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## International World Schools of West Covina Students Present Passion Projects

**WEST COVINA, CA** – Students in Edgewood Schools' International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (MYP) lit up as they presented a zero-waste challenge, the impact of social media, a comprehensive look at "The Sound of Music," video game design, the history of the Space Age and more on May 9 during Edgewood's first-ever Personal Projects Exhibition.

The Personal Project is the culmination of the [five-year MYP](#), which serves students in grades six to 10. Students are encouraged to conduct independent research that explores a personal interest and demonstrates MYP-taught skills like critical and creative thinking, self-management and communication.

"I was motivated to do this project, even though it was extra work on top of all my other activities, because it was enjoyable to complete this for myself and see all my work come together," said sophomore Alyanna Nalapo, whose project focused on introductory songwriting and musical composition. "I feel like MYP is preparing me for what's next; the IB Diploma Programme is challenging, but I feel ready to take on those challenges."

The Personal Project consists of three parts: students document the process they follow, create a product or outcome and produce a report or presentation that explains what they have done and learned. Seventeen Edgewood middle and high school students engaged in one to three months of research to complete the schools' first ever MYP Personal Projects.

MYP is part of West Covina Unified's [TK-12 IB instruction](#) and mission to provide a rigorous and globally focused education.

### PHOTO

**WCUSD\_MYP\_PROJECTS:** Edgewood Schools student Melanie Barahoma presents a Jigsaw-style painting of her own design as her MYP Personal Project during the school's exhibition on May 9.

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