

# Primary Years Academy Newsletter

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## IB Coordinator's Corner

Hello PYA Families,

As part of our professional practice, we reflect on the work we have done and make changes that will make this program stronger and better for our students. The International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) does the same thing. The IBO has been in the process of reviewing and assessing all of the Primary Years Programs and will be making a few changes to the program in general, in the coming year. We will keep all of our PYA stakeholders informed of the changes as we learn about them. We are looking forward to growing as a school to give our students the best place to learn and grow themselves!

Hola familias PYA,

Como parte de nuestra práctica profesional, reflexionamos sobre el trabajo que hemos realizado y realizamos cambios que harán que este programa sea más sólido y mejor para nuestros estudiantes. La Organización del Bachillerato Internacional (IBO) hace lo mismo. El IBO ha estado en el proceso de revisión y evaluación de todos los Programas de la Escuela Primaria y hará algunos cambios en el programa en general el próximo año. Mantendremos informados a todos los interesados de PYA acerca de los cambios a medida que los conozcamos. ¡Esperamos crecer como escuela para brindar a nuestros estudiantes el mejor lugar para aprender y crecer!

# April

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**Testing Starts (Schedule Attached)**

**4/26 50/50 Day—Parent Presentation 6:00 pm**



Have you heard about our upcoming mission to the Sun? To better understand our star's weather, NASA is sending Parker Solar Probe to orbit the Sun's atmosphere for the next (nearly) seven years. The probe is equipped with a four-inch carbon composite shell, which will protect the vessel as it travels at record-breaking speeds (450,000 MPH!) through temperatures as hot as 2,550 degrees Fahrenheit.

Information gathered from this mission will help scientists predict solar weather and improve advanced warning systems to safeguard Earth's technology. It may even help scientists solve a mystery that stubbornly defies our understanding of solar physics... why is the Sun's atmosphere is so much (300 times!) hotter than its surface?

The Parker Solar Probe, which will complete 24 orbits of the Sun and seven gravity-assist flybys of Venus, is NASA's first spacecraft to be named after a living person. But Eugene Parker, who is credited with discovering solar wind, isn't the only special person who will have his name attached to this national treasure. In honor of this historic moment, NASA has extended a special invitation to the public. The car-sized vessel will carry a memory card with the names of every PYA student, as well as anyone else who is interested in participating.

Sign up to get your "ticket" at <http://parkersolarprobe.jhuapl.edu/The-Mission/Name-to-Sun/>. To learn more about the Parker Solar Probe Mission, check out <https://www.nasa.gov/content/goddard/parker-solar-probe> and don't forget to watch for launch this July 31<sup>st</sup>!

## Primary Years Academy

4/26 Parent Presentation 6:00pm

Assemblymember  
Susan Talamantes Eggman Presenting

50/50 Day

Priority registration for PYA's Aviation Summer CAMP and Step up for the 2018-2019 school year for those that attend.

## 50/50 Day

Those that attend our 50/50 Day presentation with special guest speaker Assembly member Susan Talamantes Eggman will have priority registration for our Summer Aviation Camp and the Step Up After School Program for the 2017-2018 School year. Registration will take place immediately following the 6:00pm presentation. We hope you can join us.