



Community and International Service Projects

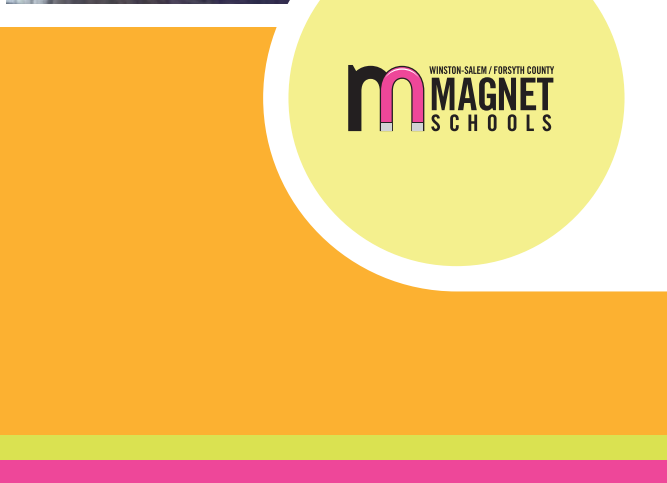
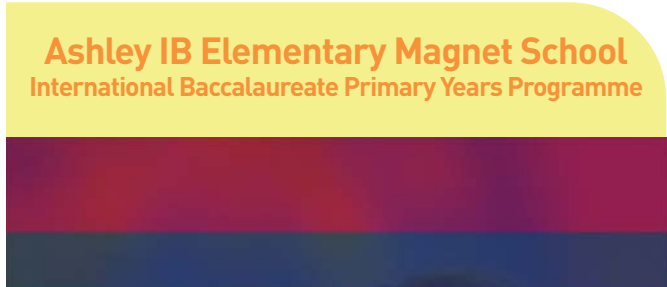
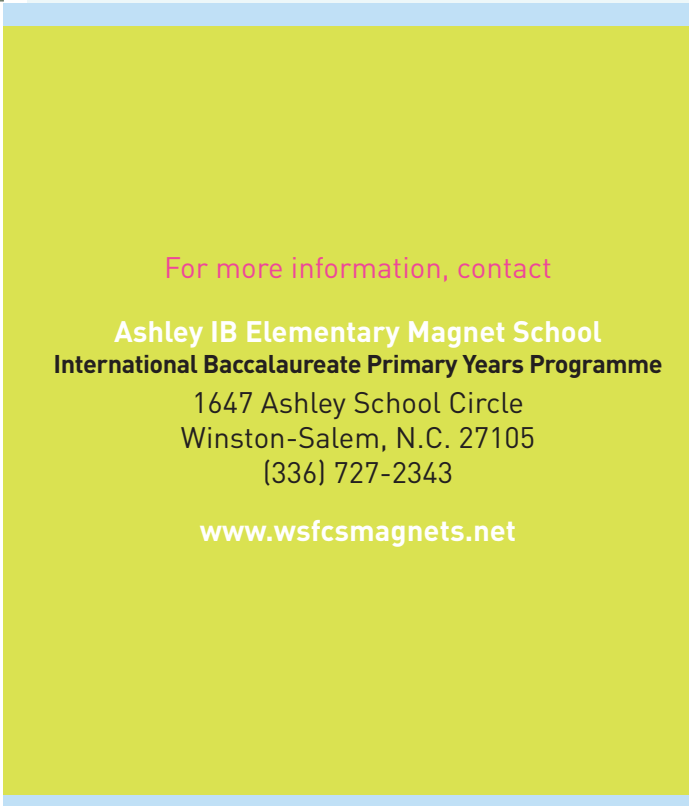
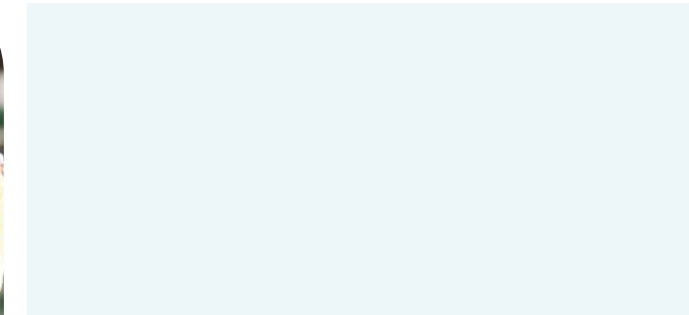
The IB Primary Years Programme encourages students to ask questions and become involved in the concerns of a global community. Ashley students are actively involved in service projects that benefit people locally and across the world. Students have held food drives, collected school supplies for children in area hospitals and prepared care packages for nursing home residents. They also have raised money for international relief efforts and to save acres of rainforest land from destruction.

Other Curricular Enhancements

- On-site Environmental Studies Greenhouse Laboratory
- On-site Wellness Center
- Junior Technology Society
- In-house Broadcast Production
- Community Partners as Mentors
- After-school Tutorials
- Active Partnerships with Truliant Federal Credit Union, Salem College, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem State University, Reading First, World View-Chapel Hill and the Silk Road Project

Parents as Partners

Ashley's teachers and staff encourage parents to see themselves as partners in their children's education. The school sends home weekly newsletters and the PTA encourages active participation. For Spanish-speaking parents, translators are available to answer questions. The school also offers a Saturday Academy for parents that includes General Education Diploma (GED), Spanish, English-as-a-Second-Language, and Introduction to Computers courses.



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Ashley IB Elementary Magnet School Brings the World into its Classrooms

At Ashley, children learn what it means to be citizens of their community and the world through a relevant, engaging, accelerated and creative educational program.

Ashley offers the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme to students from throughout Forsyth County. Admission to this rigorous academic program is by application. Transportation is provided. Extended day programs for before and after school are available.

The International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

The Primary Years Programme focuses on the academic, social, physical, emotional and cultural development of the whole child. It is offered at schools throughout the world

through the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). The Primary Years Programme serves as an introduction to the IB Middle Years Programme offered at Paisley Magnet School and the IB Diploma Programme offered at Parkland Magnet High School.

At the heart of the Primary Years Programme is a commitment to structured inquiry as a vehicle to

learning. Six organizing themes, designed for exploration, inquiry and study, guide Ashley's teachers and students as they work in the IB curriculum:

- Who we are
- Where we are in place and time
- How we express ourselves
- How the world works
- How we organize ourselves
- How we share the planet



The curriculum used at Ashley integrates the educational research, practice, knowledge and experience of international schools with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Students develop their abilities to ask questions and become involved in the concerns of the global community. Their investigations and discoveries are celebrated in school-wide culminating events.

The ultimate goal of the Primary Years Programme is to foster students who have an international perspective and are:

- Inquirers
- Thinkers
- Communicators
- Risk-takers
- Knowledgeable
- Principled
- Caring
- Open-minded
- Well-balanced
- Reflective



An Inviting Environment

Ashley offers small class sizes with no more than 17 students in each class. The school's small classes give teachers more time to address students' individual needs.

To spark students' curiosity outside their classrooms, Ashley's "international" emphasis is on display inside and outside the building. Murals painted on interior walls depict each of the Earth's seven continents.

The school's lobby is decorated like an airport terminal. Airport gate signs take the place of room numbers and "flags" mounted on outside walls represent international destinations.

Other Opportunities for Accelerated Learning

In addition to the IB program, Ashley offers a variety of special opportunities that make the school a unique one.



Technology

Technology available at Ashley includes: Pro Image Plus Poster Printer; scanners and CD burners; digital cameras; DVD cameras; three SMART Boards; two ACTIVboards and an ACTIVslate; three wireless computer labs with 60 laptop computers; three computers and a printer in every classroom; a computer lab; two Classroom Performance Systems; school broadcast capabilities; six LCD projectors; and IBM ThinkPad computers available for check out.

Dual Immersion and Second Language Programs

Students have two options to learn a second language. A full-day dual-language immersion program for native English speakers and native Spanish speakers is offered in kindergarten through fifth grade. The dual-language immersion classes are taught by Visiting International Faculty teachers who also share their cultural background. Through this experience, students grow to understand others around the world.

Spanish instruction also is available in regularly scheduled classes beginning in third grade.

IB Exhibition

Fifth-grade students will participate in an exhibition which is an extended, collaborative inquiry project under the guidance of their teachers. This is a culminating event that marks the transition from the Primary Years Programme to the Middle Years Programme.