

# The IB Target

October 2009



## OPEN HOUSE 2009

Thanks to all parents, students, and faculty/staff who made Open House 2009 a success! In addition to meeting teachers and traversing the halls, opportunities were given to join the ARC/IB Parent Support Group, ARC Athletic Booster Club, and CAS organizations.

### *IB Juniors at Redcliffe Plantation*

On September 3, 2009, all IB Juniors traveled to Redcliffe Plantation State Park in Beech Island, South Carolina. The students participated in a workshop centered on the Document Based Question. This is a skill vital for success on both AP and IB Assessments.

Students were led by Ms. Laney (park director) and were exposed to a plethora of primary documents. An example is the comparison and contrast of the mansion and the slave quarter. The acknowledgement of homes as a primary document was novel to many students! In addition, Ms. Laney introduced us to many of the people who lived on the farm through meticulous records, personal letters, maps, and other primary and secondary sources. This was truly a trip in which we encountered History through action! (visit the IB webpage on ARC's homepage to view pictures)

## Naturalization Ceremony

The Honorable Randy Hall extended an invitation to our IB Juniors to attend a Naturalization Ceremony. The ceremony took place on September 16, 2009. Kathy Drawdy, Treyelle Price, David Cordaro, Jameka Terrell, Corlin Yancey, and Bryce Pearson attended. Mr. Hallman and I chaperoned. We witnessed 13 people from 9 different countries become US Citizens. What an awesome experience! Thank you Judge Hall!



## Creativity, Action, Service

Mr. Johnson is our new coordinator for CAS. He is busy finding CAS opportunities for our students and updating the CAS page on our website. Please visit this vital resource if you have CAS questions. You can also contact him at: [johnske@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:johnske@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us).

## Teacher Spotlight

Mr. Gamblin (IB Psychology Teacher) will be serving our country in the Middle East for the next year. He has been a vital member of the ARC Staff for over 10 years and has recently coached the Cross Country and Swim Teams. We wish him the best of luck and a safe return!

## Extended Essay

### IB Juniors

December 3, 2009	Introduction to EE
December 10, 2009	EE Contract Due (signed by parent and student)
December 17, 2009	Subject Area and Mentor Agreement
January 19, 2010	Working Title and Bibliography Due (signed by mentor)
February 8, 2010	Progress Report on Research and Hours with Mentor (signed by mentor)
February 22, 2010	Rough Draft Due (minimum 3,000 words; submitted to turnitin.com)
March 22, 2010	Final Draft Due (minimum 3,400 words; submitted to turnitin.com; 2 copies)
April 12, 2010	Teachers submission of student work; all forms completed

### IB Seniors

October 19, 2009	Final Draft Due (minimum 3, 400 words; submitted to turnitin.com; 2 copies)
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Mr. Hallman is our coordinator for the EE. You may contact him at [hallmma@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us](mailto:hallmma@boe.richmond.k12.ga.us) or visit the EE website on the IB homepage.

## PDP Freshman Challenge

ARC's PDP Freshman Challenge divides the freshmen into four competitive brigades. Each brigade is led by an ARC Faculty member and is supported by other PDP 9 teachers. Students are randomly assigned to brigades. Each brigade member can help his team earn points that will hopefully enable that group to claim the ARC Spirit Sword.

Points are earned/deducted in the following areas:

#### Points Earned

- Participation in clubs, fine arts, and athletics
- Percentage participation for school spirit (attending games, etc.)
- Total number of group hours for CAS

#### Points Deducted

- Tardies
- Honor Code issues
- Probation issues
- Discipline referrals

It is hoped that the brigades will create a network of friendships across boundaries and create a competitive spirit that will positively impact a student's academic performance and school spirit. Please visit the PDP Freshman Challenge link on the IB webpage for pictures and Brigade lists.

## Upcoming Events.....

### **IB Junior & Senior Parent Meeting**

**\*Tuesday, October 13, 6pm in the ARC Media Center**

### **PDP 9 and 10 Parent Meeting**

**\*Tuesday, October 20, 6pm in the ARC Media Center**