



**Wildcat PYP
Newsletter**
IB PYP Candidate School

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Welcome Back Wildcats!

IB Candidate School Primary Years Program

Copeland is an IB Candidate school offering the Primary Years Program.

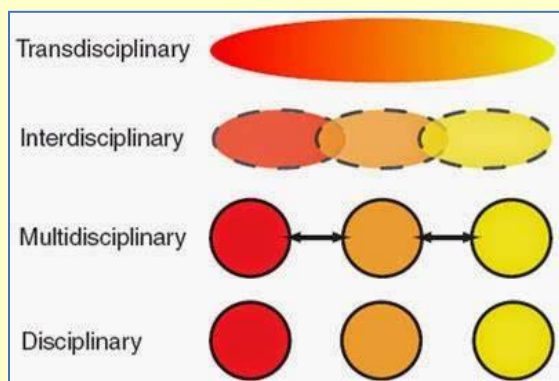
What is an IB education?

The IB is an international curriculum focused on developing the whole child; academically, socially, emotionally and physically.

IB learners strive to become inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced and reflective. These attributes are known as the Learner Profile and represent a broad range of human capacities and responsibilities that go beyond academic success.

The PYP is a transdisciplinary program which means that all subjects are intertwined to create a more realistic, holistic educational environment. Learning is taught through six globally significant themes:

1. Who we are
2. Where we are in place and time
3. How we express ourselves
4. How we organize ourselves
5. How the world works
6. Sharing our Planet

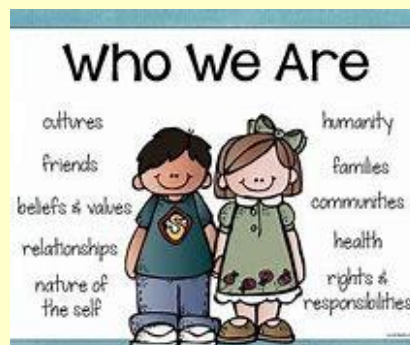


The Benefit of the PYP

"Designed for students age 3-12, the IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) provides the knowledge, concepts, skills personal attributes and the capacity to take action, all of which younger students need to equip them for successful lives, both now and in the future." (ibo.org 2019)

POI – Program of Inquiry

In the PYP, lessons are grouped into Units. There are a total of six units for grades 1-5 and a total of four units for Pre-K and Kindergarten. The units are categorized under one of the six transdisciplinary themes. You will find the POI (Program of Inquiry) posted at the front of the school as well as on the website. The POI is our curriculum map. For our first unit of inquiry, we are looking at the theme 'Who we are'. Who we are is an inquiry into self, one's beliefs and values as well as one's health and relationships. 'Who we are' provides a foundation for students to begin learning rituals and routines within the learning environment.



Who We Are – Unit One

Inquiry into the nature of self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships, including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.

Learner Profile of the Month

The Learner Profile is at the heart of the IB Program. Each month we will feature a different Learner Profile and celebrate students who exemplify that character trait. This month's Learner Profile is:

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We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

Reminders to Students

- Practice social distancing – follow the paths marked on the floor.
- Wear a mask in all common areas.
- Wash your hands with soap for 20 seconds often.



Reminders to Parents

1. Encourage social distancing practices.
2. Students must wear a mask
3. There is a new app for following your child's bus. Please download StopFinder
4. School supply lists are available on our school website
5. Stay informed. Text @h66k78 to 81010 or email h66k78@mail.remind.com

This Month's Highlights

CANVAS – Creating an observer account

Parents have the ability to view their student's course content as an observer in the course. To get started you must have the following:

1. To create an account and link to your student, your student must first log into Canvas <https://rcboe.instructure.com> on a computer (not a mobile device) with their Richmond County email and password.
2. Once logged in, the student will navigate to Account in the top left menu and click on settings. From settings, you will click on the Pair with an Observer button on the right side to generate a pairing code to share with the parent who is creating an observer account (or who will be adding the student or an existing observer account)
3. The student must be enrolled in courses before you can join as an observer.

Upcoming Events

Sep 21 – Oct 08 Elementary Fall Parent Conference Window

Sep 29 Progress Reports

Oct 08 – Early Release/Parent Conferences

Oct 09-12 – Student/Teacher Fall Break

Oct 26 – End of the first quarter

Oct 27 – Beginning of the second quarter

Wildcats Appreciate...

First Baptist Church of Augusta for being Copeland's sponsor and supporting our students, teachers and community!