

# ABU DHABI GRAMMAR SCHOOL (CANADA)

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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*Date: Wednesday 29 November 2017*

### What's Happening in Our School Community?

**Thursday, 30 November**  
**Saturday, 2 December**  
**Sunday, 3 December**  
**Thursday, 14 December**

**Friday, 15 December - Saturday, 6 January**

**Martyr's Day (Holiday)**  
**UAE National Day**  
**UAE National Day (Holiday)**  
**Early Dismissal @ 11:30 (Kg - 2) & 12:30 (3 -12) for PD**  
**Winter Break**

### **AGS Website and Facebook**

We are proud to announce that we have already launched our school's new website and Facebook page. Everything you need to know about the school is available on the school's website. We have created the Facebook page in order to keep you involved with all that happens in our school community and stay connected. Please take a look at [www.agsgrmmr.sch.ae](http://www.agsgrmmr.sch.ae)

*In order to view our facebook page kindly click on the facebook icon that you will see on the website's homepage or type: Abu Dhabi Grammar School – Canada – Official.*

### **National Flag Day**

Students celebrated the anniversary of Sh. Khalifa's Presidency of the UAE by raising the UAE flag at 11 am and playing the National Anthem on Thursday November 3rd, 2017. The celebration was also held in the desert during the grades 6 – 8 safari trip.



**Re-registration is open now for current students!**

Students who are currently attending AGS **must reserve their seat for next year**, by paying a 5% deposit at the Accounts Department. This fee is to be paid in cash, and is deducted from the tuition fees when the first semester payment takes place. Before re-registration can take place, outstanding school fees must be paid.

<b>New Student Admission Dates</b>	
Sun, 10 Dec 2017	KG 2 admission is open for <b>siblings</b> of students currently attending AGS.
Mon, 8 Jan 2018	KG 2 admission is open for new students (non-siblings).
Sun, 14 Jan 2018	Grade 1 to 8 admission is open for <b>siblings</b> of students currently attending AGS.
Sun, 4 Feb 2018	Grade 1 to 8 new student admission is open.
Sun, 18 Feb 2018	Grade 9 to 12 admission is open for <b>siblings</b> of students currently attending AGS only.
Sun, 25 Feb 2018	Grade 9 to 12 new student admission is open (non-siblings).
Eligible applicants will be contacted to arrange an interview and assessment according to their age, and grade level, which corresponds with school and Ministry requirements.	

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### Bully Awareness Week-November 19-23, 2017

**Bully Awareness Week** was highlighted during the week of November 19-23, 2017, Grade 2A (Ms. Heather's class shown above), along with other classes, prepared posters and Anti-Bullying Flags that were displayed during the five KG-Grade 8 Assemblies.



In our continuing efforts to decrease bullying in our school, **Bully Awareness Week** was held on **November 19 - 23**. During the 20th, 21st and 22nd, five KG-Grade 8 Assemblies were held and they included skits, videos, songs, slide shows that

highlighted ways to prevent bullying. During the week the following activities took place- Kindness Bingo, Bully Awareness Week Flags and posters, Positive Post It Note Messages for Bulletin Boards, Pink Shirt Day (Wednesday) and Think Before You Speak activities. Special thanks to the following teachers for organizing the week- Mr. David L (2B), Ms. Stephanie (1D), Ms. Jennifer (5D), Ms. Vanessa (3D), Mr. Manny (7A), Ms. Marlene (Guidance).

### Prophet's Mohamed's Birthday (Al Mawlid An Nabawi)

Abu Dhabi Grammar School celebrated Prophet Mohammed's Birthday on Monday Nov 27. Assemblies for students and teachers were conducted in honor of this occasion. Starting with recitation from the Holy Qur'an, the assemblies included readings, poems and shows to reflect the manners and teachings of the Prophet (PBUH) and



the love and respect we all have for the Prophet. The birthday of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) is celebrated on the 12th day of Rabi Al Awwal every year. In Arabic, the holiday is referred to as Eid Al Mawlid an Nabawi. **Shown above is the Grade 7-9 Arabic/Islamic Girl's Club performing a song.**

### National Day Assembly

AGS conducted two National Day assemblies on Wednesday 29 November. Students performed songs, poetry and dances. Students came to school wearing Emirati National Dress and other UAE items that were currently available to celebrate National Day – e.g. Scarves, pins, headbands etc. We would like to thank the Arabic staff for preparing students for performances during the assemblies.

### A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSES



Cold and Flu season has arrived! Viruses spread easily among children in the school, and increased numbers of students are seeing in the clinic with communicable illnesses. We can work together to keep our school community and our homes as healthy as possible by following these health guidelines:

- Eat healthy foods, get plenty of rest, and drink more water to help boost the immunity.
- Have your child wash his/her hands frequently with water and soap, to prevent and combat the spread of germs.
- Remind your child to cover his/her coughs and sneezes with a tissue or an elbow.

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· *Disinfect frequently surfaces that are prone to germs.*

· *Do not let your child share drinks, food, or unwashed utensils with others.*

· *If your child is sick and with fever, keep him/her at home to prevent the spread of illness to others, and check with your healthcare provider when needed*

*Enjoy a healthy holiday season!*



### Science/Innovation Fairs

Calling all AGS scientists! Do you have an interesting idea for a science/innovation project?

The Third Annual Science/Innovation Fair will be held on **Wednesday, January 17th, 2018 for Grades 4-6**. Students in **Grade 3** will highlight math and science within their classrooms through literature and fun math and science activities.

The AGS Science/Innovation Fair at the **Grade 4-6** 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.



**Grade 4** will not be competitive this year. They will present their projects within their classrooms. All students in **Grades 5 and 6** will participate in an in-class competition where the top five per class (grade) move on to the gym for judging. Science/Innovation fair projects will be completed by students outside of school time. Projects can be undertaken by students individually or in pairs. Specific requirements for the science fair will be communicated to students by Grade 4-6 teachers. All Science/Innovation projects will be evaluated

and will be part of the student's science mark for the next report.

We look forward to viewing fantastic projects at the **Science/Innovation Fairs in January, 2018**.

### Volunteering Opportunities

When applying to universities and colleges high school students are competing for admission against other students who typically have similar grades and test scores. One of the factors that help a student to stand out for acceptance into various university programs and scholarships opportunities is volunteer activities. Strong academic students, who also volunteer, demonstrate the ability to manage their time well and to work as a team player. Students are encouraged to become engaged members of their community and to participate in the UAE's various community initiatives. **Moral Education** promotes character building to develop the next generation of role models and leaders, who contribute positively to long term health and well-being of society and the wide world. On the **Moral Education** website <https://www.moraleducation.ae> under **GET INVOLVED** volunteers can match their skills and competencies with volunteer opportunities provided by public and private sector organization across all Emirates. Volunteers can specify interests and availability, while entities with volunteering needs can post vacancies according to specific categories and requirements. Some of the opportunities listed are: Special Olympics, FIFA CLUB WORLD CUP 2017 and EXPO 2020 Dubai UAE.

### School Advisory Council

AGS has a staff/student/parent group that meets monthly to discuss school issues and to support the School Improvement Plan. Presently we have 3 parents, 3 staff members and 1 student as part of our Council. This group offers advice on school policies and governance matters. They also offer support and advice to the principal and staff with regard to clarifying the strategic vision and providing advice on professional matters and quality assurance.



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We are very grateful to the parents, and all members, who serve on our SAC and appreciate them taking time to assist us on our constant journey of school improvement.

## Grade 11 and 12 High School Students

High School Students planning on studying **Medicine** are often expected to apply the October before their year of acceptance. Many universities also require entrance exams to be completed before students' applications are accepted. Current **Grade 11** students may need to write these as early as May 2018 for September 2019 applications. It is never too early to begin exploring your university options and application requirements.

Study **Medicine in EUROPE**  
**ENTRANCE EXAM**

	<b>University of Debrecen, Hungary</b> <b>Jan-20 / Apr-21</b> <small>2018</small> 9:00 am Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dubai
	<b>Charles University, Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic</b> <b>Feb-3 / Apr-28</b> <small>2018</small> 9:00 am Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dubai
	<b>Charles University, First Faculty, Czech Republic</b> <b>Feb-17 / Jun-23</b> <small>2018</small> 9:00 am Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dubai
	<b>University of Warmia &amp; Mazury, Poland</b> <b>Feb-02</b> <small>2018</small> 9:00 am Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dubai
	<b>Palacky University in Olomouc, Czech Republic</b> <b>MAY</b> <small>2018</small> 9:00 am Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dubai

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