

ABU DHABI GRAMMAR SCHOOL (CANADA)

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Date: Sunday October 29, 2017

What's Happening?

Thursday Nov 2	Safari Trip grade 6 – 8
Thursday Nov 9	Safari Trip grade 9 – 12
Thursday Nov 23	Kg – Gr. 9 & Gr. 10 – 12 Mid-Term Reports Go Home
Tuesday Nov 28	Early Dismissal for Parent – Teacher meeting, KG – 2 @ 11:30 am & Gr.3 – 12 @ 12:30pm
Wednesday Nov 29	National Day Celebrations
Thursday Nov 30	Martyr's Day
TBA	Prophet's Birthday

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

Nova Scotia Elementary Provincial Assessments



Provincial Assessments for this year, in English and Math, took place in grades 3, 4, and 6 in October. The information received from these assessments is used to determine how well our students at AGS are doing in comparison to schools in Nova Scotia, Canada. This is also very valuable information for our school to use during ADEK inspections. Thanks to all our teachers and administration for coordinating these assessments and to our students for doing their best.

We are very proud to announce the results of our students who sat for the Nova Scotia Assessment during the years 2014 until 2017 in grades 3, 4, 6 & 8. As the results show on the right, AGS scores place the school in very high competition with the schools in Nova Scotia. Thanks to all the teachers for their efforts that they have put

into their students during these years. Way to go!!! You really make us proud.

Grade 3 Provincial Literacy Assessment	Province 2016-17	AGS 2016-17*	Province 2015-16	AGS 2015-16	Province 2014-15	AGS 2014-15
READING	68%	78%	67%	77%	68%	54%
WRITING -IDEAS	73%	91%	73%	93%	76%	88%
WRITING -ORGANIZATION	58%	82%	59%	87%	60%	79%
WRITING -LANGUAGE USE	63%	86%	63%	87%	64%	84%
WRITING- CONVENTIONS	53%	87%	51%	86%	53%	76%

*This year we added a large number of new students to Grade 3 and opened a new class

Grade 6 Provincial Literacy Assessment	Province 2016-17	AGS 2016-17	Province 2015-16	AGS 2015-16	Province 2014-15	AGS 2014-15
READING	73%	79%	73%	80%	74%	56%
WRITING -IDEAS	72%	89%	78%	88%	76%	82%
WRITING -ORGANIZATION	57%	79%	62%	79%	61%	58%
WRITING -LANGUAGE USE	63%	78%	67%	83%	66%	61%
WRITING- CONVENTIONS	53%	75%	61%	83%	58%	57%

Grade 8 Provincial Literacy Assessment	Province 2016-17	AGS 2016-17	Province 2015-16	AGS 2015-16	Province 2014-15	AGS 2014-15
Reading	*	71%	74%	56% **	74%	58%

**Due to inappropriate content contained in the Literacy Assessment our students did not complete two sections of the assessment. This was not taken into consideration when the assessments were scored.

*Data not available for 2016-17 due to job action in Nova Scotia

Grade 4 Provincial Mathematics Assessment	Province 2016-17	AGS 2016-17	Province 2015-16	AGS 2015-16	Province 2014-15	AGS 2014-15
Mathematics	77%	91%	76%	88%	74%	62%

Grade 6 Provincial Mathematics Assessment	Province 2016-17	AGS 2016-17	Province 2015-16	AGS 2015-16	Province 2014-15	AGS 2014-15
Mathematics	70%	75%	68%	75%	69%	69%

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1st Term Report Cards will go home with students on November 23rd. Please make every effort to keep in good communication with your child's teacher and attend Parent – Teacher Interviews on Tuesday November 28th.

Field Trips and ADEC Approvals

Teachers from different grade levels have started arranging for various field trips for their classes such as My First Gym, Little World, Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Center and Al Summalayah Island. All these trips and more future trips will be confirmed to parents after an approval from ADEK. In the case of non-approval then the trip will be cancelled and money will be refunded.



Afterschool Activities and Clubs

After school activities for first semester started on October 15 and will continue until December 14th. The After-School Program is delivered Sunday to

Thursday (2 -5pm depending on the activity) to children in grades 1-12. For each semester, the program takes place for nine weeks with the goal of having different students in each session. Each session includes 8-20 students. Finally, some “girls-only” programs are offered at each site to help target a key group of inactive youth. The A.G.S. After School Activities program usually includes: creative art activities, leisure activities, physical activities, transition activities, wellness and nutrition activities, etc. ADEK has approved all activities for the first term.

PLEASE PICK UP STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ACTIVITIES. STUDENTS NOT PARTICIPATING IN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MUST GO HOME AT 3PM.

American University of Sharjah (AUS), UAE (www.aus.edu).

To increase awareness among high school students, and parents about academic programs offered by our university, admission requirements and procedures, scholarships and financial grants offered to qualified students and other aspects of study at AUS, a public presentation will be held at 7 pm on Wed Nov 8th in Khalidiya Palace Rayhaan by Rotana.

Our admission and recruitment officers will also have one-on-one meeting with interested students who would like to plan their admission at AUS. One-on-one meeting will run from 5 pm to 8 pm from Sunday, Oct 29th to Wed Nov 1st.

AUS is ranked among the Arab Region's top 10 universities by QS World University Rankings

Student Arrival

Now that we have been at school for two months we are seeing more and more students are arriving to school late. Please make every effort to have your children at school by 7:55 am. If they are late they miss out on valuable instruction time as well as interrupting the learning of others by entering late.

Pink Day- Bake Sale

Student Council organized a school-wide pink day in support of breast cancer. Pink shirts were worn and pink ribbons sold to raise funds for breast cancer. In addition to this, a cookie-themed bake sale was held to help raise money for the cause- Thanks to the student council for bringing support for this very worthwhile cause.



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AGS Involved with the Canadian Business Council

AGS students and staff were recently involved in the Canadian Business Council's annual **Thanksgiving Brunch** at the



Beach Rotana on October 14th. The AGS Dance Team provided an entertaining presentation of a number of dances under the direction of Mr. Tariq, Dance Director. As well, a number of AGS students volunteered their services during the event.



Shown above is our AGS School Director, **Ms. Fatima**, receiving a certificate of appreciation from the CBC Chairperson for the school's contribution to the event.

Students and Parent/Guardians of the 2018 Graduating Class:

The application season for universities begins in October (start applying) and by the end of term one (February 2018) the majority of applications and transcripts will have been submitted. Parents can review the general guide and information regarding university/college/private school applications distributed to grade 12 students in October. It is important to start your plan of action particularly if you are applying for schools in U.S. and U.K. with early deadlines. The schools students apply to will communicate directly with the student about their applications, so it is very important to stay on top of your emails. Students should be checking their emails every day throughout the process. Scholarships are also often available to International Students

but can have deadlines as early as November. You must check with the individual schools (websites) to find out if any scholarships are available as well as requirements and deadlines. Ms. Marlene has set up a grade 12 Google Classroom which is used to forward important information and updates on the application process. Fifty of our sixty-seven grade 12 students has joined. Please encourage your student to join and share their parent/guardian emails to ensure that they also receive important information regarding the application process. Ms. Marlene also has an afterschool activity each Sunday from 3 to 4 pm that focuses on supporting students with university information and application process. If you have questions or need support please contact out guidance counselor Ms. Marlene.

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DEL F Results

Diploma in French language studies DELF and DALF are composed of 6 independent diplomas that correspond to the levels of the common European Framework of Reference for languages. There is also a specially adapted version of the

DEL F diplomas for teenagers in public and private schools. 32 students from Abu Dhabi Grammar School (Canada) participated in the DELF exam during the previous academic year 2016/2017. Students attended different levels and they all passed the exam successfully. Congratulations to all the students for their hard work.



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Qudwa 2017-A Global Teachers' Forum



Abu Dhabi Grammar School (Canada) is proud to announce that Mr. Mohammed, our High School teacher, Ms Margaret Coady and Ms Julie Robertson, our elementary teachers, were selected as three of

800 educators from around the world to attend the Qudwa 2017; a Global Teachers' Forum which was held at the Emirates Palace in Abu Dhabi.

Qudwa is a Global Teachers' Forum which aims to empower teachers to improve the future of education. Under the patronage of His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Qudwa hosted 800 global trailblazers of education to launch an interactive discussion about a critical question: what does Teaching for Tomorrow really mean to educators? Innovations in technology and new approaches to classroom learning are drastically transforming the teaching profession. These changes will have major impacts on the way students learn and more fundamentally on the way teachers prepare for new curriculum, new techniques and more broadly a new normal that flips traditional teaching methods upside down.

Celebrating Success Assemblies

During the last week of September, five KG-9 Celebrating Success Assemblies were held in the gymnasium. The following grade combinations took part in the assemblies-KG-1; 2-3; 4-5; 6-7; 8-9. The theme of Respect was highlighted during the assemblies. As well, a number of KG-7 Behavior certificates were distributed to

students along with a button. The school year is off to a great start and this message was emphasized along with the message of continuing to be respectful throughout the school year, both in the school and community.

Celebrating Success Assemblies will be held every other month.

House Assemblies will be held during alternate months. During the House Assemblies all students are expected to wear their House T-shirts and as well they can be worn on Thursdays. During House Assemblies school spirit will be promoted and student representatives will take part in fun physical activities.



Grade Seven Chromebook Program in Action

Recently, the distribution of Chromebooks to all Grade 7 students was completed. The

Chromebooks are now being used by all students and teachers in class and as well the students have possession of the chromebooks for home study. The program was made possible by the school purchasing the chromebooks and having the parents make a fully refundable deposit of 1600 AED. Special thanks to Ms. Maysoun and Mr. David O for initiating and coordinating this exciting program. The grade ten distribution of chromebooks is just about complete.

Shown above is Ms. Tasneem providing Arabic instruction to a grade 7 class while using the chromebooks.

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Celebrating Student Achievement

Assemblies across different grade levels starting from grade 4 will be held to recognize students who have scored above 90% in their academic performance in the year 2016-17. Students names have been posted in the main office. The post will remain there for the rest of the year. Congratulations. Well done!



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Celebrating Student Achievement
2016 – 2017



96% - 97%

Grade 3
Irene Abdabo
Yara Barhoum
Hansa Adwan
Joud Al Madi
Ryan Elhasani
Karam Ayyoub
Tehillah Rowland
Bana Hassan
Aaiza Waqar

Grade 4
Christian Kim

Grade 5
Hamza Ali
Gabas Elamin
Layan Ismail
Liyun Barhoum
Noor Mahgoub

Grade 6
Ghadi Hanna
Sami Youssef
Lamita Saboun

Grade 7
Wrd Karma

Grade 10
Janelle Azar

Grade 3:

Ahmed Ibrahim
Ahmed Ahmed
Alma Aljaboor
Chauncey Buella
Federica Pompilio
Julian Azar
Kenzey Summour
Layan Al Sakran
Mawaz, Mirza
Mohamed Abdul Kader
Rein Chahine
Sadeen Alawneh
Tala Tarabichi
Youssef Ajan
A'sem Ibrahim
Adam El Bouzni
Ayesha Awais
Elias Aden
Elyssah Sequeira
Inaya Amjad
Juliana Vidal
Maryam Dagher
Mohammad Husain
Saeed Dukhair
Sara Alkhateeb
Yassin Mohamed
Zakaria Echaabouni
Abdullah Haddad
Aisha Khusseim
Ayla Seleem
Darin Shehada
Fares Abotaleb
Lilina Sabour
Majid El Chami
Malaak Al Kakani
Mohammed Jaylani
Rahaf Difa Alla

Steven Gworieh
Steven Curbelo
Yasmine Abou Shakhla
Yousef Almasri
Aya Osman
Cathy Ann Joy
Gumral Yusifli
Majid Alayyach
Shahd Hamam
Zakaria Bengherbia
Zeina Zeaiter
Ale Elbeitar
Hadi Batayneh
Hamaad Faisal
Hisham Al Ani
Issra Faisal
Mathew Banoub
Noor Elkhadrawy
Nour El Joundi
Oreofeolowatomi Shodipo
Rayyan Ibrahim
Tolleen Eid

Grade 4

Alexandra Salama
Eric Kuravilla
Hani El Zein
Lamar Ammoura
Lana Elgaali
Massa Ajan
Nariman Aly
Omar Elbeitar
Shahd Hamam
Sultan Shakhuseynov
Zulfa Abu Zanat
Hossameidin Mubarak
Ilham Abu Seif
Leen Al Damen
Marya Ali

90% - 95%

Masa Ghadri
Omar Said
Ram Tayar
Ramsey Salem
Salma Al Rubaye
Sandra Ayad
Yousif Abduljaleel
Caroline Octavianus
Leen Naser
Rwad Karma
Savita Zubery
Triton De Vera
Hamza Miskeen
Haya Abu Ghaida
Mohamed Abdussalam
Nancy Moukhal

Grade 5

Ahmad Qureshi
Ahmad Al Bstf
Annes Elgaali
Fares Abu Ali
Hamza Khawaja
Hani Khalouf
Jad Al Massih
Mohammad Al Sheble
Youssef Shaheed
Yusuf Cheikh Alard
Amaal Mokbel
Aya Jad Allah
Fatima Osman
Jana Al Sakran
Judi Elsherif

Laila Kemmou
Lilian Babadi
Marise Makar
Liyun Abu Farhah
Merna Alqadi
Mira Kasseb
Najla Rahman
Noor Khaddam
Noor Hashim
Nora Briati
Reem Alhosani
Sara El Cheikh Hassan
Shahd Alayyach
Tala Qadous
Zeina Zeid

Grade 6

Ahmed Ahmed
Asyraf Bin Rahman
Jude Sabih
Michel Al Durah
Mohamed Mansy
Mohamed Metaxas
Najdat Mounla
Omar Ismail
Qusai Ayyoub
Rad Azar
Zain Al Shakarchi
Aisha Ali
Aliya Shakhuseynova
Ameera Abu Ghaida
Ghala Abu Jayyab
Jana Elmoslimany
Joelle Kacho

Grade 7

Joshua Vidal
Khalid Dfaalla
Mouein Khalouf
Omar Miskeen
Youssef Andrews
Youssef Elmoslimany
Aizah Ahmed
Basigat Elamin
Hala Mustafa
Marina Khalil
Nadine Abou Shahla
Noor Alhaddad
Noor Raee
Nur Dania Abdul Raman
Nurameera Binti Rafik

Sarah Salem
Tala Noureddine
Wiktorja Czerniewska

Grade 8

Ahmed Al Hosani
Mohamed Mukhter
Mohamed Abdussalam
Amira Rahman
Faaha Assaf
Laura Octavianus
Miral Kamel

Grade 9

Abdullah Al Sheble
Ahmad Duhabra
Ahmed Idris
Basim Effal
Elias Assaad
Michael Tashman
Muhammad Anwar
Vsevolod Khrenov
Amina Mohammed
Jenna Abu Ali
Leen Al Jallad
Manal Rauf
Mariam Al Rubaye
Maryam Aleneiji
Sama Alsaftadi
Zaina Mohamed
Zienah Al Sheble

Grade 10

Abu Bakar Al- Hilal
Ahmad Alissa
George Haddad
Musrad Ibrahim
Sultan Khamas
Hadeel Mabrouk
Joyce Tashman
Nina Abourislan
Nitika Rajpal
Noor Al -Sakran
Sara Abukhleh
Yara Ahmed

Grade 11

Ahmad Koblawi
Ahmad Maharmeh
Fabian D'Silva
Rameen Babadi
Sami Younes
Doaa Ebaid
Hala Idris
Layan Elgaali
Nour Mohamed
Sama Abdelsalam
Sarah Nablii

Grade 12

Omar Agha
Maya Al Durah
Nada Aly
Nilofar Pan Zadeh
Rana Hegab
Qais Alfyani
Rabee'a Alfyani
Saif Almasoud