Caleb Greenwood, An International Baccalaureate World School



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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:

#### Knowledgeable Advocacy

In IB PYP, being Knowledgeable means we develop and use conceptual understanding by exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We also engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance. This new learning may result in Action in the form of Advocacy - seeking to ensure that people, particularly those who are most vulnerable in society, can have their voice heard on issues that are important to them. New knowledge may propel you to share your learning and concerns with family, friends, and all who will listen; send letters and emails to local and global officials to communicate your ideas; write articles and stories about issues important to you; give a speech and teach others about your cause; or maybe join others with similar passions to get your voices heard!

Talk with your family about what values your family holds and explore issues that align with these values. Then do some research together to become *Knowledgeable* of that issue and think of ways you can *Take Action* by becoming Advocates for your cause! calebgreenwood.scusd.edu Week of January 25, 2021

### NEW School-Wide IB PYP Unit of Inquiry!

**IB PYP THEME:** How the World Works

#### **CENTRAL IDEA:**

Technological advances can change how we live our lives.

#### LINES OF INQUIRY:

- Forms of technology
- Advances in technology
- How technology impacts our lives

Learner Profile Focus: Knowledgeable (Jan), Communicator (Feb)

Action Focus: Advocacy (Jan, Feb)

#### 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. Studentinitiated 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?

## Balance the technological impact in our lives . . .

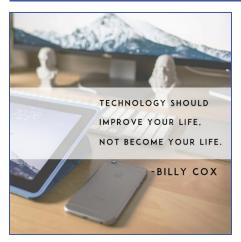
If you have been exploring our *How the World Works* school-wide unit, you know that technology is anything that solves a problem or makes our lives easier. That could be a smart phone, an umbrella, or even a fork!

Technology can have a tremendous impact in our lives – it can save lives, protect our planet, connect us with our loved ones, allow us more time with friends and family, but we can also become more and more dependent on it for almost every task without even realizing it!

#### Here are ways you can be a role model in finding a healthy balance of digital technology in your family:

Device-Free Dinners : It may seem obvious that eating dinner with your family is a good thing. Research provides plenty of support for the importance of family dinner for kids: learning vocabulary, fewer behavior problems, less substance abuse, and healthier eating are some of the positive outcomes. Commit to putting devices away for those 30 minutes (or, if you have small children, the six minutes of dinner! :-). Turn your devices on silent. Better yet, put them somewhere where you can't see them and where a notification won't tempt you to check it. Enjoy a device-free dinner as part of a healthy digital lifestyle and make the most of family time.

#### Device-Free Dinners



## Balance digital technology with social and physical activities:

Although living in the middle of pandemic makes things more difficult, be cognizant of providing your children with an array of activities, not using technology as constant entertainment. "One of the best things we can do to keep the brain healthy is to balance athletic and social activities with technology," says Dr. Cynthia Green, clinical psychologist and assistant professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, "Balance online activities with those that require sustained focus, such as reading, engaging in the arts, playing board games, working puzzles, playing chess or doing yoga."

Make the Move-A-Thon A Family

Activity: The Caleb Greenwood MOVE-A-THON is here! All Caleb Cougars will be challenged to move for at least 15 minutes a day and collect pledges to support the Caleb Greenwood PTSO. Beginning this week, our Caleb PE Fun Google Classroom has a dedicated space for all things Move-A-Thon, including a bingo card to guide our kids through the Move-A-Thon goals and several short work-out videos for them to choose from provided by local fitness and dance studios.

Not only will you balance the technological impact in your lives, you will also support valuable activities at our school. There will also be exciting prizes and the chance for our school to earn a virtual DANCE PARTY with DJ Char and Principal Hanson!

Caleb PE Google Classroom Code: bqs5z27

Put down your phone, look up, breathe in