

IB PARENT CONNECTION



IB is Service In Action!

As part of being an IB World School, Laredo likes to celebrate our students' involvement in making our community a better place. To do this, we are keeping track of students' hours spent volunteering and offering service throughout the year. Make sure to help your student log any hours that they volunteer by going to our main webpage, clicking on "Academic Departments" => "IB" => "Laredo Lions Serve". The form at this link can be filled out repeatedly as your student gives of their time!

Partnership with the Denver USO

To provide opportunities for service within our building, and also model giving back on a local and global scale, Laredo Middle School has adopted the Denver USO this school year. Watch for opportunities like a candy drive, holiday care package drive, Stuff the Trunk at King Soopers, and more that will benefit soldiers and their families both in the Denver area and around the world!

Every day, people serve their neighbors and our nation in many different ways, from helping a child learn and easing the loneliness of those without a family to defending our freedom overseas. It is in this spirit of dedication to others and to our country that I believe service should be broadly and deeply encouraged.

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We focus on three things:

1. Character Development

2. Global Mindedness

3. Opportunities for High Levels of Learning for All Students

MYP at Laredo is for ALL students, and revolves around teachers and staff providing opportunities for our kids to grow in their character and be exposed to higher order thinking practices.

Learner Profile Days

Each month, we will be celebrating one of the IB Learner Profile Traits. Students and staff are encouraged to come to school dressed as a super hero that exemplifies that trait, or wearing a shirt with that super hero on it. **Our next LP Day is October 5th, where we will celebrate being knowledgeable.**

Approaches to Learning

As part of the IB Program, teachers help students develop character by focusing on the Approaches to Learning. These are developmentally appropriate skills that help students break down their learning of “how to be a student,” assess their own skills, and be successful in their classes and life.

Communication with a pre-teen can sometimes be difficult for the kid and adults involved. As a community, we can help the children in our care learn how to express themselves more clearly by practicing the following:

1. Give and receive meaningful feedback.
2. Use intercultural understanding to interpret communication.
3. Interpret and use effectively modes of non-verbal communication.
4. Guide students to understand their role in communication by asking open ended questions.



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