



PYP The Next Chapter

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Thoughts & Gratitude...

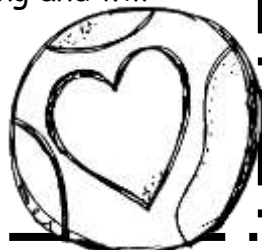
PYP Friends,

I am looking forward to tomorrow's PD (November 8), working with you at the grade level collaborative meetings at the Administration Center (November 15-17), and hearing about the *Category 1 Making the PYP Happen* training for our new staff members (November 6-8). There is so much PYP learning and reflecting happening during November!

Each grade level should be working with their students on their second Unit of Inquiry; it is essential that we stay within the PYP suggested timeline of four to six weeks for each unit. Be sure to record student inquiries, actions, and suggestions for the future as you teach this planner. Each planner is a living document, and our goal is to continually reflect on and refine our practices.

Adams staff, please bring to PD your Learning Target text by Brookhart & Moss. Woodcrest staff, don't worry about the text...we will be using multiple resources so do not worry about not having the text. Plus, Adams friends are caring and will share if needed.

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Revisit & Rediscover...

As our classrooms continue to become more inquiry-based and constructivist in nature, it is important to remember the importance of displaying student work.

- In every classroom, displays should consist primarily of student work, rather than teacher-made or store-bought pieces.
- Displaying student work sends several important messages, including *as teachers we value what students do*.
- Students will look at their own work more frequently than they will look at commercial materials.
- Display both in-process and finished pieces. Doing so sends the message that you value the process of learning, not just the products.
- Keep displays current. Take down old work. Students won't look at work they did months ago.

Adapted from *Displaying Student Work*, by Marlynn K. Clayton.

What's Happening...

November 6-8- Category 1 PYP Training: *Making the PYP Happen* @ Doubletree Hotel, Bay City, MI

November 8- District PD-8:00AM-10:00AM @ Midland High

November 8- Building PD @ Woodcrest: 10:30AM-12:30PM

November 8- Optional Records- Conclusion of Building PD

November 8- Election Day...VOTE

November 15-17- PYP Grade Level Collaborative Planning Half Days @ ADM (Be sure you have secured a guest teacher!)