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[Westlake Academy](#) staff members had a busy summer preparing for a year filled new plans to keep the IB school in line with its mission: to provide students with an internationally minded education of the highest quality so they are well-balanced and respectful life-long learners.

Teachers and staff attended a plethora of training, focusing on International Baccalaureate content and program mastery, technology, Visible Learning, Great Expectations and International Mindedness.

A group of teachers even traveled to San Antonio to participate in a conference with nationally-recognized educational leaders. Others went to [iPadpalooza](#) in Austin to explore ways to increase student engagement, responsibility and critical thinking (the academy has a one-to-one iPad initiative in place).

Earlier this summer, Westlake Academy hosted its first ever International Mindedness Educator Symposium, which aimed to create a network of schools with which Westlake Academy students could collaborate, thereby increasing international awareness in the classroom.

“We are exceedingly proud of the outcome. It was indeed a great experience for all. In the upcoming year, our students from K-12 will collaborate with students from San Miguel, Monterey, Costa Rica and Argentina,” said Dr. Mechelle Bryson, executive principal/director of education, in a press release.

On Monday and Tuesday evenings, students and parents attended Back to School events to gather helpful information and meet the teachers. Tuesday morning, the Town of Westlake municipal staff and Westlake Academy Board of Trustees treated teachers to a breakfast buffet and a few gifts as a way to welcome them back and thank them for working so hard this summer.

“Leadership matters; it starts with school administration, spreads through the faculty, ignites students and inspires the community,” Bryson said. “Our quest to become ‘the best place for teachers to teach and for students to learn’ is at the forefront of our preparation for the 2015/2016 school year.”

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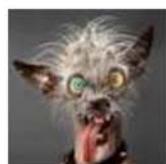


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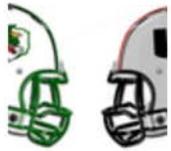


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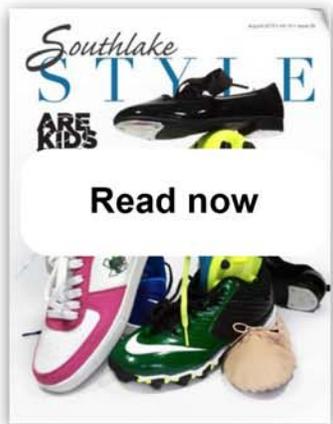
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