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# Mrs. Earle's Central Idea:

Homelessness occurs globally for a variety of reasons.

#### Lines of Inquiry:

- Solutions to Homelessness
- Impact on Community
- Factors that Lead to Homelessness
- Daily Life

# Mrs. Lisi's Central Idea

Changes in the environment impact endangered species.

#### Lines of Inquiry:

- Factors for a Healthy Ecosystem
- Ways that Animals Become Extinct
- The Effect of Climate Change on a Species' Existence
- The Predator's Role in Different Species' Survival

## Mrs. Monty's Central Idea

#### Behavior and communication impact others.

#### Lines of Inquiry:

- Understanding Empathy
- Difference between Empathy and Kindness
- Impact of Empathy
- Ways We Can Show Empathy

## Mrs. Theriault's Central Idea

**Poverty** affects and changes society.

### Lines of Inquiry:

- What Poverty Is
- · Society's Responsibility
- Causes of Poverty
- Effects of Poverty





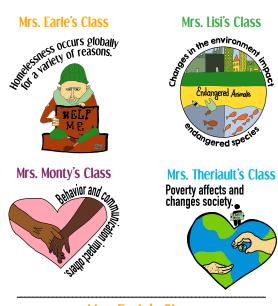
Be the CHANGE you wish to see in the WORLD - Candhi

### **5th Grade Exhibition**

The Exhibition is the culminating assessment of the Primary Years Programme. Across the globe, students in IB PYP schools participate in this experience. The Exhibition is a reflection of the knowledge, concepts, skills, attitudes, and actions students have learned throughout their ECC/Elementary years at CDS. The 5th graders began preparing for their Exhibition in August working under a central idea. Over the past six weeks, they have conducted their final research and created their presentations to share with the community.

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**2019 Exhibition Class Designs** 



### Mrs. Earle's Class

Imagine that you find yourself jobless and in dire need of help. Where would you go if you lost your ability to afford a house? Over one hundred million people face this dilemma currently in the world today. This global issue impacts us all. After a lot of thinking and care, we decided to inquire more about homelessness for our Primary Years Programme 2019 Exhibition. We worked hard to develop four lines of inquiry: daily life of the homeless, factors that cause homelessness, impacts of homelessness in a community, and solutions to homelessness. Through our work we learned of the many organizations that help in our local community. We have volunteered and partnered with places like Metropolitan Ministries and Dough-Nation, which provide affordable housing, safe shelter for families, rehabilitation and work programs to those in need. Our class participated in a Skype conversations with Dr. Ruby Payne, a leading author on poverty. We also assisted with a school-wide campaign to end poverty with Red Nose Day, led a school wide Cereal Drive for Trinity Cafe, and participated in multiple simulations of poverty and homelessness, including one with USF professors. The knowledge we have gained from experts in this field is incredible. Dr. Roger Casey and Dr. Brenda Johnson from the James Haley VA hospital, and Mrs. April Mulloughs, a local outreach director, have been pivotal in helping to explain the layers that make homelessness a multifaceted issue. We have learned a tremendous amount about this topic and had lots of fun along the way. The knowledge we have gained through our experiences has changed our perception of those who are homeless. We have worked very hard to accomplish our goals and help others through action as we gained knowledge, empathy, and the courage necessary to take action.

In the words of Nelson Mandela,"*Homelessness is not an accident. Like slavery and apartheid, it is man-made and can be removed by the actions of human beings.*"

### Mrs. Lisi's Class

Mrs. Lisi's class has been working hard for weeks researching our exhibition topic. We chose to research the topic of endangered animals. Then the class wrote a central idea and came up with "How Changes in the Environment Impact Endangered Species." This topic was difficult because there are so many types of endangered species out there. In class we worked tirelessly to come up with an action plan. We looked into many different organizations. Then we came across the Ellen DeGeneres Wildlife Fund. The actor and comedian Ellen DeGeneres has a fundraiser for the Dian Fossev Research Foundation. It is a large research campus dedicated to saving the mountain gorillas and their habitat. We decided to raise money for this organization. When we finally discovered how we could raise the money we instantly started work on our plan. We created a bake sale to benefit the Mountain Gorillas, 1st-5th grades were invited to buy our products. In the end we raised over \$300 to donate. We also chose to use the \$700 from our Young Entrepreneurs Day, so we are combining the two and donating over \$1,000 dollars to the Ellen DeGeneres Wildlife Fund. Not only will our Exhibition help the Mountain Gorillas, it will stick with the class for the rest of their lives.

### Mrs. Monty's Class

This year in Mrs. Monty's class, we became concerned about the lack of empathy that is in the world today. For this reason, we decided to focus on the importance of empathy for our Exhibition topic. We developed our Central Idea to be "Behavior and Communication Impact Others." We decided that our Lines of Inquiry would focus on Understanding Empathy; the Difference between Empathy, Sympathy, and Kindness; the Impact of Empathy; and Ways We Can Show Empathy. We have been so inspired by some extraordinary empathy experts during incredibly powerful Skypes throughout this year's Exhibition journey. Dr. Michele Borba, Mrs. Barbara Gruener, Mr. Jim Fay, and Mr. Marc Weiner have inspired the four stations that visitors will encounter when they visit our classroom. While visiting the Many Colored

Days Station, visitors will experience the book, My Many Colored Days, by Dr. Seuss. Visitors will learn how the color of each day represents how people may feel. Visitors will have the opportunity to describe how they feel and what they need on particular colored days. Through the interactions at this station, visitors will better understand how other people feel and what they might be able to do to help them. Our goal is for our visitors to realize the need to understand others in various situations is the heart of empathy. At the Shoebox Scenario Station, visitors will experience various scenarios while putting themselves in other people's shoes and trying to feel what they are feeling. This is important because it gives visitors a good example of what empathy truly is. The Empathy Labyrinth Station will offer visitors the opportunity to place themselves in other people's shoes as they identify their feelings and needs. Visitors who visit the Empathy Bracelet Station will learn an acronym to help them remember the importance of empathy. They will also have the chance to make a bracelet and learn the Finger Switch. We would like to thank everyone for letting us share what we have learned while on our journey to inspire others to realize the importance of empathy. We really appreciate all of the support and encouragement we have received. Please remember the wise words of Alfred Adler, "Empathy is seeing with the eves of another, listening with the ears of another and feeling with the heart of another."

### Mrs. Theriault's Class

Imagine living in a house with two families and only two beds to share, or sleeping on the floor or a couch every night. Imagine being ill or injured and not being able to afford the care you need. Think about what it would feel like having to decide between paving bills or buying food for your family. Could you live on \$1.25 a day? This is what it's like to live in poverty. Our class chose the topic poverty because we were shocked to learn about how many people live in poverty and the struggles they are faced with on a daily basis. Our central idea, "Poverty Affects and Changes Society," was an idea that we wanted to explore so we could learn how to make a difference. During our Exhibition journey, we have volunteered at Metropolitan Ministries, visited Dough Nation, held a Skype session with Ruby Payne, the author of the book, A Framework for Understanding Poverty, toured the Bess Book Bus (a Tampa based mobile literacy outreach dedicated to children in poverty), and felt what it was like to live in poverty through a simulation with the Standardized Patient Group of University of South Florida, all while spending much of our time researching our topic. Some of the valuable lessons we learned are: poverty is everywhere; it is a big problem in our world; people that live in poverty experience difficult challenges; and most importantly, everyone can make a difference big or small.

"Poverty is the worst form of violence." - Mahatma Gandhi