



Inquirer's Journey



Message from Dr. Turner, Principal

A few brief notes: Families please be aware of important information from the district concerning reopening of schools ([Reopen 2020 link](#)). Make sure to set aside 20-30 minutes each night for our scholars to be reading and writing. Remember to exercise your right to vote on Nov. 3rd. State law allows you to take time off your job to vote. Since the 3rd is election day, Benjamin E Mays offices will be closed.

In Partnership, Dr. Turner (Principal)

FALL CONFERENCES

At Benjamin E. Mays IB World School, we know communication between home and school is important. Family Conferences are a good time to connect with your child's teacher. Parents provide key insights on their child. Teachers can inform parents of progress in the classroom. Together, parents, teachers, and students can set goals for success.

Conferences will be held:

- Tuesday, November 17, 3:00-6:00pm
- Thursday, November 19, 3:00-6:00pm
- Friday, November 20, 8:30am-2:00pm

Mays uses SignUp.com to schedule conferences. The link to schedule your conference will be sent to families soon. Conferences will be held on Google Meet.

Interpreters are available for the following languages:

- Amharic
- French
- Hmong
- Karen
- Oromo
- Somali
- Spanish
- Vietnamese

Contact your child's teacher if you require another language.

Calendar

- Monday, November 2 – Kindergarten Family Day
- Tuesday, November 3 – 1st Grade Family Day
- Wednesday, November 4 – 2nd Grade Family Day
- Thursday, November 5 – 3rd Grade Family Day
- Friday, November 6 – 4th & 5th Grade Family Day
- Thursday, November 12 – Parent Circle with Mrs. Yang
- November 17, 19, and 20 – Fall Conferences

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SITES

SPPS offers in-person academic, technical and social-emotional learning support at its Academic Support Sites. Students will need a referral from their school to receive support. Contact your teacher for a referral. Follow this [link](#) for more information.

Center Hours

Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.*

Saturday 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Closed non-school days*

Center Location*

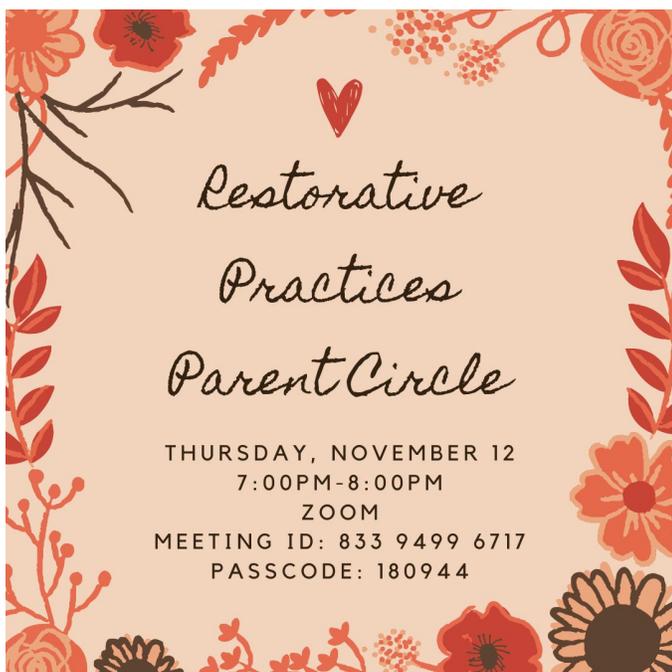
Washington Technology Magnet

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*Additional sites will be added based on need and availability of staff.





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- [Benjamin E. Mays IB World School Directory \(link\)](#)

FAMILY DAYS AT MAYS

Want to know what is happening in your child's Distance Learning classroom and how you can help them at home?

Parents and Guardians, you are invited to Family Day:

- **Monday, November 2 - Kindergarten**
- **Tuesday, November 3 - 1st grade**
- **Wednesday, November 4 - 2nd grade**
- **Thursday, November 5 - 3rd grade**
- **Friday, November 6 - 4 & 5 grade**

Join your child's class for Morning Circle and a Number Talk. After spending time in the virtual classroom, meet with other parents and Mays staff to talk about what, and how, students are learning. Leave with ideas to support student learning at home.

- **8:30-9:15** Morning Circle and Number Talk - *join with your child* through their regular classroom Meet link
- **9:15-10:15** Parent Group - follow this link <https://meet.google.com/uny-gmgo-fkv> to a Google Meet where we will explore ways to support learning at home

We look forward to welcoming you into our virtual learning community.

[Family Day Resources/Support for Learning at Home](#)

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES & PBIS

In our weekly Bulldog Bulletin videos, we are wanting students to record a video of themselves reciting our [School Challenge](#). Please send the videos to Mrs. Yang at grace.yang@spps.org. Also, students can submit a video of themselves asking teachers a question. Some examples of questions are: What is your favorite thing to eat? What is your favorite instrument? Please submit those question videos to Mrs. Yang as well. Your child will be featured in our Bulldog Bulletin videos. Thank you so much!

Thank you to the parents who participated in our first Restorative Practices Parent Circle. We had rich conversations around distance learning and what we need. I look forward to seeing, and meeting, more parents at our next RP Parent Circle on Thursday, November 12 from 7:00pm-8:00pm through ZOOM.

ATTENDANCE



REMINDER - During distance learning, students and families should work together to mark their attendance every day on the Campus app. Attendance must be entered by 11:59 p.m. each day. For more information, visit spps.org/dlattendance.



IB at Mays

Benjamin E. Mays IB World School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Programme (PYP) school. An IB education develops lifelong learners. As your child's first teacher, you play an important role in helping them take their learning deeper. Below are 5 simple ways you can support your child's IB learning at home. These 5 strategies will help you help your child become a lifelong learner. Each month we will look at one of these 5 strategies.



This month, we will be looking at “Supporting your child’s **agency**.” What does “**agency**” mean? In basic terms, it means that students take responsibility and ownership of their learning.

What could *agency* look like at home?

- **Invite and involve your child’s voice.**
Let them express themselves. Ask for their opinions on things. It doesn’t mean that you have to always go with their opinion, but at least let them have a voice in making decisions.
- **Support their choices.**
What choices is your child making for themselves as a learner and as a member of your household? Let them make their own choices, but also help them to realize that there are consequences for the choices they make (for better or for worse!) Their choices may not always be great, but emphasize learning from your mistakes.
- **Emphasize ownership.**
Help your child to realize they are in the driver’s seat. They are the ones in charge of their own learning. Asking questions like “What do you want to do about this?” and saying things like “It’s your call” help kids see that they have the power to impact their own learning.

