

# the PYP Pulse

[September Edition]



"Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better."  
- Maya Angelou

## PROGRAMME news

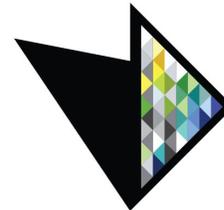
Did you know that Midland Public Schools are IB World Schools?! As an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, it is a requirement that each school undertakes a year-long evaluation process - addressing all aspects of the Primary Years Programme. During this period of evaluation (which takes place every five years), evidence was sought from both internal and external stakeholders to verify that the school was meeting all the requirements of the programme. The IB Evaluation process was composed of our Self-Study, our school's IB Action Plan, as well as an examination of the school's commitment to follow the IB Standards and Practices for the Primary Years Programme (PYP). The final stage of this process involved evaluators from the International Baccalaureate virtually visiting each of our elementary schools. By November 2021, all 6 of our elementary buildings will have undergone their unique evaluation process. Our district is committed to using the PYP as a framework for all that we do. Our goal is to continue to cultivate internationally-minded students through inquiry-based teaching and learning-empowering students to take responsibility for their learning and engage in action to make the world a better place. We are proud to say that MPS makes up 6 of the 25 IB/PYP schools in Michigan!

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## LEARNING focus

### A message from our Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion:

Hello! I am De'Ondre (DJ) Hogan, MPS Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. I am here to help our building leadership, teachers and staff ensure we are living out our district vision: *Lead with respect, trust, and courage. Ensure an equitable, collaborative, and inclusive culture. Enable all to achieve success.* The school district is collaboratively working to institutionalize equity and inclusion in policies, guidelines and practices, develop strong leaders, ensure students and families have an outstanding experience, cultivate productive community partnerships, and establish a culture that enables academic excellence!

We have an amazing opportunity to develop future leaders from our schools through the PYP philosophy of being internationally minded. PYP is an awesome structure to encourage being culturally aware, understanding and celebrating the things that make us unique. I am thrilled to be a part of the journey to create a culture that enables ALL students to thrive!

**Equity:** providing and receiving equal opportunity to advance and thrive, regardless of our dimensions of diversity

**Inclusion:** choices and behaviors that create a culture where diversity is valued and everyone can experience belonging

## SCHOOL - HOME connection

Read Alouds to support the Learner Profile Attribute: **Caring** - showing empathy, compassion, respect, a commitment to service and act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

**The Lion and the Bird** by Marianne Dubuc

**The Digger and the Flower** by Joseph Kuefler

**Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed** by Emily Pearson

**Each Kindness** by Jacqueline Woodson

**The Big Umbrella** by Amy June Bates