

## International Laboratory School Tour

In October, the International Association of Laboratory Schools (IALS) hosted its third international tour with educators traveling to both Toronto, Canada and to Pittsburgh. Mrs. Opferman joined the group on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Dr. Eric Jackman Institute of Child Study Laboratory School in Toronto. She observed the programs for children ages 3-12 and dialogued with educators from Canada and the U.S.

*"The highlight of my experience at The Jackman Institute of Child Study was observing and learning from the exceptional teachers. Exploration, creativity, curiosity, and building confidence are evident in the developmentally appropriate program. Their emphasis on inquiry-based learning allows for innovative and compelling experiences. It was exciting to connect with like-minded educators who honor each child's unique learning style and interests."* Mrs. Opferman



From the 19<sup>th</sup> through the 21<sup>st</sup>, an international group of educators explored Pittsburgh's three laboratory schools, beginning with attending the Children's School family open house, conducting observations at the Children's School, Carlow's Campus School, and Pitt's Falk School, and joining the schools' parents and educators at the collaboratively sponsored lecture by Dr. Deborah Gilboa. Dialogue throughout the experience focused on laboratory school leadership & innovation.

