

Norterra Canyon School DVUSD

IB MYP NEWSLETTER

February, 2021



Welcome to the IB MYP Newsletter!

Greetings to all our IB MYP parents, guardians, and students! This newsletter aims to improve the understanding of the IB Middle Years Programme and support the continued implementation of the IB programmes between Norterra Canyon and Barry Goldwater High School. This newsletter will include information, articles, and tips on how to best help your child be successful at school and to develop a dedication to a lifetime of learning, both independently and in collaboration with others. We strive to prepare a community of learners to engage with complex global challenges through a dynamic educational experience framed by inquiry, action, and reflection. Thank you for being a part of our team!

Cheers,
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February Learner Profile

Open-minded



You don't get
harmony
when
everybody
sings the
same note.

-Doug Floyd

February IB Learner Profile: Open-Minded

Update for MYP Design Grade 6-8

Mr. Agrawal is unexpectedly out on leave. Assistant Principal Hermanson will be working with our long term substitute and be supporting our Design class for the remainder of quarter 3. Assistant Principal Hermanson will be creating the lesson plans and completing all of the grading for the course and we hope to have grades into the system by next week. We will be sharing with families more information on how we will move forward with the Design class next quarter as necessary. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we make these adjustments. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Hermanson via email.

IB News

Is IB the best educational programme to equip students with the skills for a post-Covid world?

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“Today’s students will need to be uniquely prepared for a future that perhaps no one could have foreseen.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused a substantial changeover, not only in daily life but also in the kinds of skills and mindsets that will be necessary for the future business landscape. But while other curricula might have to adjust to meet the skill needs of the future workforce, the International Baccalaureate curriculum already introduces these skills to students from an early age.

MYP and DP students, in particular, will be well-prepared with the qualifications and skill sets necessary to adapt to the future. Two reports from McKinsey and the World Economic Forum agree on several of the skills that will be highly sought-after in the wake of the pandemic.

Most of these skills are soft skills, which are skills whose learning and understanding can’t necessarily be measured – in contrast to hard skills in mathematical and scientific fields. Equally, a report by Deloitte Access Economics considers two-thirds of all jobs by 2030 will be made up of soft-skill-intensive occupations, so developing and enhancing these is key.”

- 1. Creativity, problem-solving, and cognitive thinking**
- 2. Futures literacy**
- 3. Adaptability and resilience**
- 4. Interpersonal skills**
- 5. Digital skills**

To read more about these 5 benefits of an IB education go to:

<https://www.expatwoman.com/dubai/education/schools/client/sisd/5-ways-ib-education-prepares-students-for-post-covid-world>

Homework Recovery RTI for MYP Students

In order to further support our MYP students in their academic achievement, students who are struggling with completing homework or classwork will be expected to attend a homework recovery RTI time after school on either Tuesday or Thursday. Your student’s teacher will contact you when this is assigned and will share further details. If you have any questions please reach out to your student’s teacher.