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School District Receives Official IB MYP Authorization

Dobbs Ferry Middle School has been formally recognized as an International Baccalaureate World School, as part of the MYP partnership with Dobbs Ferry High School. **The Middle Years Programme** encompasses grades 6-10, and will help prepare students to tackle the advanced IB course offerings in 11th and 12th grade. At the heart of both programs is the IB Learner Profile, which defines

“international-mindedness” and aligns to the District’s overall mission and vision...

Independent Thinkers Prepared to Change the World. Read Superintendent Brady's letter to the community on the website www.dfsd.org Watch Eye-on-the-Classroom's three-part video series on [MYP](#) in the [High School](#) and [Middle School](#).



New Strategic Planning Process Underway

Superintendent Brady is again spearheading the development of a new Strategic Plan for the District. The Strategic Plan Steering Committee is a "cross-role group" made up of 30 teachers, parents, students, BOE members and administrators. They will be working through June to "update" the current plan (2013-2017). In addition to the Steering

Committee meetings, the District is hosting focus groups with teachers, staff, students, parents and the community to gather feedback to bring back to the Committee. The development of the current Strategic Plan was an intensive process undertaken in 2012 that included the creation of new mission and vision statements for the District. Thank you to our Strategic Planning Committee volunteers for their time and effort!

School News



High School's 2nd Annual Wellness Fair is Life Changing

The goal of the fair is to showcase activities that can provide students with the tools and skills for living a healthy lifestyle through exposure to school and community resources. Students heard from motivational speaker, [Matt Bellace](#) (courtesy of DF Youth Services Council) and participated in Wellness Breakout Sessions aligned with their interests. Offerings covered topics

such as physical activity, meditation, nutrition, mental health, gender identity and relationships, among others. The half-day event was sponsored by the District's Dobbs Ferry Wellness Committee. See additional information about each breakout session on the [Dobbs Ferry Athletics page](#). Also check out this video snippet of the [Wellness Fair](#)

Middle School I&S Students Use Tech to Reinforce Learning Skills

Students in Jen Hickey and Claudia Ducic's 6th grade Individuals & Societies (Social Studies) classes are using their Chromebooks to reinforce MYP ATL (Approaches to Learning) skills. Students set a goal for themselves in 2017 and wrote down 2-3 steps they could follow to achieve their goal. They also created a motivational poster and made it the wallpaper for their Chromebooks. Great visual reminder will help them stay on track!



Springhurst's "KenKen" Book a Hit!

Congratulations to Springhurst Math Specialist Josh Rosen who is the co-author of a new book *KenKen, Tried and True Tips & Techniques for Beginners*. This is the first-ever beginner's guide to KenKen, the international math and logic puzzle sensation. At the end of each school year, Mr. Rosen holds the highly-anticipated "KenKen Challenge" tournament for students in grades 2-5 and it has become a school-wide craze! Now you can KenKen along with your children. The book can be found in "Hot new Releases in Puzzles and Games" on [Amazon!](#) No prior KenKen experience is needed. The book is geared for beginners ages 6 to 106! Read full [news release](#).

Check Out DFSD's Video-of-the-Month

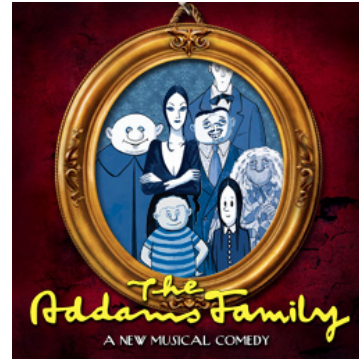
District Dialogue Show: "Women in Science"



Mark Your Calendar



Spring Recess
April 10-17, 2017 Schools Closed



High School Musical
The Addams Family
March 31-April 1, 2017 @ 7:00 PM



Budget Vote/Trustee Election
May 16, 2017 7am-9pm, HS Gymnasium



Memorial Day
May 29, 2017 Schools Closed



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