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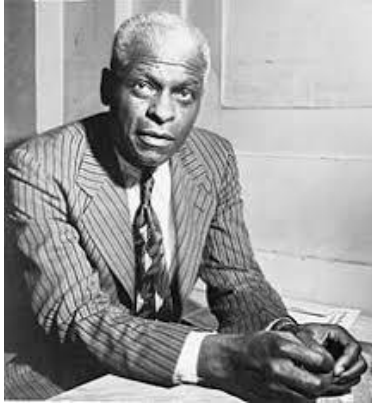
Welcome to

Benjamin E Mays IB World School



Dr. Kenneth Turner, Principal
Mr. Brett Asleson, Assistant Principal
Reach for the stars!

Benjamin E. Mays IB World School



Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
(August 1, 1894 - March 28, 1984)

School Vision:

Develop confident, literate, and responsible students who will be able to think critically, make great decisions, and become internationally minded students who pursue post secondary educational options.

School Mission:

Through rigorous intercultural and interdisciplinary studies, students will be empowered with the communication and leadership skills necessary to become productive global citizens who are inquiring, knowledgeable, and caring.





Reach for the Stars!

School Challenge

The world belongs to us,
And we will accept the challenge
To represent the global community in a **caring** way.

We are the ultimate students.

We renew our quest for excellence everyday

By being **inquirers** and **critical thinkers**.

We pledge to be **open-minded, well-balanced,**
And to live by high ideals and **principles**.

We strive to be responsible **risk-takers**

Who believe that *"It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars,
But it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for."*

Knowledge will be our goal.

Reflection and **communication** will be our means

For making this world a better place.

We are the ultimate students.

The world belongs to us,

The future belongs to us and

Today begins with us!

Our Staff

It takes a village to raise a child.

Welcome to the Mays village. We are glad you are here. Follow the QR code or this link

<https://flipgrid.com/+mays2021> for a video staff directory. Welcome to Mays!



Our focus on Student Voice

STUDENT

VOICE

- including the opinions, beliefs, perspectives, and cultural backgrounds of students to increase their sense of agency and ownership.
- engaging students in learning experiences that encourage class discussion and academic discourse.
- supporting students in becoming more independent learners through productive struggle and an increased sense of self-efficacy.

Our school-wide approach to Student Voice includes our commitment to Restorative Practices, inquiry-based learning and student agency (IB), increased opportunities for students to explain and justify their thinking, and culturally responsive instruction grounded in relevance, relationships, and rigor.

A day at Mays....

- Students arrive 7:15-7:30 am (in-person)
- Morning Circle (8:30am during Distance Learning)
- Literacy 110-130 minutes
- Math 90 minutes
- Specialist (Art, Physical Education, Science, Spanish)
- IB (transdisciplinary throughout the day and throughout all subjects)
- lunch/recess
- Afternoon Circle (1:45 pm during Distance Learning)
- Student departure 1:45-2:00 pm (in-person)
- IB/Literacy Fridays

IB at Mays

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

- Concept Based
- Inquiry Driven
- Transdisciplinary
- Focused on International Mindedness
- Student Agency Encouraged



[IB At Mays Presentation \(link\)](#)

IB/Literacy Fridays

IB is at the heart of a Mays education, but on Fridays we celebrate IB in a special way. Community and family members contribute their knowledge and skills.



Restorative Practices (RP) at Mays

Join our monthly RP Parent Circles. They are a great way to build relationships with other families and school staff.



Restorative Practices

RP Home Kits

- More information about RP
- Zones of Regulation
- Breathing Exercises
- "The Way I Feel" book
- Jumprope
- Marble fidget
- Bulldog Coloring Sheet

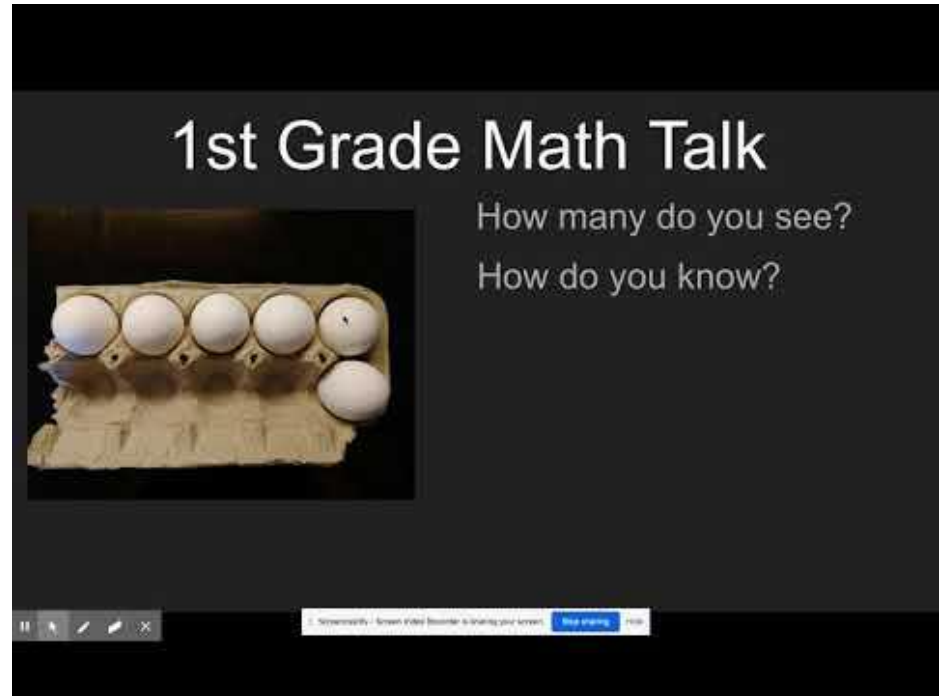
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Math at Mays

Math Talks are one way to develop math thinkers. Watch the video for information on Math Talks at Mays and ideas for talking about math at home.

In addition to Math Talks, students participate in:

- Daily Math Lesson
- Math Review
- Skills Practice (ST Math)
- Math Assessment



Literacy at Mays

Watch the video for information on Guided Reading and resources for reading at home.

Literacy includes:

- Reading Lesson
- Writing Lesson
- Guided Reading
- Skills Practice
- Phonics
- Assessment

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Literacy Independent Reading

- Students should read at home every day for at least 20 minutes.
- Check out the resources offered through SPPL to get books for your child!

Resources shown include:

- 10 Ways to Become a Better Reader
- 1. Read
- 2. Read
- 3. Read
- 4. Read
- 5. Read
- 6. Read
- 7. Read
- 8. Read
- 9. Read
- 10. Read

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Keeping in Touch



Communication is Key

Website: www.spps.org/mays

Weekly Highlights email/text Sunday afternoon

Bulldog Bulletin Monday mornings on iPads/Twitter

Office: (651) 325-2400 or mays@spps.org (school days 7:15am-2:15pm)

Attendance: (651) 325-2499 or mays.attendance@spps.org

Principal: Dr. Turner kenneth.turner@spps.org

Assistant Principal: Mr. Asleson brett.asleson@spps.org

School Nurse: Ms. Skoogman, LSN (651) 888-7606 or allana.skoogman@spps.org

Counselor: Ms. Berkas kristen.berkas@spps.org

Family Liaison: Ms. Shanahan karen.shanahan@spps.org

[Link to Mays PTA](#) (Parent Teacher Association)

[Link to Mays Family Handbook](#)

Distance Learning Useful Information

Schedules can be found on the grade level page of the Classroom section of our website spps.org/mays

[iPad Help \(link\)](#)

iPad Learning Platform:

Grades PreK-2: [Seesaw](#)

Grades 3-5: [Schoology](#) (classroom information is in folders with the most recent classroom work at the top)

Attendance During Distance Learning:

Video: [Hmoob](#) Text: [Hmoob](#) PDF Instructions: [Hmoob](#)

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Thank you!

It takes a village to raise a child.

We look forward to partnering with you. We are glad you are part of our village.

