

Primary Years Academy

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Hello PYA Families,

We are so happy to announce that one of our PYA 5th graders has been awarded with the Gary Prather award from the California Association of World Schools!

Congratulations to Aaliyah Leon!

Her essay is below.

My IB school, Primary Years Academy, has taught me that learning is fun and you should never stop learning.

When I was in the first grade, I never liked school. All I wanted to do is play instead of learn. My mom would always help me with my homework and flash cards but I never cared. But, when my first grade teacher at PYA showed me that if I put my imagination to it anything is possible, that day changed my life. I thought books just had boring words but when I could finally read one it wasn't just "blah blah blah"-- there were adventures and color. And when I came across words I didn't know I put my imagination to it and I knew my teachers had my back when I needed help.

When it was time to go to second grade everything was more challenging. We had more math problems, more books. I wanted to give up, but PYA had gotten me so far that I knew I couldn't give up now. So I put my mind to it and that helped me through second grade.

In third grade, reading got harder. PYA has this program called Learning Together where older students help younger students. My tutor always helped me out with challenging words and by the time we were ready to go to fourth grade I had no problem with reading.

Each year at PYA has been different, but all my teachers have made each year fun and I've made it through kindergarten all the way to fifth grade. That's how Primary Years Academy IB school has changed my learning experience forever.

Congratulations Aaliyah!

Hola familias PYA,

Estamos muy felices de anunciar que uno de nuestros alumnos de quinto grado de PYA ha sido galardonado con el premio Gary Prather de la Asociación de Colegios del Mundo de California. **Felicidades a Aaliyah Leon!**

Su ensayo está abajo.

Mi escuela IB, Primary Years Academy, me ha enseñado que aprender es divertido y que nunca debes dejar de aprender.

Cuando estaba en primer grado, nunca me gustó la escuela. Todo lo que quería hacer era jugar en lugar de aprender. Mi madre siempre me ayudaba con mis tareas y tarjetas didácticas, pero nunca me importó. Pero, cuando mi maestra de primer grado en PYA me mostró que si le pongo mi imaginación todo es posible, ese día cambió mi vida. Pensé que los libros solo tenían palabras aburridas, pero cuando finalmente pude leer uno, no era solo "bla, bla, bla", sino aventuras y colores. Y cuando me encontré con palabras que no sabía, puse mi imaginación en ellas y supe que mis maestros me respaldaban cuando necesitaba ayuda.

Cuando llegó el segundo grado todo fue más desafiante. Tuvimos más problemas de matemáticas, más libros. Quería darme por vencida, pero PYA me había llevado tan lejos que sabía que no podía rendirme ahora. Así que me puse a pensar y eso me ayudó a pasar al segundo grado.

En tercer grado, la lectura se hizo más difícil. PYA tiene este programa llamado Learning Together, donde los estudiantes mayores ayudan a los estudiantes más jóvenes. Mi tutor siempre me ayudó con palabras desafiantes y para cuando estábamos listos para ir al cuarto grado no tenía problemas con la lectura.

Cada año en PYA ha sido diferente, pero todos mis maestros han hecho que cada año sea divertido y he logrado pasar de kindergarten a quinto grado. Así es como la escuela Primary Years Academy IB cambió mi experiencia de aprendizaje para siempre.

Felicidades Aaliyah!



3/7 ELAC/IB Parent Meeting 8:15 am

3/8 Science Camp Parent Meeting
5:00—6:00 pm in the Library

3/24 (Saturday) Books and Breakfast

4/28 Kennedy Games at Chavez High School

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Are you able to support the SUSDs Books and Breakfast on Saturday, March 24th?

If so please email Kristina Aguilera at

kaguilera@stocktonusd.net

Reminder...IB Family Meeting,

Wednesday, March 7th 8:15 am

Library.

Hope to see you there.

Inter-District Attendance

(IDA) 2018—2019

It is that time of the year, if you live outside of Stockton Unified School District (SUSD) you must complete the Inter-District Transfer Request form for the 2018-2019 school year, which is available at your home district.

The primary factors considered are the attendance, behavior and academic history of the student and/or the space available in the requested school/program.

IDA's must be received at Child Welfare and Attendance (CWA) office for review between **February 1, 2018 and April 1, 2018**. Applications received after the April 1st deadline may only be considered if space is still available at the grade level at our school.