

Talented Third Graders Express Themselves

Jose Damian Elementary School (JDE), showcased its third grade students' talents during "The Artistic Expression Talent Show" that was held recently before an audience of family and friends.

The talent show was part of the campus's Primary Years Program (PYP), which is an international curriculum focusing on the total growth of the developing child. "PYP combines the best research and practice from a range of national systems with knowledge and experience from international schools including social, emotional and cultural needs," said Angie Guzman, third grade teacher.

According to Beatriz Leyba, third grade bilingual teacher, the central idea behind JDE's Primary Years Program is how we express ourselves; and throughout history humans have expressed themselves through the arts.

Our students were able to express themselves through the arts to fulfill their personal artistic interpretations," stated Clarice Garcia, third grade teacher.

"Many of the performances were choreographed, composed, or written by the students who performed them, which demonstrates the artistic talent among our third grade students," said Maria Elena Torres, third grade teacher.