

# THE LAUNCH PAD

Resnik CLC Newsletter

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## 3...2...1...LIFTOFF A message from the Principal

Dear Resnik Family,

This past week, I attended a steering meeting for the future of College and Career Academies of Akron. I was asked to be a part of this committee to represent the elementary voice of how to prepare our students for the future. How cool is our district for creating a voice starting at the elementary level!

The components of the work will focus in four different areas:

1. Develop a Portrait of an Elementary Graduate-What professional skills will children need at the elementary level?
2. Strategies to Expand Student Leadership Opportunities
3. How to Embed more Inquiry Based Learning into our Curriculum
4. Community-Based Experiences needed in the Elementary Years to focus more on College and Career Preparation.

It was interesting to hear from business members in the community as to how the job market has changed and will continue to change based on the development in Akron. I will say the committee members were impressed with our IB philosophy. If

you look at the four components and think of what we are accomplishing at Resnik, I would say we are preparing our students for the future. It's an exciting journey at Resnik!

We are beginning Ohio State testing for our 3rd-5th grade students. During this testing window, please be mindful of doctor and dentist appointments. Each teacher will have a designated time to administer the tests. If you haven't heard when your child will take their test(s), please contact your child's teacher.

Lastly, I have been noticing many students are coming to school tired. I encourage you to establish a bedtime that is appropriate for their age. Please be mindful of electronics in bedrooms. Many students will tell me they stay up late playing games. At school, we want to teach students and have them at their best. As always, thank you for making this a priority.

Whether you stay home or take a spring vacation, enjoy your family time!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Booth

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## Fifth Graders Explore a World of Art

Our Resnik fifth graders, along with eight teachers, traveled to the Cleveland Museum of Art on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The field trip kicked off a unit of study around Post-Impressionism and one of its stars, Vincent Van Gogh. Three museum docents (guides) took groups around the galleries explaining various aspects of the museum and the artwork that can be found there. The students and teachers became more knowledgeable about French culture and its contributions to the world of art. They were lucky to be able to see three of Van Gogh's paintings hanging in the gallery. They also got to see, firsthand, Claude Monet's renowned Waterlily painting. Monet was the central theme of last year's fifth-grade French/Art project.



*We look forward to seeing what the fifth-graders create after this eye-opening museum visit. Stay tuned as more is coming in May!*



# IB Corner

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By Lori Wammes, IB Coordinator

## There are so many wonderful components to IB

IB encourages us to look ahead with *wonder*, *excitement* and *curiosity* and to look back and *reflect* on those experiences. As we begin this last quarter there are so many learning opportunities ahead:

**Kindergarten** will be exploring life cycles and witness some of these changes right before their eyes!

**First Grade** is using their knowledge to create. We are excited to see what their imaginations come up with.

**Second grade** will be meteorologists and experiment with tools that measure the weather.

**Third grade** will be hatching chicks and growing vegetables and figuring out how we connect to the world around us.

**Fourth grade** is showing how they can create something that can help our environment. Maybe we will have some future Shark Tank entrepreneurs in the group!

**Fifth grade** is working on group projects that show how “Change affects living things”. This project is a culminating project that showcases their learning from their years in elementary school. We call this culminating project “Exhibition”. Fifth grade is also exploring the art of Van Gogh. **Fifth grade parents**, keep your eyes open for more information about Exhibition and Van Gogh!

Our MD units are working with Art Sparks to practice choreography and perform a show. They will also be enjoying the spring season as they learn all about “Sharing the Planet”. *As you can tell...there will be much to look forward to in the months that follow.*

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Cleveland Museum of  
NATURAL HISTORY



IB Learners also spend time reflecting! Grades K-5 appreciated PTA sponsoring the Natural History Museum’s presentation “Matters of Science”. After seeing some interesting dry ice experiments one first grader was planning on making his own “dry ice” by putting ice into the clothes dryer.

Thank you, PTA, for providing this experience for our students to enjoy!



As a school, we also spent some time reflecting on the uniqueness of all people by celebrating Down Syndrome Day. Silly socks helped us show ways we are alike and how we are different. It was a day to celebrate and enjoy our difference!

