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Bright Ideas from Thomas A. Edison's International Baccalaureate Office

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## MYP Personal Project Takes Off

10th graders have been meeting with supervisors to get their SMARTR goals finalized for their personal projects. We're seeing a range of goals. These students stopped into the IB Office for extra support. Sam Weaver is going to persuade parents to value video games. Natnael Weldeyohannes is displaying flags from all the countries in the world. Socrates Rosimo is developing categories to determine the local best taco, and Brianna Ibanez-Leishear is going to make a 3-d model of a modern interior design single family home.



## Edison Hosts IB Counselors from all over the Mid-Atlantic Region



On December 1st, fifty counselors from the far-reaches of the IBMA region (from Pennsylvania to Southern Virginia) attended a networking session led by Edison DP trained counselor, Olivia Terpstra. Counselors learned the basics of the Diploma, discussed stress management, tackled the IB letter of recommendation, and learned ways to better serve IB students. Good thing all of the Edison Student Service's team was there!

## Notes from the Coordinators

### Heather Browne, Middle Years



- Yi Zelibor and I met with other IBMYP World Language teachers and coordinators across FCPS to talk about how FCPS standards and assessments align with MYP.
- Health & PE Teachers are taking a day in December to meet with IB Specialist, Chris Powell (former HPE MYP teacher) to learn about MYP in the HPE classroom.
- 10th grade advisory teachers are proving to be vital in the success of the personal project as they are developing a standardized grading system and following up with students who need a point of contact between them and their supervisor. We truly couldn't do this without them.

### Stacey Kiggins, Diploma



- Diploma candidates are finishing up their Extended Essays! Drafts were due on November 10th, and now seniors are meeting with supervisors to polish up the final products.
- Ms. Kiggins attended an Academic Honesty session at Fort Meade on December 5th. The session grappled with methods to foster a culture of integrity in our school.
- The class of 2020 looks like it is going to have well over 100 full IB Diploma candidates! Way to go, sophomores! That personal project is really going to serve you well in your future DP endeavors.
- On December 8th, nine IB students were accepted on-site into Randolph College, totaling \$212,000 in scholarships!

### Dates to Remember in December

12/15: Personal Project SMARTR Goal Due

12/18-1/2: Winter Break! Rest up and reflect; we'll see you next year!

*"I was four years old, and they tried to test my IQ. They showed me this picture of three oranges and a pear. They asked me, 'Which one is different, it does not belong?' They taught me different is wrong." - Ani DiFranco*