

Welcome Preschool families!

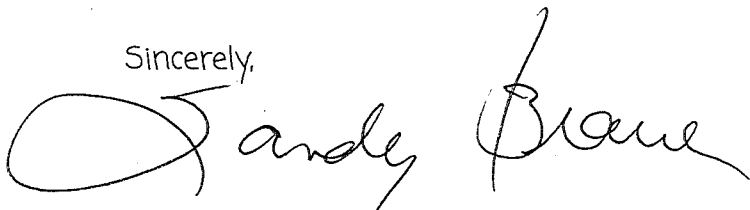
At North Woods International, our goal is to provide the best possible international curriculum for the students at our school. We are excited to share the news that we have been accepted for candidacy of the elementary level of the International Baccalaureate curriculum, called Primary Years Program or PYP. PYP is designed for students aged 3 to 12. PYP focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in the classroom and in the world outside. PYP uses an integrated approach, with an emphasis on investigation. It is a framework guided by six themes of global significance, listed below, using knowledge and skills derived from all subject areas. In PK we focus on the Units: Who we are, How the world works, How we organize ourselves, and How we express ourselves.

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

The authorization process takes place over the next two years, during which our classrooms will begin gradually implementing the IB units of study. Within two years, we will have completed our authorization process and will seek our IB accreditation. We will also begin the transition to all K-5 students receiving Spanish instruction, as required by the PYP program. Next year all Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students will be receiving Spanish and the other grades will continue as they have been with two strands-Global and Immersion.

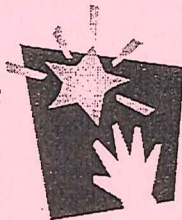
Please visit the North Woods International website for more information about International Baccalaureate. Click 'ABOUT' at the top, and then select "IB PROGRAM" on the drop down menu for videos and information about PYP. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact me at the phone number listed below. Again, welcome to North Woods International!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy Brauer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "S" and a long, sweeping underline.

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Hello!

My name is Ms. LaFleur and I have been teaching at North Woods International for over twenty years! I grew up in Stewartville, Mn and moved to La Crosse to attend UW-La Crosse. I loved the area and was lucky enough to start my teaching career at North Woods Elementary.

I have two daughters, Janae' and Jayda. Janae' will be attending UW-La Crosse in the fall. She is the fourth generation in my family to attend UW-L! Jayda will be a junior in high school. When I am not teaching or spending time with my family, I enjoy reading, time in nature, and pyrography (wood burning). I am excited to meet you and your child and look forward to a fun year together!

Hi!

My name is Mrs. Pedace. I was born in Biddeford Maine but have lived most of my life in La Crosse. My husband Bill and I have been married for almost 35 years. We have four children and five grandchildren. This is my twentieth year working for La Crosse School District and over half those years have been at North Woods International. I started in the English Language Learner Program. In 2015 I was hired as Ms. La Fleur's teacher assistant and I couldn't be happier! It's a pleasure to work with her and help teach all of our delightful preschoolers! When I'm not at school I love being outside enjoying nature. I also enjoy traveling and spending as much time as possible with my children, grandchildren and the rest of my family. I look forward to meeting you and your preschooler very soon!

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4-YEAR-OLD PROGRAM (PRE-K)

Change of Clothes labeled in a 1 gallon Ziploc Bag marked with Child's name (shirt, long pants, underwear, socks)

1 Bottle of Elmer's Glue

2 Boxes of crackers **

1 Box of Kleenex

1 Box of Pipsqueaks washable markers

1 -3 Ring Binder (1 Inch)

2 Pkg Dixie Cups** (5 OZ)

1 Pkg Napkins**