

ABU DHABI GRAMMAR SCHOOL (CANADA)

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Date: Thursday, 8 March 2018

What's Happening?

Thursday, 8 March

International Women's Day

Friday, 9 March

Teacher's Day

Thursday, 15 March

Second Term Reports (KG2 – Gr. 9) go home

Tuesday, 20 March 7

International French Language Day

Wednesday, 21 March 5

Mother's Day

Wednesday, 21 March

Early Dismissal KG-2 @ 11:30 am & Gr. 3 – 12 @ 12:30 pm for Parent – Teacher meeting

Sun, 25 March – Sat, 7 April

Spring Break

Sunday, 8 April

School resumes, Term 3 begins

Tuesday, 17 April

Grade 10 – 12 Reports go home

Wednesday, 18 April

Isra'a Wal Mirajj Holiday

Sunday, 22 April

Grade 9 Parent – Teacher meeting @ 6 pm

Sunday, 22 April

Grade 10 -11 Parent – Teacher meeting @ 7 pm

Wednesday, 25 April

Parent – Teacher Interviews Grades 10 -1 2

Thursday, 26 April

Early Dismissal grades KG2 – 2 @ 11:30 am & grades 3 – 12 @ 12:30 pm for PD



Public Speaking Event

During the months of January and February students in grades 3 to 6 were working on their public speaking skills. Grade 3 students were memorizing and reciting poems, while the 4's, 5's and 6's were working on speeches. They presented them within their classrooms and the finalists from each class presented their poem or speech for the judges during an evening event. The evening event took place on Wednesday, February 7th, 7:00 p.m. at the school. After the competitions for grade level finalists in the classrooms, all contestants and audience members proceeded to the gym for the

presentation of plaques for first, second and third place winners for each grade level. All other finalists presented with a medal. Following the award's presentation, first place winners for each grade level presented their speeches or poems. The school's intention was to encourage good public speaking practice which was an important life skill and an important component of the Language Arts Program.



Sports Day - Outdoor fun games at Mussafah Park 1

Sports Days at Mussafah Park 1 were held on different days for all grades at 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. All activities were prepared and conducted by the High School

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PE11 class and PE Department. There were lots of laughs, and an excellent display of school spirit! Well done and thanks to the PE department and the PE 11 course students for arranging these events. Thanks to our school nurse Mr. Ahmed for being available on these days.



ADEK Inspection

We were very busy hosting inspections during the month of February. ADEK inspection was held from February 11th – 15th. Overall we were pleased with the results of our ADEK inspection. We will receive the report in 3 – 6 weeks.

Inspectors from Canada- Nova Scotia



Ms. Dale Armstrong and Mr. David Brennick from the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development were present at AGS from February 25th – March 1st. They were at AGS carrying out the yearly inspection. We had the pleasure to host their visit and were proud to show off our students and school!

Ms. Dale reported to Ms. Annmarie: *“You and the staff should be very proud of the excellent program at AGS- you represent Nova Scotia well.”*



AGS Culture Night 2018

This year's AGS Cultural Night took place in various areas of the school on Wednesday, February 21st,

2018 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Every class from KG 2 to Grade 5 was given a country to

learn about and create some artwork for the display. The countries were chosen to reflect the diverse cultures at AGS; remember, with students from over 50 countries we couldn't possibly choose them all. Due to the high number of individuals expected to attend



we had a larger area for the displays and presentations. The red area and the castle area were used for this major event. Thank you so much for your continued support and generous contributions. This was a great night at AGS and we were very delighted to share it with you.

Grade 4-6 Science-Innovation Fairs a Great Success Grades 4-6

The annual Science-Innovation Fairs were a big success. Budding scientists from grades 4-6 displayed their excellent projects in the classrooms and gymnasium on JANUARY 17, 2018. Previously each grade 5-6 class held mini science-innovation fairs to select five finalists per class to compete in the gymnasium. A total of 40 projects were set up in the gym for judging, student and parent viewing. All finalists were presented with a certificate and all were acknowledged for being a finalist. During the day, judges selected gold, silver and bronze medal finalists. As well, grade 5 and 6 most innovative awards were selected. The judges had a very difficult job making the final selections. Many positive comments were received from students and parents concerning this year's science-innovation fair and the quality of the projects. The grade four portion of the event was non- competitive and held in the grade 4 classrooms. Special thanks to the judges, Ms. Marguerite Chaisson, Ms. Shazi Siddiq, Mr. Mike White and Mr. Steve Storey for their work

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in judging the projects throughout the morning. As well, special thanks to the Science-Innovation Fair Planning Team for their work organizing this year's event- Mr. Scott C (Gr. 6), Ms. Alecia (Gr. 6), Ms. Julia (Gr. 5), Ms. Abeer (Gr. 4). Shown above Grade 5 Science-Innovation Fair Finalists **Ms. Fatima (AGS Director)**, **Haya (Most Innovative – “Cana Blow Dyer Clean?”)**, **Eric (Bronze- “Levitating Pencil”)**, **Christian (Silver- “Simple Motor”)**, **Haya (Gold- “Rain Water Harvesting System”)**, **Ms. Annmarie (AGS Principal)**.

Shown below Grade 6 Science-Innovation Fair Finalists

Ms. Fatima (AGS Director), **Mira (Most Innovative Award-“The Eco Friendly Bag”)**, **Lemar (Silver- “ Automatic Water Level Indicator”)**, **Mohannad and Yusuf- (Gold- “Invisible Glass”)**, **Mohammed (Bronze- “Wacky Water”)**, **Ms. Annmarie (AGS Principal)**



Grade 9, 10-11 Parent Meetings

There will be a meeting for present Grade 9 parents on Sunday April 22 at 6:00 PM. This meeting will give an introduction to parents with students going to high school for the first time in 2018-19. Ms. Marlene, the guidance counselor, and Mr. Danny, the VP of High School, will facilitate the meeting.

A Grade 10-11 parent meeting will be held on April 22 at 7:00 PM. This meeting is for parents to give them an over view of the course selection process for high school students. Again, Ms. Marlene, the guidance counselor, and Mr. Danny, the VP of High School, will facilitate the meeting.

PISA Test #2

In support of UAE's 2021 vision of being among the top 20 performing countries in the world in the PISA test, our school will be participating in the second Pisa mock test on Tuesday March 6. The test will be written from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. All students born in 2002 at Abu Dhabi Grammar School (Canada) will participate in the writing of the Pisa International test. This test is based on the English, Science and Math skills that a student should have at their age. It is a test that is written throughout the world in many countries. This mock test is to help the students prepare for the official test which will be scheduled in April or May 2018.

The test is being administered by ADEK and will take place in the gym. It will be supervised by our teachers. Participation at AGS in the first Mock test was excellent with only one student missing the test. When the tests are corrected by ADEK the school will receive a report with our student's results.

Important Messages from the Student Counselor

Dear Grade 9, 10 and 11 Students and Parent/Guardians:

It is essential for students to have the correct spelling of their names and family information on file at the school to ensure all school documents and records now and in the future are filled out correctly.

For Example:

- Official Transcripts
- Graduation Diplomas
- eSIS Report Cards
- AGS Report Cards

We are therefore asking for each student to provide us with the following documents:

- A Scanned Colour Copy of their Passport

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Students may bring in the original copies as well and we will scan them here at school.

Students and/or parents are asked to provide these documents to Ms. Diane as soon as possible. Scanned copies of Passport and VISA page can be sent electronically to Ms. Diane. Her email address is dgarcia@agsgrmmr.sch.ae

Thank you for your support

Grade 10 and 11 Students and Parent/Guardians:

It is important to begin to plan for students' future direction to ensure they acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to reach their future educational, occupational and personal goals. Students with the support of their families and School Guidance Counselor can begin to explore university options and application requirements. The information gathered will help to ensure students' are registering after April Report Cards for the grade 11 and grade 12 courses needed for graduation and acceptance into the programs of interest at the post-secondary institutions, colleges and universities. Students will also learn whether or not the institution they hope to attend require them to take SAT and/or English proficiency assessments. SAT test dates are tightly clustered in the late summer and fall due to the fact most college application deadlines are late fall and early winter. Registration for August SAT tests usually takes place in July. If you are planning to attend university in the UK it is important to ensure you take the UKVI and not the IELTS. The application season for universities begins in October.

Ms. Marlene has set up grade 10 and 11 Google Classrooms which are used to forward important information and updates on university fairs and the application process. Please encourage your child to join and share their parent/guardian emails to ensure that they also receive important information. Ms. Marlene also has an afterschool activity each Sunday from 3 to 4 pm (Starting

Sunday March 4) that focuses on supporting students with university information and application process. If you have questions or need support please contact our guidance counsellor Ms. Marlene. mjohns@agsgrmmr.sch.ae

(Grade 10 Google Classroom s1n00j)

(Grade 11 Google Classroom ywvp4o)

Dear Grade 12 Emirati and Mother-national Students and Guardians

The Minister of Education has asked that we ensure that Grade 12 Emirati and Mother-national students who are interested in attending university, trade school and/or college in federal institutions within the UAE or to study abroad fill out the online application form. You are asked to choose the appropriate educational institution and field of study and upload all the required valid documents before April 5, 2018.

Male students who have enrolled for the National Service program are advised to complete their higher education admission requirements in order to secure a place in one of the federal institutions of higher education or to study abroad under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Education.

Students who wish to enroll into a licensed private university, are still advised to complete MoE's online application for admission and fulfil the requirements in case the student loses his/her opportunity to study at the private university.

Students are also reminded to register and complete the EmSAT tests (which are one of the admission eligibility requirements) during the months between January to early March in order to be eligible to attend university, trade school and/or college in federal institutions of higher education in UAE or to study abroad under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Education.

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More pictures on Sports Days from all grades

SPRING BREAK- School Holiday

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