

MELISSA BURNELL

IB Educator and Leader



ABOUT ME

Servant leader. Passionate and reflective IB educator with insatiable curiosity. Striving for a better tomorrow through equity leadership. Nurturing and empowering learners in a wholistic way. Building transformational relationships with students, teachers, and parents is a priority. Honoring student and teacher choice, voice, and ownership. Leading by example.

<p>Executive Master of Arts in International School Leadership and Change The Education University of Hong Kong <i>Graduating December 2020</i></p>	<p>EDUCATION Bachelor of Science in Childhood Studies Plymouth State University 2005</p>	<p>2020 - Awarded the first Dean's Post Graduate Academic Scholarship for outstanding academic performance and leadership qualities</p>
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<p>IB Certificate in Leadership Practice International Baccalaureate Organization</p>	<p>CERTIFICATIONS Experienced Educator Certificate, K-8 State of New Hampshire</p>	<p>IB Advanced Certificate in Leadership Research International Baccalaureate Organization, <i>Completing 2020</i></p>
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EXPERIENCE

GRADE 5 PYP TEACHER CHADWICK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, SOUTH KOREA

- Mentoring intern teachers to support development of best practices for inquiry teaching and learning
- Established and spearheaded India cultural exchange program to support students in developing as open-minded global citizens
- Building trusting relationships with stakeholders

DIVERSITY EQUITY INCLUSION LEAD

- Collaboratively leading across divisions to develop strategic plan, lead lasting change, and align practices and structures with school's philosophy and mission statement
- Facilitating professional learning community to develop intercultural understanding
- Supporting division leaders, teams, and individual teachers with raising cultural awareness



SOCIAL STUDIES LEAD

- Leading PreK through Grade 5 teams in ongoing alignment and implementation of AERO social studies standards, engaging with Sustainable Development Goals, and preserving recognition as an Eco-School
- Developing comprehensive resource bank to aid teachers in planning for DEI and Sustainable Development Goals inquiry

GRADE LEVEL LEADER

- Led diverse grade level team to align PYP Programme of Inquiry with AERO and Common Core standards
- Planned, organized, and led collaborative team meetings with solution focused approach to plan for units of inquiry
- Clearly communicated vision and strategy while leading by example as pedagogical leader

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"Be the change you want to see in the world."
- Mahatma Gandhi

ISA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL GUANGZHOU, CHINA GRADE 6 PYP TEACHER

- Orchestrated units of inquiry by responding to the unique needs and interests of learners
- Pioneered innovative learning experiences to engage students in inquiry learning
- Analyzed formative and summative assessment data to inform teaching
- Coached teachers in inquiry-based planning and instruction



BEIJING INTERNATIONAL BILINGUAL ACADEMY, CHINA GRADE 5 HOMEROOM TEACHER

- Collaborated with team members to plan inquiry-based units of study
- Utilized differentiated instruction to address the needs of an inclusive classroom
- Integrated technology to create engaging learning opportunities



AMERICAN ACADEMY IN AL MIZHAR, UAE GRADE 6 MATH AND SCIENCE | SCIENCE LEAD

- Constructed units of study using backward design
- Accommodated large EAL population by incorporating visual and scaffolded learning tools
- Implemented hands-on learning experiences in both math and science



GILFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL, USA GRADE 6 LANGUAGE ARTS | GRADE 5 HOMEROOM

- Analyzed MAP data and achieved 13% growth in vocabulary by targeting literacy strategies
- Conducted guided reading groups to raise reading levels
- Ignited passion for writing in reluctant learners by providing authentic writing experiences



CONTRIBUTIONS

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION
COMMITTEE

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

ORIENTATION COMMITTEE

LED STUDENT EXCHANGE TRIP

SOCIAL STUDIES, SCIENCE, MATH, AND
LITERACY COMMITTEES

REPORT CARD COMMITTEE

WORKSHOPS LED: SERIES ON DIVERSE
IDENTITIES, SEESAW, FLIPGRID, THE TWITTER
EDUCATOR, READING PROVOCATIONS

WELLNESS



POWER VINYASA YOGA



FAMILY TIME



EXPLORING



READING



COFFEE

REFERENCES

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"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."
- Neale Donald Walsch