

The Ram Bleat

JOURNALISM IN THE AGE OF FAKE NEWS

Article and Photos by Alex Kelly

Mrs. Beth Reinhard, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter at The Washington Post, met with IB students in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Reinhard discussed and answered questions centered on her journalism career and experiences. Reinhard, who previously worked at the Wall Street Journal, National Journal, the Miami Herald, and the Palm Beach Post, explained how the beginning of her career started very slow, but that her relentless effort paid off. Reward for Reinhard's years of hard work are especially found in her recent achievement of a Pulitzer Prize for her groundbreaking journalism on former judge Roy Moore.

When asked about her overall feelings about the visit to Eastside, Reinhard said that she was, "very impressed with the questions and how engaged all the students were."



Mrs. Beth Reinhard is the sister of IB European history teacher, Mr. Adam Reinhard.





Senior Shreya Pathak designed this cloth square for the Peace Quilt.

Photo by William Sawyer

GETTING A PEACE OF THE ACTION

Eastside celebrates the International Day of Peace

Article by Feryal Islam

A small globe, smiling figures holding hands around its circumference, bloomed into existence on a pale blue square of fabric as senior Shreya Pathak leaned over her work with marker in hand and unshakeable focus. This mini masterpiece was just one of hundreds of 5-by-5-inch squares of cloth decorated by students that will be sewn together to make a “Peace Day Quilt.”

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Maria Zelaya, IB Spanish IV and V teacher, places final touches on the auditorium.

Photo by Sika Essegbey



United States Institute of Peace Specialist Danielle Robertson spoke to Eastside juniors and seniors about creating peace on a small scale and expanding it as they grow. **Photo by Sika Essegbey**

In honor of International Day of Peace 2018, Eastside’s IB juniors and seniors participated in peace-encouraging activities throughout the entire school day, their own unique way of celebrating the Day of Peace along with millions around the planet. The day kicked off with more than 200 students gathered in Eastside’s auditorium to listen to and engage with a series of guest speakers in discussions about how to inspire change in one’s own community, and the importance of striving for peace in today’s world. Speakers included Gainesville’s new City Commissioner, David Arreola, and Danielle Robertson of the United States Institute of Peace. The students remained attentive through the entire morning and asked thoughtful questions until the time ran out.

In the second half of the day, students rotated between the media center and the auditorium for stimulating and creative group activities like bracelet making, TOK discussions, and drawing designs on quilt squares.

At the end Maria Zelaya, coordinator of the entire project, had this to say about the experience, “It was a very productive day. The students listened to great speakers, and also found ways to contribute to their community by making a Peace Quilt.”



These students interact with Little Bits, which are electronic building blocks that snap together to create larger circuits that allow people to create and design.

TOK AND CAS ACTIVITY DAY

Article and Photos by William Sawyer

During the last week of school in 2018, senior IB students took their midterm exams in the morning and then they took time to participate in exciting Theory of Knowledge (TOK) and Creative, Activity, Service (CAS) stations. On the first day, students sewed the Peace Quilt, and crated amazing paper engineering projects, assembled key chains out of colored shoe laces, and even made electrical circuits exploring how electric currents work. All 110 students were fast at work in the media center, even the ones who had no prior experience in these activities.

The following day was a much-needed break for TOK planning. These IB seniors are were preparing to give the very important TOK presentation

where they navigate through highly-debated topics using the knowledge they gained through their TOK courses.



Students used shoelaces to make colorful keychains they gave to Eastside staff.

Coordinator's Corner



FORMER IB PARENT STEPS INTO NEW ROLE

"I have always believed in the IB Mission Statement and the IB Learner Profile, and I am thrilled to be working with the IB Program!"

Article by Hannah Kim

As most of you all know, we have a new IB coordinator, Mrs. Anne Koon! She comes to Eastside with 31 years of experience in the field of education. Before her role of IB Coordinator, Koon was the Lincoln Middle School Lyceum 8th Grade Team Leader and Lyceum 8th Grade English teacher for 12 years. She was also the 9th Grade Cambridge English teacher for 7 years. She was also an active IB parent for 8 years. She has two children who were in the IB program. Her oldest graduated in 2005 and her youngest graduated in 2009. Let's all give a warm welcome to Mrs. Koon!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

Zina Ahn

Grade: 11th
GPA: 4.0
Sport: Swimming (3 years)



What is one thing being in IB and playing varsity sports has taught you?

Being in IB and participating in a varsity sport has taught me the importance of a team dynamic, both in the classroom and in the pool. I discovered that being surrounded by people who are experiencing the same things as a I am—both at my high points and low points—can be a good system of encouragement and accountability in itself.

What clubs are you in besides your own sport?

The clubs that I am currently active in are HOSA, BCA, SGA, and ECA. I am also part of French, Spanish, Science and National Honor Societies.

What is a typical day like for you as an IB student and a varsity athlete?

I go straight to swim practices, which ranges in duration from 1.5 to 2.5 hours. My evening, following swim practice, usually consists of doing homework, and occasionally TV shows or attending lifeguarding in-services.

Caroline Stephen

Grade: 12th
GPA: 4.987
Sport: Volleyball (3 years); Soccer (4 years)



What has one thing being in IB and playing varsity sports taught you?

Being in IB while playing sports has given me a healthy balance between managing my time with school but still giving my full effort towards my sports. I feel like it is important to have that balance between working hard academically but taking time out of my academic schedule to work hard but enjoy playing the game. Despite the busy schedule, being in IB and playing sports allows me to not get extremely overwhelmed with one thing.

What schools are you looking at for college?

I am looking to attend colleges in Florida, God willing, the University of Florida.

What do you plan to major in during college?

I plan to major in pre-med and study to become a pediatrician.

Interviews by Emeka Okafor & Issey Suzuki

What is your favorite memory in the IB Program so far?

My favorite memory thus far would have to be the HOSA International Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas that I attended with my team this past summer. Last year was the first year that the Eastside chapter of the club participated in the regional, state, and international competitions for HOSA. So making it that far came as a surprise and was even more exciting considering that it was our first time traveling out of the state together.

Who is your favorite teacher and what has being in their class taught you?

My favorite teacher would have to be Madame Torres, because her class has challenged me to reach out of my comfort zone and has taught me how to keep myself accountable.

What is your favorite animal?

If I had to choose, my favorite animal would be a hippopotamus.

What is your favorite movie?

One of my favorite movies is Limitless.

What advice would you give to other IB students?

I would recommend for other IB students to reach out of their comfort zone and participate in different activities and clubs, even if it seems challenging, because you never know what you will gain—or lose—from the experience. Either way, it can teach you something about yourself or others that you wouldn't have known if you hadn't experienced it.

What is your favorite memory in the IB program so far?

My favorite memory in IB was International Day because it was fun to experience the different cultures and the diversity of my friends in IB.

Who is your favorite teacher and what has being in their class taught you?

Even though I liked many teachers, my favorite teacher was Mr. Allen because I enjoyed biology but I also liked how Mr. Allen related the notes to interesting videos. Mr. Allen's class taught me to analyze concepts through visuals to further my understanding of the subject.

What is your favorite animal?

My favorite animal is the German shepherd dog.

What is your favorite movie?

My favorite movie is A Walk to Remember

What advice would you give to other IB students?

I would recommend to keep on working hard and to finish strong. It is easy to want to not study or do simple homework, but the results of persistence and hard work will pay off in the end. Also, I recommend to enjoy the activities IB (and Eastside in general) offers because it will be over before you know it.

IMPORTANT DATES

1/16	Open House
1/17	Pinning Ceremony
1/24	Shadowing Day

PTSA INFORMATION

“The PTSA is still accepting membership applications, which are on our website or in the EHS front office. We are doing ongoing fundraising to support our mini grants program that meets classroom needs and to purchase laptop computers and carts for mobile charging and storage. This year PTSA has also sponsored two of the new water bottle refilling stations that were installed at EHS.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Night! We are partnering with Student Services to present another information session about substance abuse, and information will be coming soon. Also, there are still volunteer spots available for IB Foreign Language Orals.

Finally, we are continuing our usual activities such as monthly faculty breakfasts, dinner for teacher work nights, and teacher/staff appreciation.”

-Karen Gillette, PTSA President

2/4-2/8 Foreign Language Orals

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