

4th Grade PYP Units of Inquiry

<i>How Organize Ourselves</i>	<i>Who We Are</i>	<i>How the World Works</i>	<i>How We Express Ourselves</i>	<i>Where We Are in Place and Time</i>	<i>Sharing the Planet</i>
<i>Aug-Oct.</i>	<i>Oct. – Nov.</i>	<i>Nov. – Jan.</i>	<i>Jan. – Mar.</i>	<i>Mar. – Apr.</i>	<i>May – Jun.</i>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Unit #1</i> <i>Systems</i></p> <p>Central idea: Systems are a way of organizing people and resources.</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What defines a system • Different kinds of systems • The function of government • The development of one’s own systems 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Unit #2</i> <i>Self-Identity</i></p> <p>Central idea: Self-identity is shaped by a variety of factors.</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morals, beliefs and values • The impact of external influences on oneself • Being true to oneself 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Unit #3</i> <i>Oceans</i></p> <p>Central idea: Our ocean is a complex and changing system.</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ocean as an ecosystem • The impact of currents and waves • The role of science and technology in understanding our oceans 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Unit #4</i> <i>Cultural Expression</i></p> <p>Central idea: The beliefs and values of a culture can be expressed in different ways.</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Artistic cultural expressions • Rituals, traditions and celebrations • How culture is reflected in language 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Unit #5</i> <i>Human Movement</i></p> <p>Central idea: The movement of people is influenced by many factors.</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The reasons people migrate, explore and settle • The impact of migration and exploration • How migration and exploration have changed over time 	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Unit #6</i> <i>Species in Danger</i></p> <p>Central idea: Humans and other species are interconnected.</p> <p>Lines of inquiry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The interdependency of species within ecosystems • Species who are at risk, endangered and extinct • How humans impact other species • Our responsibility to protect species