



IB at Michell

MARCH



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Eagle Night is Coming Up!

I wanted to take a moment to encourage you all to purchase your tickets to attend Eagle Night on April 25th. Friends of Joe Michell School organizes this event for the grownups to get out, celebrate our school, and show our support through fundraising. And it's a lot of fun!

Our IB classrooms depend on this event to offer the quality educational activities that lead to the highest levels of learning.

What makes it IB?

IB is focused on **conceptual learning (the "big ideas")**. Students make connections between and beyond subjects.

IB Learner Profile Trait for March:

Eagles are Risk-Takers.

When my children were young on the playground, my first instinct was to tell them to "be careful" when they were engaging in play that could lead to injuries. I had to be intentional about stepping back and allowing them to stretch their bodies and imaginations.

I still remember taking my kindergartner to the Adventure Playground in Berkeley where children were encouraged to play in a riskier environment with some clear guidelines for the safety and enjoyment of everyone at the playground. I watched as she added to a fort (with a hammer and nails!), and my daughter was empowered to learn through trying and using "dangerous" materials. I felt so proud to watch her confidence grow through trial and error and little adult intervention.

How do you encourage your children to learn by doing? How does your family celebrate risk-taking and the possibility of failure?

Learn more:

[Michell IB Website](#)