

IB PYP NEWS

DANIEL AXFORD AND OXFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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We have some exciting happenings at Daniel Axford and Oxford Elementary! As the students settle in to their school routine, the teachers here are gearing up for a great year!

As you may know, we are officially IB PYP Candidate schools!! IB stands for International Baccalaureate, and PYP means Primary Years Programme.

What does this mean for your child? It means that teachers will incorporate the very best practices in education to create a rigorous, relevant, and globally-minded learning environment for your child.

ACTION-Remember to inform your child's teacher if you notice him/her taking self-initiated **ACTION** as a result of their learning.



“Fall Into A Great Attitude”

by Mrs. Niemi’s Fourth Graders

Student’s created fall wreaths using the twelve **Attitudes** and their hands!

The IB Mission Statement:

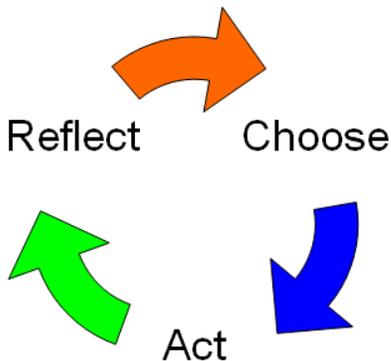
The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

Daniel Axford Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to encourage the development of lifelong inquirers who are caring, contributing members of the global society.

Oxford Elementary Mission Statement:

The Oxford Elementary School community develops and inspires responsible leaders who use their individual strengths to take action to build a better world for all.



MEET THE COORDINATORS

Hello, I am **Mary Kraniak**, the International Baccalaureate Coordinator for **Daniel Axford Elementary School**. This is my 22nd year with Oxford Area Schools. I live here in Oxford Township, right on the Polly Ann Trail. I have two daughters: Julia, who lives in Tampa, Florida and works as an emergency room nurse. She is also a Lieutenant in the Army Reserves. My other daughter is Jacqui, is a Naval Academy graduate who currently is attending the School of Gastronomics in Italy.

I am looking forward to working with parents and the community! Please feel free to contact me at any time. We have an IB office at Daniel Axford—I am there on Mondays, Tuesdays, and every other Wednesday. I may be reached at 248-969-5024 and my email address is mary.kraniak@oxfordschools.org.

I am **Rachel Hart**, the International Baccalaureate Coordinator at Oxford **Elementary School**. This is my tenth year teaching in Oxford and I am currently co-teaching fourth grade at O.E.S. I live in Metamora and love to travel the world, see new things, and meet new people. Please contact me anytime with questions or thoughts. I am also always looking for volunteers that want to get involved. My office is located in the O.E.S. media center or I can be reached at 248-969-5071 or via email rachel.hart@oxfordschools.org

The Learner Profile:

Each and every student at DA and OES is learning ten very special words we call the Learner Profile

Inquirer- Our students are curious. They are obtaining the skills to learn things for themselves and they like to learn.

Knowledgeable— They explore concepts and ideas that are important to them and to the whole world.

Thinkers— DA students think for themselves to make decisions and be creative when solving problems.

Communicators— They understand and express ideas and information confidently, creatively, and in more than one language. They work well with others.

Principled— They are fair, honest, and show respect to all others. They take responsibility for their own actions.

Open-minded— They understand their own culture and history, and are willing to learn from others who are different. They listen to different points of view and learn from them.

Caring— Our students are kind and respectful, and try to make a positive difference in other people's lives and the world.

Risk-Takers— They think about new things and then bravely try them out. They stand up for what they believe.

Balanced— They understand that they need to use their body, brain, and feelings.

Reflective— They think about what they have learned.

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