



Soaring Toward Success

ENGLISH BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware, English Bluff is a candidate school for the International Baccalaureate PYP Program. As such, we are working toward accreditation and are continuing to implement the framework for learning. The PYP is a strong curriculum framework, building knowledge, skills, attitudes and conceptual understanding, as well as encouraging students to take action and become life long learners. This learning and personal development does not stop once the school day ends. As IB PYP parents, the reinforcement and consolidation of student learning and development away from the classroom are critical and powerful. Through the Learner Profile, the PYP aims to develop the whole child, fostering positive attitudes and skill development.

The Learner Profile strives to build global citizens and life long learners, challenging us all to be the best that we can be in the home and school. As parents, using this language and terminology in the home can be a powerful way of reinforcing these personal attributes. As such, each week we will be sending home a new Learner Profile trait, accompanied with a task, question, or topic for discussion. We would like families to take some time to have these rich discussions with their children and return their responses to the school to be shared in class by your child(ren).



This week's Learner Profile trait – CARING

Students who are CARING want people around them to be happy and are sensitive to their needs. They think about the world and work to take care of their community and the environment. They remember to treat others how they themselves would like to be treated.

How can parents help to develop students who are Caring at home?

- Role model the caring behaviour you would like to see in your child all the time. Your child has big eyes and ears and notices everything you do. Using kind words, helping people without being asked, being an active listener all show your child that you care about people. Even a simple thing, like holding a door for someone, shows your child that you are aware of others around you and want to help them.
- Think about how your family can get involved with community organizations.
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Compost
- After reading a book, spend some time considering how the people in the book acted. Was someone in the book caring? All of the time or just some of the time? Were all of the characters in the book caring or just some of them? Some books to consider:
 - ✓ Lily's Purple Plastic Purse, Kevin Henkes
 - ✓ The Giving Tree, Shel Silverstein
 - ✓ Yertle the Turtle, Dr. Seuss
 - ✓ The Grouchy Ladybug, Eric Carle

Please have a conversation about the attribute of caring with your child(ren). Discuss what caring looks like in your family, and how students can bring the lessons of caring that they have learned in their house and apply them to actions outside of the home. This is not meant to be a formal homework assignment for families. However, the Learner Profile is central to the IB philosophy and highlighting a new Learner Profile trait each week allows us to enhance our communication about what is happening at school. We ask that you participate in having these discussions and send information to the school regarding the theme of the week. You might decide to record discussions in point form, draw a picture or send in a photo or picture from a magazine/newspaper with a caption that links the Learner Profile trait with a current event. Intermediate students might decide to link discussions to books that they are reading, or headlines that can be seen in the news. Families are asked to represent their participation in whatever format makes most sense to them. In addition, we are only looking for 1 per family, not per student, as we hope that this is a collective conversation for the family.

Please return your family's idea to the school by: Friday April 7th, 2017

For more information on the Learner Profile, please check our school website at:

<http://eb.deltasd.bc.ca/ib/learner-profile>

Best Regards,

EB STAFF