. We received authorization to offer the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.

IB commended our school for being clearly committed to the IB principles. Our administration, IB Coordinator and faculty were recognized for providing a safe, secure, and stimulating environment based on understanding and respect. They observed, as we do on a daily basis, that "Students are eager to attend school each day and are comfortable and ready and willing to learn." Our commitment to the program was evident through our daily planning, the creation of our Program of Inquiry and the content of our grade level units of inquiry.

The support of our parents and community were an essential part of the authorization process. The authorization team recognized that there is a strong sense of pride at York among teachers, parents and students. We will be asking for your involvement and input as we continue to develop and refine the program in our school.