



Primary Years Programme

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The International Baccalaureate (IB) articulates the foundation of what it means to be an IB World School through the *Standards and Practices*. As an authorized IB World School, we are evaluated by the IB on our successes in the implementation of these *Standards and Practices*. One practice requires that we participate in the IB world community. In the PYP, we are fulfilling this practice in several ways:

- The Kindergarten and Second grade classes will be connecting with students and teachers from Farmington Woods Elementary (a PYP school located in Cary, North Carolina) to participate in the Global Read Aloud. Kindergarten teachers will be reading stories by author Amy Krouse Rosenthal to the students. Second grade teachers will read aloud *The Year of Billy Miller* by Kevin Henkes. Throughout the month of October, our students will engage in online reading response collaborations with the students at Farmington Woods. [Click here for further information on the Global Read Aloud.](#)
- On Tuesday, September 29, several PYP Staff members represented Westlake Academy at the North Texas PYP Roundtable. This experience provided Stephanie Alexander (Kindergarten), Lynette Cardamone (Second Grade), and Tonja Taylor (Fourth Grade) the opportunity to share their PYP Units of Inquiry with other IB PYP Schools from the DFW area. Roundtables provide an enriching experience for PYP educators to discuss learning experiences, gain new ideas, and connect with area schools.

Please continue to visit our websites for current classroom happenings and reminders. A link to each website can be found by visiting [my website](#).

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