



PYP (Primary Years Program)

Central Idea: **Make Your Voices Count**
September 8, 2023

Dear 3rd grade families,

We are excited to announce the start of our PYP (Primary Years Program) unit, which will cover our social studies standards on civics and history. Our **lines of inquiry** are:

1. Everyone has a role in government.
2. Rights come with responsibility.
3. There are many ways to take action.

The **teacher questions** that will drive our inquiry are:

1. In what ways do people express their voices?
2. How is a vote an expression of voice?
3. Who has and has not had the right to vote?
4. In what ways did people express voice in their right to vote?
5. How has the expression of voice affected change?

These teacher questions and our learning activities (that are tied to our standards) will all be discovered by the children through the concepts (big ideas) of **unity and diversity, responsibility both civic and in the classroom, and form of government and decision-making**. Throughout the unit, the children will be working on their social skills and self-management. These concepts will be explored across all subject areas (when they naturally align) so that they truly become transdisciplinary.

We will be assessing if your son/daughter was able to acquire the knowledge of this content and if he/she can make meaning of this content. Our end goal is to have your child make meaning of the content and then TRANSFER this knowledge to a situation that wasn't explicitly taught.

Having our students take action after learning is an essential part of our IB education. **Please let us know if you notice any actions at home resulting from this unit.**

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or ideas!

With thanks,

Mrs. Sheehan and Mrs. Smith