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IB Students Dominate Science Fair

This year, every student enrolled in year one of an IB science class presented a project at the Science Fair. The Fair took place on January 20th in the cafeteria. These classes include IB Environmental Systems and Societies, IB Physics, IB Biology, and IB Chemistry.



Pictured above are full IB Diploma candidates Dakota Hunt and Sydney Kelly. Dakota and Paige Phillips researched the effect of latitude on the caffeine content in coffee. Full Diploma candidate Maria Pattison incorporated puns in her study of the tensile strength of twine, while Joshua McCoy and Grace Cooper studied scientific approaches to volcanic hazard assessments. Their findings produced entirely new research in the field! Dhiambi Otete and Alessa Ogork looked at the effect of acid rains on aquatic plants.



Notes from the Coordinators

Heather Browne, Middle Years



- 10th graders have submitted their SMARTR goal for their project and are submitting their criteria this month. They're on their second round of meeting with their supervisor.
- IB Night was a huge success with a turnout of close to 200 people! Most of those parents were families of rising 9th graders and eager to learn about MYP at Edison.
- Teachers are working on writing their MYP curriculum to have at least 5 complete MYP units with assessments by the end of this year. The English department is setting aside a couple hours on the Staff Development Day to write more for their goal.

Stacey Kiggins, Diploma



- Senior Full Diploma candidates have finished their Extended Essays! Our 47 candidates have submitted essays on topics from Language and Literature, Individuals in Societies, Science, Mathematics, and the Arts.
- Junior diploma candidates kick off their new Theory of Knowledge class at the semester change on January 30th, and on the 31st for the after school section. We are looking forward to getting to know our juniors better!
- At the beginning of January, sophomores were given an introductory lesson to the IB classes offered at Edison. Currently, the class of 2020 has 124 students with plans to pursue the full diploma, and the list grows every day!

Dates to Remember in January

1/22: Rescheduled IB Information Night

1/25: Early Release, semester end

"Being a student is easy. Learning requires actual work."
~William Crawford