

AL NOOR-ABA NEWS

5th December 2019

Important Notice: Kindly note that there was a date error in the PTA calendar for the return date after winter break. The school will re-open on 5th January 2020.

Message from the Head of School

Dear ABA Community,

The IB Learner Profile makes a powerful impact on every day. The aim of the IB programme is to internalize the tenets and this week, I have been particularly REFLECTIVE of the delicate nature of life and appreciating those around me. Reflective IB learners give thoughtful consideration to their own experiences. I have been reminded how important it is to acknowledge and love those around me.

Coming back from the National Day holidays, our ABA community supported each other through some wrenching days. We had many accidents and illnesses that were unexpected. However, I also observed the supportive nature of this parent body, faculty and staff. Additionally, I have further evidence that the Board is hard at work on behalf of this community.

Please look around and realize how quickly the balance can change. Let those whom you love know what you are feeling. Thank a teacher or assistant or a grounds crew for their good job. They need to know you care.

We appreciate you, too. Your kids are great!

Sue

Dr. Susan R. Groesbeck

Upcoming Dates

9 Dec	PTA Open Meeting PTA Room 7:45am - 8:45am
9 Dec	Gr 1-3 Sports Day Grass Pitch 7:45am - 10:15am
10 Dec	Gr 4-5 Sports Day Grass Pitch 7:45am - 10:15 am
11 Dec	EC Sports Day Grass Pitch 8:00 - 9:30am
12 Dec	Last day of Term School Dismissed at 12:00



Message from the Elementary School

Promoting our Early Childhood Programme

This week Erum and I were invited to represent our Early Childhood programme at a fair held at Dovecote Nursery for parents preparing for their children's next steps in schooling. We set up a table showcasing some of the work we do, and spoke to many parents about their hopes and wishes for their children. We were proud to describe a few of our unique selling points as compared with other schools represented in the room. As a truly international school, our diversity as a community is extraordinary, with over 70 nationalities currently represented in the student body, and teachers from nearly 30 countries. As an IB World School following the continuum from PYP through MYP to DP, we demonstrate an unwavering commitment to current, research-based best practices in education, and are not tied to the education system of any particular country. The DP opens doors to our graduating students in prestigious universities all over the world. Several parents signed up to attend our open morning where guests will hear more about the philosophy behind our early childhood and elementary programmes, and tour the campus, visiting learning spaces, play areas, sporting and creative arts specialist facilities.



Busy Times

Another week full of fun and learning is over. Students were able to participate in various fun events organised by Ms Gloria and the Tech Team to help them understand more about coding for our "Week of Code". Students had the opportunity to visit Santa's Workshop to purchase gifts for family and friends, as well as to say hello to Santa! Thanks to the PTA for organising a lovely day of celebration and giving.

Sports Day

The final week of term continues to be busy, with sports days, end of term parties and a fun mufti to end the week. The PE department are coordinating three sports days on the grass pitch to which parents are invited:

- Monday 9th December - Grades 1-3 Sports Day 7:45-10:15am
- Tuesday 10th December - Grades 4-5 Sports Day 7:45-10:30am
- Wednesday 11th December - EC Sports Day 8:00-9:30am (K1 8:00-9:00)

Thursday 12th December will be a winter-themed mufti, with more information to follow from the Elementary Student Council.

Sam Cook - Elementary Principal

Message from the High School

PSAT/NMSQT Scores

PSAT/NMSQT scores for students who sat the exam in October will be released 9th December 2019. Please remember, this is the release date for all international schools. However, they may not be available until the end of the day, 9th December due to the time difference in the US. If your son or daughter has not done so yet, please encourage them to create a College Board account, as this is how they will be able to view their score online. Please see the resources below for assistance with this process. Once I receive the paper score report, I will contact the students and distribute these during school hours.

Please contact Alli Hostetter with any questions regarding the upcoming PSAT/NMSQT score release.

[How to Access your PSAT/NMSQT Scores](#)

Alli Hostetter - High School Counselor

Message from the Extra Curriculum Program

Games for Next Week

8th December	MSSL Soc Tournament U19 Boys @ TSS	3:30 - 6:30pm
9th December	TBC: MSSL Soc Tournament U16/U19 Girls @ TAISM	TBC
9th December	U13 Boys Soc vs TSS @ TSS	4:00 - 5:00pm
9th December	U14 Boys Soc vs TSS @TSS	4:00 - 5:00pm
9th December	U12 Boys Soc vs TSS @ ABA	4:00 - 5:00pm
10th December	U12 Girls Soc vs TAISM @ TAISM	4:00 - 5:00pm
10th December	U14 Girls Soc vs TAISM @ TAISM	4:00 - 5:00pm
11th December	U13 Boys Soc vs BSM @ BSM	4:20 - 5:20pm
11th December	U13 Girls Soc vs BSM @ BSM	4:20 - 5:20pm
11th December	U19 Boys Soc vs TSS @TSS 4:00	4:00 - 5:00pm

Paul Brace - Athletics Director

Message from the Fine Arts Department

Interested in Ballet and Dance?

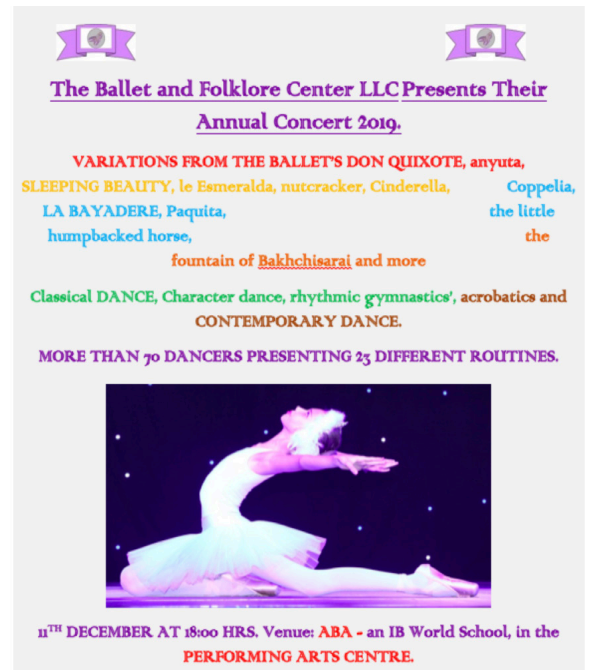
ABA is delighted to be hosting the Ballet and Folklore Centre's annual concert on Wednesday 11th December at 6:00pm in the ABA Performing Arts Centre.

In addition to traditional ballet, the audience will be treated to a display of Classical and Character dance, Rhythmic gymnastics, Acrobatics and Contemporary dance.

More than 70 dancers including many from the ABA community will be presenting 23 different dance routines.

Come and enjoy an entertaining evening of dance at ABA.

Anthony Langrish - Fine Arts Director



The Ballet and Folklore Center LLC Presents Their Annual Concert 2019.

VARIATIONS FROM THE BALLETS DON QUIXOTE, anyuta, Coppella, the little
SLEEPING BEAUTY, le Esmeralda, nutcracker, Cinderella, the
LA BAYADERE, Paquita, humpbacked horse, the
fountain of Bakhchisarai and more

Classical DANCE, Character dance, rhythmic gymnastics, acrobatics and CONTEMPORARY DANCE.

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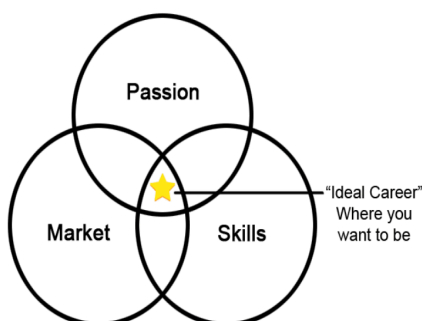
11TH DECEMBER AT 18:00 HRS. Venue: ABA - an IB World School, in the PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE.

Message from the University Counselor

Promoting Career-Consciousness

'So, what do you want to be when you grow up?' is perhaps a harder question for students these days than it was for previous generations as today's youngsters have such an extensive range of choices. The reverse is also true, however, as they now have more tools than ever before to help them find the answer!

One of the talking points in High School Advisory sessions this semester has been the value of beginning career exploration well before the senior year. For Grade 10 students who will very soon be opting for their IB Diploma subjects and for students in Grade 11 who are beginning their university search, having a specified field in mind certainly provides a clear sense of direction. Even some of our seniors might still be weighing their options. By now, most students are mindful of the thought process that should go into choosing a career as well as some key factors that are worth considering: the perfect combination of what you enjoy, what you're good at and what is in demand.



Students are also becoming increasingly aware that the route, even for attaining similar career goals, might look different for each individual: the path to success is indeed a very personal one. Being – at various stages - entirely undecided or changing preferences once, twice or a few times is also perfectly natural. Search portals such as Unifrog (the Careers Library) are now being more widely used to gather details about careers in terms of subject requirements, prerequisite skills, role expectations, likely routines as well as employment prospects. Staying abreast of job market trends will help students to ensure that they are not entering a field that will be obsolete by the time they complete the first semester of their undergraduate studies!

One resource that our students always find invaluable to their career exploration journey is the opportunity to consult directly with professionals so they can learn more about different fields. This is where we rely on the goodwill of our parent body and local community in volunteering their time and expertise as they provide information about various professions. The ABA Careers Fair is where this fantastic exchange takes place. This school year's event is scheduled for Monday 16th March, 2020 at 12:25 – 2:15pm. If you have previously been a participant and would like to return for this event, please get in touch. Likewise, if you have never been a part of previous events but would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. Please email dbarker@abaoman.org. We are hoping to showcase the widest possible range of professions in order to give our students the best experience. Do mark the date in your calendar and you will hear more from our planning committee early next semester.

Denise Barker

Message from the PTA



"Building our community together!"

Thank You



The much awaited Santa's Workshop kicked off the festive season. It was a cheerful day for the kids and heartwarming to see the glee on their faces as they went through an experience of retail therapy! Big thanks to all

the Santa's elves - Ann Katrina, Ayten, Anjum, Camino Olivier, Elena, Gurunara, Hend, Janki, Lubna, Michelle, Minita, Munira, Mehreen, Nicola, Penny, Rebecca, Sonya, Sinead, Sureeporn, Sylvia, Teodora and Tony led by Paula! A shout out to Marcel for being our Santa for the second time and for bringing more cheer to the atmosphere. We share some of the spirit through our lens!

PTA DATES

Thu. Dec 5th @ ABA Parking
Winter Festival: 6.00-8.00 pm

Mon. Dec. 9th @ PTA room
Community Meeting: 7.40-9.00 am







Winter Festival

Winter Festival is tonight!

Tickets at 1 RO - in case you missed out on getting yours, will be sold at the door. Remember to come in early to beat the queue. We look forward to welcoming you at an evening of family fun - games such as 'guess the weight of the cake', pin the nose on rudolph, choral music, a bazaar, a café to name but a few!

We request just 2 things - traditional festive food from your home country, or well known items such as mince pies, chocolate yule logs, iced sugar cookies seasonal cupcakes, gingerbread men. If not already dropped off, you can bring in your baked goods to the PTA room with clear indications if nuts are included and label your non-disposable dishes. Alternatively you can bring your baked goods to the PTA baked food table at the venue..

Winter Bazaar
Table Registrations open now!
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
 6 - 8 PM
 ABA

Book and pay for your table at Accounts office.
 Home businesses:
 Tables - 10 omr, Clothes rail - 3 omr
 Commercial entities: 50 omr
 For details, please contact Meeta @ 97893131
 Only Battery operated lights permitted.

Dress Up Parade
 We are excited to invite participants from ECE to Grade 12 to participate in the Winter festival dress up parade at the Winter Fest.
 December 5th at ABA Winter Fest stage @ 18:15
 Registration is on the spot so show up in your awesome festive dress

Festive Parade - calling all students! Get imaginative and dress up for festive fun - as angels, santas, elves. Assemble at the stage to parade at 615pm.

Raffles and prizes to be won! Remember to retain your ticket until the event ends!

We look forward to seeing you. In anticipation, hohoho! Alison, Anjum, Bex, Bokamoso, Christine, Malinka, Meeta, Minita, Nandita, Paula, Penny and Theresa.

Please contact the team on **Winterfest@abaoman.org**, Alison on **95188959** or Nandita on **79039623**

A Sneak preview to January 2020!

We will usher in the New Year 2020 with the Parent Art Exhibition. Scheduled on 16th Jan, the exhibition celebrates amazing works of artists from within the community. Inviting all artists to share their wonderful work. Please contact Bokamaso at PTASec@abaoman.org for information or to register.

Much acclaimed and popular TTT Hiking club kicks off from 21st Jan to make most of the fine weather. Contact Laila at PTAVice@abaoman.org for details.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Your PTA
'Building Our Community Together'

Message from the Booster Club

“Do You Hear What I Hear?”

Festive Season

POP-UP SHOP
Mon 09 Dec
Outside ECE 7-7.30am

WRIST BANDS = 3 FOR R02
STRESS BALLS = .500bz
HIGHLIGHTER = .500bz
COOLING TOWEL = R02.5
CAPS (white) = R01.5
CAR SUN SHADE = R02
BAM BAM STICKS = R01

Shirt / Hoodie orders available NOW

All proceeds from the sale of VIPERS merchandise go to the VIPERS Booster Club - supporting our kids!

It's that wonderful time of year again! If you have not yet had a chance to order your warm cosy hoodies or purchase some of the amazing VIPERS merchandise, don't get your tinsel in a tangle - The Booster Club is holding its annual FESTIVE SEASON Sale with amazing prices and deals on selected merchandise on Monday 9th December outside the ECE from 7:00 am - 7:45 am as usual.

This will be the last Pop-Up shop before the Winter Break, so why not pass by and order your hoodies or get some smaller items for your stocking stuffers? Yes, there's room for everyone on the nice list!

Looking back on the first part of the academic year, it has been a very busy yet amazing few months! There's a lot more in store in the coming few months, and we look forward to sharing some more VIPERS spirit with you all in 2020!

On behalf of the Booster Club, we wish you a very Merry Christmas to all celebrating this special time of year, and to all our VIPERS families returning in January we wish you a very happy, relaxed, and safe break. To our VIPERS families leaving us, we wish you all the very best on your next adventure.

Finally, to Vanessa McCarron, our fearless leader (as we fondly and aptly nicknamed her): we will miss you dearly. You have worked tirelessly and selflessly to help the Booster Club reach the heights it has reached today. None of it would have been possible without you. Your big heart, your warm smile, your superb organizational and time management skills as well as your work ethics have been an inspiration and a pleasure to behold!

We wish you all the best on your new adventure, dear friend!!! You are always in our hearts and thoughts...
GO VIPERS!!!

Yours in community spirit
VIPERS Booster Club