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Caleb Greenwood is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School implementing the Primary Years Program (PYP).

The International Baccalaureate® aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the organization works with schools, governments, and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

<https://www.ibo.org/>

IB PYP NEWS!

learner profile and Action Focus:

Caring Social Justice

In IB PYP, being **Caring** means we show empathy, compassion, and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us. Being **Caring** may spring from new learning and result in Action in the form of **Social Justice**—the view that everyone deserves to enjoy the same economic, political, and social rights, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, gender, or other characteristics. As someone who **Cares** about **Social Justice** you may want to volunteer with an organization that shares your interests and supports the causes about which you care; participate in a virtual social justice rally or event; send letters and emails to local and global officials to communicate your concerns about issues; or organize your own group or virtual rally for social justice issues that are important to you!

Talk with your family about what values your family holds and explore issues and topics that align with these values. Then do some research together to see how you can bring awareness to that issue or participate with others as a family that Cares about Social Justice!

School-Wide IB PYP Unit of Inquiry!

IB PYP THEME:

How We Express Ourselves

CENTRAL IDEA:

We can express ourselves to communicate feelings, values, culture, and history.

LINES OF INQUIRY:

- Ways we can express ourselves
- Why we express ourselves
- How expressing ourselves is connected to our feelings, values, culture, and history

Learner Profile Focus:

Communicator (Feb)
Caring (March)

Action Focus:

Advocacy (Feb)
Social Justice (March)

What is the IB learner profile?



The International Baccalaureate® (IB) learner profile describes a broad range of human capacities and responsibilities that go beyond academic success. They imply a commitment to help all members of the school community learn to respect themselves, others and the world around them.

[IB learner profile](#)

What is ACTION in the IB PYP?



In the PYP, action is both an application of learning and an opportunity for students to engage in a form of contribution or service. It is integral to PYP learning and to the program's overarching outcome of international mindedness.

The learner profile & ACTION Connection

Action, the learner profile, and international mindedness work hand in hand to strengthen students' confidence in their capacity to make a positive change in the world. Student-initiated action will be considered a dynamic outcome of a student's learning and an active demonstration of the learner profile attributes. Each month we will focus on a learner profile attribute and how it connects and nurtures a child's disposition towards Action.

How can we support the IB PYP at home?

Opening the door to Caring Social Justice

**What does it mean to teach kids social justice and injustice? It has a lot to do with showing and modeling for children equitable ways to socialize in our society.*

When we think of socialization we think of a few things:

- The ways we work and the opportunities to which we have access
- The ways we gather as a family or community
- The ways we communicate with other people
- The ways we develop, create, & enforce laws
- The ways we learn
- The ways we express ourselves
- The rules, barriers and access that govern all the above

To ascertain whether, or not, those methods of socialization are just, or equitable, across racial, ethnic, and national lines, we must look closely at of these basic human rights and the rules, barriers and access that preside over these modes of socialization and ask the question "What are the differences?"

For example, if members of Community A have access to a communal center in their neighborhood to meet at regularly, does Community B and Community C have the same?

Does one have an air-conditioned center while the others do not?

Is Community B's communal center within walking distance of its residential housing, while Community A's is 3 miles away from the nearest residential area?

*From: <https://brownmamas.com/teach-kids-social-justice/>



Get the conversation started

- Even the youngest child can understand the concept of kindness and fairness. Here is a simple yet profound story (click below) that can start children thinking about the idea of Caring Social Justice. It shows that everyone deserves "shelter from the rain" and there is room under the "umbrella" for everyone:



- This video (click below) can help start a conversation with older children regarding the basic idea of human rights is that each one of us, no matter who we are or where we are born is entitled to the same basic human rights and freedoms:



- As a family, think and discuss ideas such as, "What do you think every child needs and deserves to be able to grow up to be a healthy, happy adult? Is there anything we can do here in our own city to make sure everyone has those basic human rights?" Talk with your family about what values your family holds and explore issues and topics that align with these values. Then do some research together to see how you can bring awareness to that issue or participate with others as a family that Cares about Social Justice!

Student Suggestions for Women's History Month:

"There is a movie called "Hidden Figures" on Disney+ and it is about 3 very smart black women that help make a man be able to go into space. It was a very good movie!"

-Logan T.

