What is **Project Based Learning?**

According to PBL Works (pblwork.org), Project Based Learning is "a teaching method in which students learn by actively engaging in real-world and personally meaningful projects." It is where "students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to an authentic, engaging, and complex question, problem or challenge."

We chose PBL for our magnet theme through research and voting by parents, students, staff and community in early 2020. Our goal is to be the leader in Project Based Learning for Wichita Public Schools and the surrounding area because no other school has PBL as their primary focus. Given our own mission and vision, PBL has proven to uphold our core beliefs while ultimately positively impacting student achievement. Students of all abilities can be successful using PBL, the strategies as well as social skills (collaboration, problem-solving, critical thinking, presentation skills, etc).

Although we are still learning ourselves, Black Traditional Magnet is beyond excited to see what we can accomplish together!



