



Wildcat PYP Newsletter



Upcoming Events

- December – Universal Human Rights Month
- Dec 1-20 – Holiday Food Drive (Promising Pearls)
- Dec 12 – Picture Day
- Dec 13 – Student of the Month Breakfast 8³⁰-9³⁰
- Dec 15 – Holidays Around the World
- Dec 20 – Early Release
- Dec 21- Jan 3 – Holiday Winter/Christmas Break
- Jan 4 – No School Teacher Workday

We're on the Web!

<https://www.rcboe.org/copeland>



Did you know!?

iReady Reading & Math utilizes personalized instruction that students can practice at home by logging into their iReady account.

Learning at Home: Inquiry Through Play

Play-based learning is one of the most fundamental and impactful forms of learning in a person's life. "Play transcends cultural, socio-economic and political boundaries and is universal in impacting children positively" ~The Lego Foundation, 2018. Play has a positive effect on a student's skills, health, and wellbeing.

Here are some suggestions for inquiry through play that you can try at home. Be guided by your child - what are they curious about at home? E.g. your child is curious about the kitchen cupboards and why things in there are made of different materials. Or why soap creates bubbles. They love dressing up and role playing or building things from cardboard and tape. These are opportunities to see how play is learning as you follow your child's ideas.



Role-play dressing up- Put a box of clothes and shoes out and see what characters your child decides to become. Help them to make any 'accessories' they need from card or paper. Characters from recent stories you have read with your child might well pop up, or ones they have seen on the television. This can lead to a storytelling or drama session.

Making caves- Old cardboard boxes can make a great cave or playhouse for children. They can be used to make tunnels too. If you don't have boxes, a blanket over the table is a good alternative. A torch can spark curiosity about night and day, or light and dark. Or maybe you get invited to a picnic under the table.

<https://resources.ibo.org/pyp/worksheets/11162-51464?lang=en>

How many IB Learner Profile traits are there?





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IB Learner Profile of the Month:



The 411

Did you know that Copeland has several policies that will help parents and stakeholders better understand the IB Program at Copeland?

Admissions Policy – Grading Philosophy and Process

Inclusion Policy – Special Education

Language Policy – Development of Language

Technology Policy – Roll of technology

Child Protection Policy – Ensuring the safety of our students

Admissions Policy – Enrollment requirements

Academic Honesty Policy – Safe and fair use

Policies are located on the website under the Parent tab – IB World School – IB Policies

Ways You Could Support Your Child as a PYP Parent

As an essential member of your child’s learning community, you play an important role helping them take their learning deeper. There are 5 simple ways you can support your child’s learning at home. Whether it is the more formal learning connected to their schooling, or the incidental, unplanned learning through play, exploration, and life experience; these 5 strategies will help you, help your child become a lifelong learner. In November, we wrote about “taking an inquiry stance” as strategy one. Here is strategy two for the month of December:

Support conceptual understanding

- a. Value Process
 - i. How did you do that?
 - ii. Why did you do that?
 - iii. What strategy did you use?
- b. Harness the Power of Key Concepts (These questions work for everything and every time.)
 - i. Form: What does it look like?
 - ii. Function: How does it work?
 - iii. Connection: How is it connected to other things?
 - iv. Change: How does change?
 - v. Causation: Why is it like that? Why is it the way it is?
 - vi. Perspective: What are the different points of view?
 - vii. Responsibility: What are our responsibilities?

Iborganization. “International Education.” *International Baccalaureate*®, <https://ibo.org/>.

The Learner Profile, Inquirer

Students who are inquirers nurture their curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. They know how to learn independently and with others. They learn with enthusiasm and sustain their love of learning throughout life. IB students regularly seek new knowledge as well as question the world around them and how it works. IBO.ORG

Ways Parents Can Help to Develop Students Who Are Inquires at Home

- Visit places that spark inquiry like a museum, park or nature preserve.
- Explore the areas of your child’s interest by visiting the library to borrow books.
- Develop an understanding of the Internet. Work with your son or daughter when the Internet is being used and try to instill the understanding that some internet sites are not reputable.
- Model being an inquirer. Ask questions and wonder!
- Praise your child for asking a question
- Have your child jot down their wonders in a journal. Spend time researching these wonders!

“Ib Learner Profile: Inquirer.” *Smore*, 3 June 2020, <https://www.smores.com/hf3nr-ib-learner-profile-inquirer>.