

BLOOMFIELD HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL MYP Coordinator's Corner September 8, 2017

What an exciting start of the school year in our district! We welcome back our returning families and we welcome our new families to the BHSD community. This column will keep you informed regarding our Middle Years Programme. What a remarkable community of students, teachers and families! It is good to be a Lancer!

Learner Profile Focus for September: Caring

At PYP and MYP schools across Bloomfield Hills School District, we feature one Learner Profile trait each month. While all of the traits are addressed in classrooms throughout the year, a different trait will get some extra attention each month. In September we will spend time thinking about, talking about, and developing the Learner Profile trait of **Caring**. This connects perfectly with one of our school district's [10 Guiding Principles-- to develop *Strong, caring relationships*](#).

How Can I Help Support my Child as an IB Learner?

Promote the IB Learner Profile at home! The *IB Programmes* encourage students to embody the IB Learner Profile. When appropriate and natural, make connections to these characteristics. The more that we 'speak the same language' between the school and the home, the more we build learning that will last.

What does a CARING student look like?

"We show empathy, compassion and respect toward the needs and feelings of others. We have a personal commitment to service, and act to make a positive difference to the lives of others and to the environment." – [IB Learner Profile](#)

How can I help encourage CARING behavior?

1. Role model the caring behavior you would like to see in your child all the time.
2. Think about how your family can get involved with community organizations.
3. Have discussions about how to show caring during difficult situations--disagreements with friends, standing up to bullying, and including others who are being excluded are typical examples for this age group.

We love to hear examples of how you are incorporating the Learner Profile traits at home. Please email me!



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