



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 – OPEN-MINDED

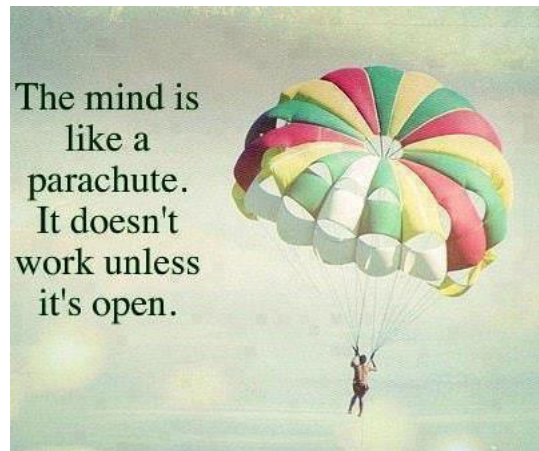
An OPEN-MINDED student knows that all people are different. They listen to the points of view of others and consider many possibilities before making a decision. They celebrate the differences that make all people unique.

How can parents help to develop this Open-Minded trait at home?

- Encourage your child to try new things – new foods, new games and new activities.
- Expose your child to different festivals, celebrations and traditions and be sure to present them in a non-judgmental way.
- Encourage your child to really listen to others when they speak.
- Introduce literature about many different cultures into your home library. Be sure that it is appropriate and reflects the culture in an appropriate way.

TASK:

Please have a conversation with your child(ren) regarding the trait of being OPEN-MINDED. View the below cartoon and discuss what it means to be OPEN-MINDED. Work as a family to create a cartoon, quotation or illustration that exemplifies what it means to be OPEN-MINDED. Have your son/daughter bring his/her submission to school for further discussion in the classroom for **Friday May 5th, 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