

# THE COMMUNICATOR

## “Destination...World Class Education”

### Principally Speaking...

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We are excited to involve our students in our first Student-Led Parent Conferences on Friday, March 12th. Please ensure that your child comes with you to the conference. All of our students will be involved in discussing their work in progress with their parents. The IB PYP structure lends itself to the direct participation of students in the learning process. Students take more responsibility for their own part in the learning process when given a chance to share in all aspects. Students are involved in the selection of work for their portfolios and thus are better equipped to explain their progress and to identify points of strength and areas for further work. Parents will gain a clearer insight into the kind of work their child is completing and will have a structure in which to further discuss it with them. We know that you are going to enjoy this process with the students being directly involved in the conference with parents and teachers. You will receive information from your child's teacher in regards to scheduling a time for the conference this week. Remember to have your child with you and be prepared for a very interesting and informative meeting.

Kudos to Lakiya Lash for representing Sale at this year's Lowndes County Spelling Bee. Good job Lakiya. We are very proud of you!

“The key elements in the art of working together are how to deal with change, and how to reach our potential...the needs of the team are best met when we meet the needs of individuals.”

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### *Getting “Connected” with International Studies*

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#### **Primary Years Programme (PYP) Progress**

When we look in the mirror, we see our reflection. If our hair isn't right, we can change it. We often look in the mirror, using our reflection to make changes, which we think are improvements. Through our learning process with the PYP inquiry approach, reflection is a key part that improves our learning. Students are asked to reflect at the end of the day about what and how they have learned. At the end of each unit of inquiry, the children reflect in writing about the attitudes and attributes they displayed while learning. Teachers reflect together to make changes in the units of inquiry about what works best and ways to improve what they are teaching. Continued growth and learning relies on reflection. After reflecting, we are able to choose what we want to do with what has been learned. Parents can also help their children grow by taking the time to reflect at home. Ask your child not only what they learned at school, but how they learned. Look at their project before you send it to school, reflect on what is good about it and ask what could be better and how improvements might be made to make it better. Being reflective is an attribute of the student profile. Reflecting on learning is a life-long skill that is key to growth and learning at all ages.

This month's PYP focus words are:

**Commitment:** I make a promise and I keep it.

**Balanced:** I like to do different things.

## Important Dates to Remember

- **March 2**—Open House 5:00p-7:00p
- **March 8**—CMSD Board Meeting
- **March 9**—Imagine U—3rd grade @ 1:30p
- **March 10**—4th grade State Writing Assessment
- **March 11**— 3rd 9 Weeks Ends  
YPAS @ 9:30a  
Nutrition Class-3rd grade @ 1:00p
- **March 12**—Parent /Teacher /Student Conference Day-Student-led Conference Report Cards
- **March 15-19**—Spring Break
- **March 22-April 1**—Success Days



## OPEN HOUSE

Please join us for Open House on Tuesday, March 2 from 5:00p-7:00p. See some of the great work your children are producing as we highlight our magnet school process through the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.



## STATE WRITING ASSESSMENT

Our 4th grade students will have their first state assessment on Wednesday, March 10th. They will participate in the Mississippi Writing Assessment..

Parents of these students, please make sure to have your child at school on time, well-fed and rested from a good night 's sleep. We want our students to do their very best on this test!

## 2010 Science Fair Winners

### 1st PLACE

D'Angelo Ashford—Chemistry  
Ayanna Cochran—Biochemistry  
Nathan Lloyd—Physics  
Braxton McKinney—Engineering  
Kayla Williams—Chemistry  
Zoe Jones—Physics  
Kristopher Bowers—Medicine & Health  
Czarya Lee-Bigbee—Biochemistry  
Trinity Saulsberry—Earth, Space & Environmental Sciences  
Shaylon Barr—Engineering  
Reyona Henry—Earth, Space & Environmental Sciences  
Taylee Williams—Zoology  
Hunter Hicks—Engineering  
Stephanie Fuller—Physics  
Lauren Hairston—Botany  
Derrick Allen—Chemistry  
Venencia Robinson—Medicine & Health  
Diamond Mundy—Biochemistry

### 2nd PLACE

Taylor Jackson—Chemistry  
Trinity Reeves—Physics  
Myles Howard—Biochemistry  
Renyia Williams—Earth, Space & Environmental Sciences  
Tamara Bonner—Engineering  
Justin Saulsberry—Physics  
Lakiya Lash—Botany  
Markeya Johnson—Chemistry  
Aakilah McBride—Biochemistry



### 3rd PLACE

Kedrick Bates—Chemistry  
Alex Carter—Physics  
Tyrin Johnson—Biochemistry  
Christina Harris—Physics  
Krystal Lewis—Botany  
Kelvin Mitchell—Biochemistry