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# THE BULB



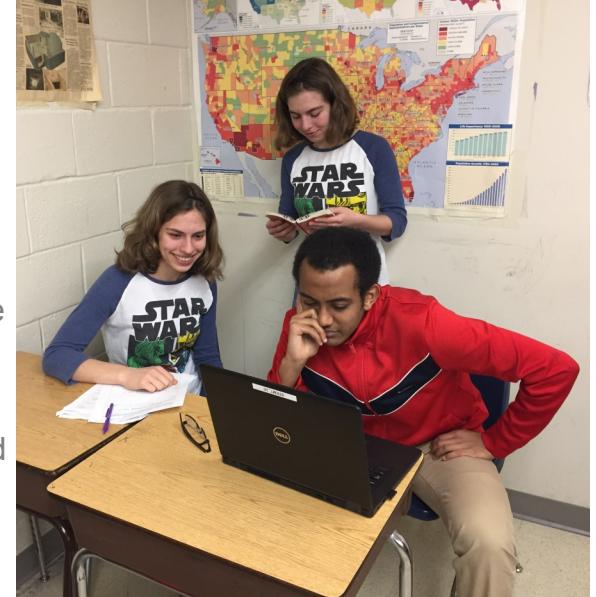
Bright Ideas from Thomas A. Edison's International Baccalaureate Office

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## MYP Student Committee

Developing a sustainable Middle Years Program is no small task, but our students are up for the challenge! Who better to help create the curriculum for the personal project than our very own students who are experiencing it first-hand this year? Each 10th grade advisory class chose one student representative and one alternate to be on the committee. Student reps meet with the MYP Coordinator during Eagle Time to reflect and take action to improving the project for the remainder of this year and for next year's sophomore class. This endeavor originated from a student, Anahi Sanchez-Moya, who is tackling this for her own personal project!



## IB Night a Success!



On January 22nd, the IB office hosted hundreds of parents and students for our annual IB information night. Admissions officers from American University, Towson University, and Randolph College addressed the riveted audience, extolling the virtues of the IB Diploma and its insular courses. Parents had the opportunity to ask specific questions in the breakout sessions of our diploma candidates and IB faculty, including members of the World Languages, Social Studies, English, Science, and Math departments. Parents of rising 9th and 10th graders were given a taste of the Personal Project and the MYP.



Mrs. Kiggins and Mrs. Browne visited the U.S. State Dept. for their last IBMA Coordinators Mtg

## Notes from the Coordinators

**Heather Browne, Middle Years**



- Some 10th grade advisory teachers joined a IBMYP Committee where they were able to reflect and develop action items to improve the implementation of the personal project
- The English department dedicated two hours on the last teacher workday to creating more IBMYP unit plans for all our students. They worked on research units and persuasion units.
- Health/PE teachers devised an action plan to have 5 complete MYP Unit Plans with MYP Assessments before the end of this school year.



**Stacey Kiggins, Diploma**



- The coordinators attended an IBMA meeting at the State Department on February 2nd, where we learned about many international projects and initiatives for IB students. Check out our website for more information.
- February is Internal Assessment Season! Keep giving those IB students oxygen and water as they power through some of the toughest assessments in the IB curriculum.
- After our successful IB Night, the office has been churning out Diploma Plans daily. The classes of 2021 and 2022 are showing their academic mettle.

## Dates to Remember in February

2/19: Presidents' Day Holiday!

2/27: Overview to Course Selection Night

*"The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it."*  
~Terry Pratchett