

ABU DHABI GRAMMAR SCHOOL (CANADA)

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Together We Make the Difference!



WEBSITE: <http://www.agsgrmmr.sch.ae>

Date: Thursday 2 February 2017

What's Happening?

Wednesday 8 February	Public Speaking Event Grades 3 - 7
Thursday 9 February	First Semester Reports (Gr. 10 – 12) distributed
Thursday 9 February	Grade 7 – 9 Major Assessments Results distributed
Wednesday 15 February	Grades 7 – 8 Science Innovation Fair
Wednesday 22 February	Cultural Night
Thursday 23 February	Early Dismissal KG-2 @ 12 pm & Gr 3 – 12 @ 1pm for PD
Sunday 26 February	KG & Gr 1 Sports Day

Welcome to Second Semester! We want to congratulate our great students on a job well done in completing all of the requirements for First Semester and in studying hard for exams. For senior high, teachers are in the process of tabulating final marks and report cards will go home with all high school students on February 9th.



Registration for 2017-2018 School Year

Re-Register for Next Year

It is time to re-register your children currently attending AGS. Students are **not** automatically re-enrolled for the 2017/2018 school year. Please come in and pay the 5% deposit to keep your child's seat. **Re-registration is open until 9 February 2017.** Afterwards, available seats will be filled with new students.

Please note you must settle all your outstanding school fees before you can pay the deposit.

New Student Registration

KG2 REGISTRATION IS CLOSED!

This month we will interview and assess new students from Grade 1 – 12 to fill available seats. We will begin with siblings of students already enrolled.

New students must complete an interview & assessment and have their current school submit a Confidential Reference Form before they will be offered a seat at AGS.

You're invited to **CULTURAL NIGHT 2017**

This year's AGS Cultural Night will take place at school on Wednesday, 22 February from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. We have been working hard to make Cultural Night another success, so make sure you come and check it out!

Every class from KG 2 to Grade 5 has been given a country to learn about and create some artwork for the display. The countries were chosen to reflect the diverse cultures at AGS.



We would love for you to continue your support and contribute to the event. Last year we had a great turn out! As always we welcome you to help out on the night of the event or participate with cultural food, cultural music, or anything else. Remember to wear the national dress from your country!

You are welcome to help out at any country and may choose more than one activity.

If you have any questions about the event, you can email Ms. Brittany – bsmith@agsgrmmr.sch.ae.

We look forward to a great night - See you there!

Sports Day - Outdoor fun games at Mussafah Park 1

Sports Days at Mussafah Park 1 will be held on February 26 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm for KG2 & Grade1.

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SPORTS NEWS

A.G.S is represented this year as associate member in ADISSA, by 5 teams: U11 Football Girls (Ms.Dragana), U12 Football Boys (Mr.Sorin), U14 Touch Rugby Girls (Mr.Aleks), U16 Football Boys (Mr.Sorin), U19 Football Boys (Mr.Michael) and by 2 non-associate member teams: U17 Basketball Girls (Ms.Leeann,Ms.Nicole), and Senior Basketball Boys(Mr.Chris). We wish them good luck in their Final Tournament that will take place in the end of March. From this year on, our school will have 4 thematic Sports Days going on in Mussafah Park 1. This year the Sports Days theme will be "Aqua Fun Adventure". The students participating, must wear their house shirt, and bring along a snack and plenty of water. Sun screen and sun glasses will be a plus. The dates for the events are: **26th of Feb-** KG to Gr.1; **2nd of March-**Gr.2 to Gr.3; **9th of March-**Gr.4 to Gr.6 and **16th of March-**Gr.7 to Gr.9.

Another very important event taking place at A.G.S will be Terry Fox Run. Every year the P.E. Department organizes a Marathon like event that involves all school. KG-Grade 2 Students will have their Run on the 22nd of February, while Grade 3 to Grade 9 students will participate in theirs, same week during their Physical Education classes.

Here are some more details why our school is involved in the Terry Fox Run every year. It is a non-competitive event where people get together as individuals, families, and groups to raise money for cancer research in Terry's name. It is a day of celebrating Terry's legacy and helping to keep alive his dream of finding a cure for cancer. To date, over \$650 million has been raised worldwide for cancer research in Terry's name through the annual Terry Fox Run, held across Canada and around the world.



Meet Top Rated Canadian Universities at IDP Abu Dhabi in February

IDP Education is organizing a number of free information sessions in February for international students who want to study in Canada. The sessions will host representatives of a number of world-class Canadian universities, who will provide students with all information about their universities, courses, degrees and admission conditions.

Register now to join us!

https://www.idp.com/middleeast/studyabroad/events/2017/02/top-rated-canadian-universities-at-idp-abu-dhabi?sc_lang=en

Meet the following Canadian universities at IDP Abu Dhabi office!

University	Representative	Level	Date	Time
University of Guelph Ryerson University Carleton University Trent University University of Ontario Institute of Technology Dalhousie University St. Francis Xavier University	Leanne Stillman Salisha Randel Rafael Dezordi Straun Robertson Shannon Bracken Terry Gallivan Justin Fox	ESL, UG ESL, UG, PG UG, PG UG ESL, UG, PG ESL, UG ESL, UG, PG	Mon,6 Feb	7:00 – 9:00PM
University of Prince Edward Island	Freya Qi	UG, PG	Mon,7 Feb	2:30 – 3:30PM
University of Alberta	Khadija Jetha	UG, PG	Sat,18 Feb	11:00-4:00PM
Queen's University	Kutay Ulkuer	ESL, UG	Tue,28Feb	3:30 – 5:00PM

Don't miss these free sessions if you want to:

Speak to the universities' representatives 1 to 1 to ask questions about the university and the programs on offer.

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· Find out about the university rankings, the city they are based in, life in Canada and much more!

· Get the professional help of IDP counsellors to apply on the same day.

For more information, contact IDP Education office. Location Map attached for reference.

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Public Speaking Event

During the months of January and February students in grades 3 to 6 have been working on their public speaking skills. Grade 3 students have been memorizing and reciting poems, while the 4's, 5's and 6's have been working on speeches. They are all presenting them within their classrooms and the finalists from each class will present their poem or speech for the judges during an evening event. The evening event will take place on Wednesday, February 8th, 7:00 p.m. at the school. After the competitions for grade level finalists in the classrooms, all contestants and audience members will proceed to the gym for the presentation of plaques for first, second and third place winners for each grade level. All other finalists will be presented with a medal. Following the award's presentation, first place winners for each grade level will present their speeches or poem. The school's intention is to encourage good public speaking practice which is an important life skill and an important component of the Language Arts Program.

Invitation to all Parents and Relatives

Grade 7-8 Science-Innovation Fair

Wednesday, February 15- 3:00-4:00 PM-

Parent -Public Viewing

The *Second Annual Science/Innovation Fair* will be held on Wednesday, February 15 for Grade 7-8 students.

The AGS Science/Innovation Fair at **this level** is an opportunity for students to explore a question of their own choice using the scientific method. The goal of the Science/Innovation Fair is to enable a fun and meaningful hands-on learning activity for students at all ability levels. Beyond providing exposure to the scientific method, the science fair will encourage students to apply problem solving techniques, to integrate knowledge and skills from multiple subject areas, and to develop skills in cooperation and communication.

All students in Grades 7-8 will be participating in an in-class competition where the top seven per class at this level move on to the gym for judging. All Science/Innovation projects will be evaluated and will be part of the student's science mark for the next report.

Please note that during the 3:00-4:00 PM Parent Public Viewing session, students who are not presenting their projects will need to be accompanied by their parents in the Gym.

We also look forward to the Grades 9-12 Science-Innovation Fair that will take place Wednesday, March 8, 2017!

We look forward to viewing fantastic projects at the Science/Innovation Fairs!

AGS Concerns

If you have a concern, complaint or compliment and wish to have it addressed at the school please send your concern, by email, to agsconcerns@gmail.com This email is checked daily and issues are addressed promptly.