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2023 ROBERTS MYP UPDATE

An update for the Roberts MYP community





Dear Roberts MYP community

Happy New School Year, Roberts!

Thank you for taking the time to read this first edition of the 2023-2024 IB Middle Years Programme (IB MYP) newsletter. I hope that you find this newsletter informative! This bimonthly newsletter aims to improve the understanding of the IB Middle Years Programme and supports continued implementation of IB program at Roberts.

Elsie Roy, Lord Roberts and King George Secondary are part of the Downtown Family of Schools. Students in the 6th and 7th grade are in IB's Middle Years Programme. They are required to engage in inquiry-based learning in 8 subject areas: Language and Literature, Mathematics, Sciences, Individuals and Societies, Language Acquisition, Physical and Health Education, Design, and Arts. If you would like to know more about Roberts IB MYP Programme, please visit our school website. Our primary focus is on educational objectives, ensuring that students attain the highest quality IB education achievable within the limitations of our school setting.

IB students are the innovators,



thinkers and leaders of tomorrow With a focus on culture and



community, IB students enhance their understanding



of the world
IB program
refines student
problem solving
skills

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IB GLOBAL NEWS!

The International Baccalaureate (IB) hosted its third IB Global and Heads World Conferences concurrently in Dublin, Ireland, from 5th to 8th October 2023 for over 1,700 participants from 101 countries. The conferences' theme, "Education for an inclusive future," centred on the evolving educational landscape and required critical conversations among educators and leadership to promote progress and innovation in learning and teaching. Participants also had the chance to attend over 95 insightful sessions to gain new perspectives on teaching practices and updates to IB programmes. Published 09 October 2023

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The IB is thrilled to announce

that 101 projects representing over 300 young individuals from 48 countries have received the Global Youth Action Fund award, totalling over 230,000 USD in student grant funding. The award is designed to recognize and empower students who are taking the lead to address pressing global challenges, at IB World Schools and beyond.

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The Primary Years Programme (PYP) and Middle-Years Programme (MYP) have been recognized by the Australia Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to meet the principles outlined in the Australian Curriculum, highlighting how IB's framework empowers students to become confident and



creative individuals, successful learners, and active and informed community members.

Learner Profiles for September and October

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 learner profile attributes are Inquirers, Knowledgeable, Thinkers, Communicators, Principled, Open-Minded, Caring, Risk-takers, Balanced, and Reflective.



The Learner Profile Attribute for the month of September was **Caring.** Students are caring when they show empathy, compassion and respect. They have a commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around them.

The Learner Profile Attribute for the month of October is **Inquirer.** Students nurture their curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. They know how to learn independently and with others. Students learn with enthusiasm and sustain their love of learning throughout life.

As an Inquirer, I ask a variety of questions.I show persistence, I don't give up easily when seeking answers.I have a genuine appreciation for learning for its own sake.I use all senses fully. I conduct research independently.

Making the MYP Connection at School

At Roberts, students learn and practice the many ways we care and inquire. Specific standards for caring and respectful behaviour and guidelines for unacceptable language and conduct are established. Students are encouraged to think about why certain words and actions can be



hurtful. Students are enlisted to establish the standards and to hold each other accountable.

Through inquiry, Roberts works to



ignite passion, inspire relevance, and develop ownership in their students. Using student inquiries and questions as guidance, teachers develop lessons that engage and excite, teaching their students to be active thinkers rather than passive learners.

Making the MYP Connection at Home

So how can you successfully encourage your child to be caring and be curious about the world around them?

• Encourage your child to stay in touch with relatives and friends who live in other locations by writing letters, using the phone or sending emails.



- Ask about what your child is learning in class.
- Support and encourage interest and curiosity by following up with activities at home.
- Encourage and practice good communication skills such as starting conversations and debates about current events.
- Help your kids develop research skills online and from text.
- Enjoy building projects together in the home.







Coming Soon ...

Grouse Mountains Field Trip... Yes! Our MYP students will be going to the Grouse Mountains soon. Planning is in progress more details to come home soon.

