



M5 Personal Project Fair

On Friday, January 29th, Somersfield Academy held a Personal Project Fair. As part of the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme all students in the final year of the programme are required to produce a personal project.



The students have been working on their projects over the past six months and a tremendous amount of effort, time and work is put into this body of work which represents the culmination of each student's experience of the five year programme. The Personal Project Fair gives the students the opportunity to share their work with family, friends, fellow students, sponsors and invited guests from the community. The project holds an important



place in the IB Programme as it gives each student an opportunity to explore a personal passion while producing a truly creative and independent piece of work which demonstrates all the skills they have acquired as lifelong learners. Each project must be accompanied by a 4,000 word written essay. The work is assessed by the school and then sent to the International Baccalaureate for the process of external moderation.

Asha Caisey, Ryan Whiting and Aliche Donadelle focused on Community & Service. Asha produced a photography collection on cats to raise community awareness of the many SPCA stray cats we have on



the island. Ryan designed an affordable housing model suitable for a Bermudian family and Aliche created a documentary about her life in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Spencer Burrowes, Savannah Frey

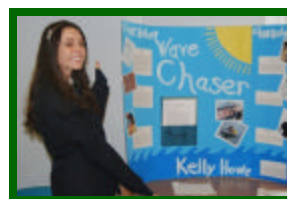


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PTA Meeting & Thank You Social
 February 23rd 6:30

Come Visit Us Day
 February 25th 10:30

Sports Day
 6-9, 9-11 and MYP
 March 4th

Budding Chef
 March 20th

Grandparents Day
 May 7th
 Start planning trips now!

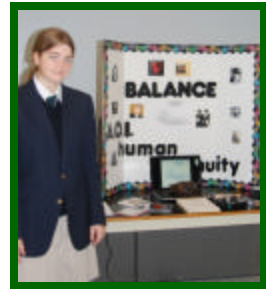


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and Kelly Howe all wrote the first few chapters of a novel, concentrating on Human Ingenuity. Focusing on the same AOI, Daniel Emery produced a documentary on Track and Field, Emerson Krebs made a CD recording of music, and Sean Stapley composed a song influenced by his Scottish ancestry. Harley Sapsford made a documentary on the band "Paper Cut-outs", of which he is a member. Nathaniel Sussman courageously made a guitar from scratch. Omar Turner created a documentary on the Arab-Israeli war and Nick Hall wrote a short story and a song harmonizing violin and guitar. Ceildh Blood made a compilation CD of piano music of various genres which she herself played. Finally, Ethan Martens designed an environmentally airplane model using the AOI environments.

The Personal Project Fair was a great success. The projects were very individual and original, truly representing each student's interests, perspective and values. Through their hard work and commitment, the M5 students more fully recognize the value of what they have accomplished, and everyone that attended left, I am sure, with a new outlook on many topics and different issues in our society today.



THANK YOU SOCIAL and PTA MEETING

6:30 Tuesday, February 23rd in the Common Room

Tom Vesey, Chairman of the Board will be present to thank our many volunteers for their continued support and to bring you up to date on our Annual Giving Campaign.

Chef Ian Friedman from the Bda Hospitality Group/Upper Crust Catering will be discussing our new hot lunch programme and will be providing food for parents to sample. This will give parents the opportunity to sample some of the goods that students will start receiving in March. As we will be having food and wine during this event, we would like for parents to rsvp to advancement@somersfield.bm.

Other items on the agenda will be:
Readathon 2010, Budding Chef Competition and Spring Fair

Come Visit Us Day

To accommodate families with siblings in both levels our "Come Visit Us Day" has been **re-scheduled for 10:30 on Thursday, February 25th**. We hope that this change has not inconvenienced our 3-6 families. This special day provides an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom and see a project the children have been working on in a particular area of study. Students are always proud of their accomplishments and love to share their knowledge with family and friends. Please come and acknowledge the results of their efforts. Perhaps you will learn something new!

3-6 Programme Only: At the end of your visit some of you, especially those with children in the Full Day and P1 programmes, may wish to share a picnic lunch with your child. Hopefully, the weather will cooperate! Please remember that our Full Day and P1 students return to class after lunch. We look forward to seeing everyone on the 25th!

Classroom

Mrs. Turner and Miss Haycock
Mrs. Brewster and Mrs. Cox
Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Outerbridge
Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Mello
Mrs. Hammer and Mrs. Binega-Northcott
Mrs. Outerbridge and Miss Osborne
Miss. Khan and Mrs. Coleman
Mrs. Outerbridge and Miss. Carpenter
Mrs. Davis
Mrs. White

Topic

Animal Kingdom (parents of this class please arrive at 11:00)
Water
Forests and their Animals
Illustrator Studies
Butterflies
The Earth
The Solar System
Italy
Antarctica
The Olympics



We love to share our work!



Did You Know...

Many of our Somersfield community members participate in St. Baldrick's Day?! Please let us know and send us pictures if you are one of the brave ones losing hair on March 19th! So far we know that 6-9 student Toby Gibbons has once again decided to shave his head to raise money for children with cancer. The event will take place at the BAA club house. They are promising a much more up market event than last year with a tent, a band and food.

Local artist Sharon Wilson visited the MYP art department this month. She talked to the M3s about Impressionism and was a big hit.

The 6-9 Khan/Coleman and Carpenter/Outerbridge classes have joined Mr. Brown's "Working With Words Competition" to compete in word challenges with other schools around the world!

Red Cross for Haiti

The second stage of our three pronged approach to Haiti Relief was a school-wide Red and White grub day, bake sale and an MYP barbeque. All funds raised from these events will be presented to our second global charity; The Red Cross in an MYP assembly next week.



We are excited to say that we have received four personal challenge pledges and one year group pledge!

Three of these families will personally match funds raised from this week's events up to \$1,000 and one is matching it up to \$500. The M4 class also decided to match funds raised up to \$600. A very sincere thank you to all of our families for your support in these efforts!



Total Funds Raised: \$7,202.65



Our Core Values

We are a learning community. We practice peace. We inspire intellectual curiosity. We instil respect for self and others. We foster independence and responsibility. We embrace a sense of joy and wonder.

We honour the strength and courage to stand for truth.