



The PYP Place

Primary Years Programme - January 2008

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PYP Progress Towards Authorization...

We are currently an International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Candidate School. During this implementation period, we are continuing to develop units of inquiry and incorporate elements of the PYP in our school. As a Candidate School, we have access to an advisor appointed by the IBO. This consultation visit is organized by the regional office in order to support and assist schools in the journey towards authorization.

On November 29th and 30th we welcomed our advisor, Jane Wisner, to Cedar Manor. She had the opportunity to observe classrooms, meet with teachers, talk with students and dialogue with parents. She offered some helpful advice as well as clarified some questions in regards to the implementation process.

Collaboration and Curriculum...

Since our advisor's visit, Cedar Manor teachers have been hard at work collaborating with Susan Lindgren teachers to further examine the Central Ideas in grades 4th, 5th and 6th. The Central Ideas are the "big concepts" that we want our students to learn during their time in St. Louis Park while meeting the state standards and district outcomes. Teams are continuing to make improvements on those ideas and are anxious to share their work. Please look for an updated Programme of Inquiry within the next couple months.

At Home...

Are you wondering how you can help your child at home? Continue to ask your child questions about what they are learning and why it is important. If we want students to be inquirers, then adults need to model what being curious looks and sounds like.

Here are some questions you could ask at home:

1. What good questions did you ask today?
2. How was today different than yesterday?
3. What did you learn about yourself today?
4. What did you learn about other people today?
5. What did you do today that you are proud of?
6. How can you use what you learned today in other situations (home/school)?



