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Spotlight on Hurricane Relief Fundraiser

Junior Maggie Landis kicked off her CAS project early when she organized a multi-school, theatrical extravaganza on October 27th. The event included improvisation, skits, dance, and musical performance. All told, the night raised over \$1,000 to help provide aid to Puerto Rico. All full IB diploma candidates must complete 150 hours of Creativity, Activity, and Service, in addition to identifying a need in the community which will form the basis of the CAS project.



Daniel Pink Takes Coordinators by Storm

Daniel Pink, esteemed author of the book, *Drive*, addressed IB coordinators from the Mid-Atlantic Region at Robinson Secondary on November 3rd. Pink will be releasing his new book, *When*, this January. Pink talked with the coordinators and administrators about strategic scheduling, and the hidden patterns of the day. Pink is a DC resident, and his three children are products of the IB Programme. Fairfax County Superintendent Dr. Scott Brabrand also addressed coordinators, expressing his support of and belief in the IB programme.



Notes from the Coordinators

Heather Browne, Middle Years

- Ms. Kalyan, math teacher, attended an MYP Math Networking session where she learned practical MYP approaches to teaching strategies that work specifically in a math classroom. She shared these strategies with the Geometry CLT.
- Ms. Straughn developed an MYP unit plan on Dia de Los Muertos, the Day of the Dead. She's taking her kids to see the new Disney Pixar movie, *Coco*, as a visual of the elements they learned in the unit.
- Sophomores are now meeting with their supervisors for their personal project!

Stacey Kiggins, Diploma

- Edison's new IB theater teacher, Jeff Walker, attended training in New York City. He returned with enthusiastic praise, describing the experience as "eye opening" and "energizing".
- Several Diploma teachers attended subject boot camp at Gar-Field High School on October 4th. Dr. Steriade led a session on minimizing IA moderation in Science, and Ms. Kiggins presented on Literature.
- This month Edison's Sra. Martinez will host an IBMA Networking Session for Spanish A Language and Literature teachers in the Mid-Atlantic Region.
- Ms. Miles, Ms. Hunter, Mr. Henryson, and Ms. Hamilton will all go to IB training in November!



Dates to Remember in November

- 11/21: IBMA Spanish Language and Literature Networking Session at Edison
- 11/22: Early Release!

"Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose."
- Zora Neale Hurston