**What is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) School?**

Regardless of location, size, or make-up, an IB PYP school strives to develop an internationally-minded person. The mission of the IBO is:

* To develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people.
* To create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.
* To work with schools, governments, and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment.
* To encourage students worldwide to become active, compassionate, and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

**What does this mean at Pine View Elementary School?**

* It means our students will be taught WHY they should know something and how it connects to other subjects and the world around them.
* It means high quality teaching and learning, challenging instruction and international knowledge.
* It means that teachers will create a standards-based program of inquiry (POI) around six transdisciplinary themes.
* It means that in addition to maintaining a very clear, purposeful and aggressive focus on literacy and mathematics, we will also work diligently to prepare our students for the 21st century.

**How does the IB PYP teach students to be internationally minded?**

* Through teaching and modeling the “Learner Profile.” Regardless of the IB school your child may visit, these characteristics or “Learner Profile” remain the same—foundational to the IB PYP learning experience.
* According to the IB PYP, an “internationally minded” person is someone who demonstrates the attributes of the “Learner Profile.”
* It is a thoughtful, critical perspective that applies to who we are and what we do. It includes how we communicate, our political awareness, cultural understanding, celebrating diversity, global awareness of global issues, and a reflection on how knowledge is constructed and applied. At PVES, we will focus on moving students toward becoming people who reflect the characteristics of the “Learner Profile.”

**What is the “Learner Profile?”**

These are qualities determined to be most important in creating positive and productive citizens of the world. *What are these “Learner Profile” qualities?*

* Inquirer -- I am curious and know how to discover answers to many of my questions. I love to learn!
* Thinkers -- I use my thinking skills to make good choices and solve problems.
* Communicators -- I understand and share ideas in more than one language.
* Courageous -- I try new things, love to explore, and confidently share my experiences.
* Knowledgeable -- I explore big ideas that are important. I know and can do a lot of important things.
* Principled -- I am fair and honest. I can make good decisions about what is right and wrong for me.
* Caring -- I am concerned about other people’s needs and feelings. I believe it is important to help others.
* Open-Minded -- I am comfortable with differences. I welcome and respect other people’s points of views and ways of doing things.
* Balanced -- To be healthy, it is important for me to balance the needs of my mind and body.
* Reflective -- I think about and discuss my learning, skills, and products.