



# IB at Michell

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## Multicultural Night coming up in February!

Mark your calendars: One of our school's biggest events, Multicultural Night, is coming up on February 12th. Note this date has shifted two days from the original date.

Refer to the Multicultural Night flyer for sign ups. The sign ups are also posted in the FJMS Facebook group and on the Michell IB Instagram account. Start thinking about how your family can participate. Families run tables, representing their family's culture (sometimes with activities and food to sample!), and we have students perform cultural dances and songs. It is such a special night!

## Updating the flags in the MPR

I would like to update the flags in the MPR to represent the diverse heritage of our school community. If you notice we are **missing** a country important to your family, please considering donating a 2'x3' flag. Reach out with questions (email above).

## IB Learner Profile Trait for January :

## Eagles are Thinkers.

We encourage our students to be thinkers--both creative and critical thinkers. As they develop their thinking skills, they also develop their problem-solving skills. This gives me hope for the future! We need our children to be able to solve the problems of both today and tomorrow.

When my daughter was young and was struggling, rather than rescuing her (which was my instinct!), I would ask her, "How do you plan to solve that problem?" We would brainstorm ways to address her problem together, and then she was expected to implement the plan. If she forgot her Chromebook, that may have meant she had more homework that night. If she left her lunch at home, she had school lunch. If she had a question for a teacher, she asked it, rather than having me send an email. I still followed up on making plans for the future: How do you think you can avoid forgetting your school materials in the future? We worked together to help her grow her responsibility and independence. After reading Julie Lythcott-Haims's book *How to Raise an Adult*, I would often shrug and say, "I'm raising an adult! I'm not rescuing her!"

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