

MARCH 12, 2020

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UPCOMING EVENTS

16th March

Annual Ice Crazy Sale

Drama Court

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

17th & 18th March

Elementary Student Led Conferences

ABA

17th: 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

18th: No school for students

7:30am - 4:30pm

Dear ABA Community,

With all the talk about COVID-19, I am thrilled to write about something else - the ABA Language World Cup. This is something near and dear to my heart. My Father had a plan for all of us. My sisters and I were to have more than one language at our disposal. Actually, our Dad made sure we had two foreign languages. I chose French and German. This was very unusual for American children of that era. There wasn't a value for speaking a foreign language at that time in the USA, so when I became an adult, it was a highly marketable skill because there weren't that many other Americans who could speak other languages with ease. I even became a French and German teacher. I am very excited to participate in the ABA Language World Cup. Congratulations to the winning team!

On campus, we have been preparing for many different scenarios. We certainly hope that the schools stay open and we are able to have business as usual. In the event, however, that schools do close, we have well developed technology to continue to deliver our IB curriculum from PYP, MYP through to our DP students. We have a two tiered approach. In the first case, our teachers will continue to come to school on a regular basis, collaborating with each other and sharing their expertise while delivering lessons to students virtually. In the second level, all faculty and staff will be independent workers and we will depend on being connected virtually. We will use delivery tools such as SeeSaw through Managebac and Video Conferencing through Cisco WebEx, curriculum delivery, files & folders & resources in our ABA Google Domain through websites and subject specific schedules with VoIP and video apps. We are well positioned to use additional communication tools. We even signed out musical instruments today and plan to have music rehearsals. Through our Cisco WebEx, we can have a faculty meeting or an assembly. I might sound excited and I don't mean to be. I should sound prepared. We much prefer to be here, at ABA, together.

As mandated by the Ministry of Education, we have started each day with a message to the students. We are rotating the speakers. The first two days, I spoke on the PA system. I sang Happy Birthday. Your adult task will be to ask your son or daughter WHY I sang Happy Birthday. On Tuesday, Ms. Cook gave a nice PA message on healthy habits. However, the best message all week was done by two PYP students - Zara and Ishaal - on Wednesday! A wonderful parental question at the end of the day would be: What was the morning announcement today? What was the message?

Have a lovely weekend! Remember to wash your hands and sing "Happy Birthday", TWICE!

Dr. Susan R. Groesbeck
Head of School

MORNING HEALTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each morning, an announcement is broadcast over the school radio system with health advice and preventative measures to take with the spread of COVID-19.

Two brave students, Ishaal and Zara, from Grade 3M took to the stage and broadcast their health advice to the school, mentioning the importance of sneezing into your elbow, maintaining hygiene by washing hands frequently (especially before food), and remembering to eat healthy food to boost your immune system.

More students will get the opportunity to offer their advice to the school to maintain a healthy and disease free community!



Ms. Kathleen with one of the Language Week announcers who shared clean habit tips in many languages.



Ms. Sam with our Grade 3 presenters.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

ABA students demonstrated their support for International Women's Day on Sunday the 8th of March and learned about this year's theme, "Each for Equal". Elementary students showcased their support for the day by taking photos with posters advocating for gender equality and women's rights.



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENT

Amnesty at ABA organised an International Women's Day event which brought students and teachers from secondary school together to celebrate and support women's rights and gender equality. Secondary students performed a variety of songs and dances to represent the day and their support for the cause.



LANGUAGE WORLD CUP

This week, students and teachers competed on different teams representing countries that speak the languages Arabic, French or Spanish in the "Language World Cup".



LOST & FOUND

Nothing is really lost until your mom can't find it... Please come take a look at the lost and found table. It is overflowing.

Any items remaining at the end of the day on **Thursday 19th March** will be donated.



MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS DAY AND PHONE CARD WINNERS

6.1 are the Grade 6 Sports Day winners and winners of the National Honour Society's Phone Card Drive for the OIG workers! They celebrated their victory with donuts, brought in by their classmate, Ayaan.

SWIM TEAM SWIMSUIT ORDERS

The Vipers swim team are pleased to present their newly designed team kit. Orders must be received by **Monday 27th April, 2020**. [Click here](#) to see what items are available and how to order. The kit looks great and will have our team looking like a more professional outfit. Go Vipers!



UNIVERSITY COUNSELING

The postponement of events such as the Careers Fair and a number of University visits has certainly been met with some disappointment. Still, we are fortunate that there are alternative methods for learning more about career pathways and Higher Education. Please consider some of the possibilities below.

[CLICK ME](#)

Online Tools: The [University & Career Counseling](#) section of the ABA website has links to numerous documents that provide information about career choices and study options. Through our main university platforms, [Unifrog](#) and [Bridge-U](#), students and parents can also access a wealth of resources focused not only on careers and tertiary institutions but also on student well-being.

Remote Access: Many universities and supporting organisations such as the [College Board](#) and [College Vine](#) offer free webinars. Check the websites of universities in which you have an interest and explore their upcoming events. Virtual tours might also be among their offerings.

Online University Fairs: This is a fantastic innovation from which students can derive great benefit, all from the comfort of their own homes. Here are some details about one such upcoming event. Book your place now.

One-to-One Consultation: Along with these options, you are welcome to stop by the University Counseling Office to pick up a copy of recent university publications. Alternatively, please send an email (dbarker@abaoman.org) so we can arrange a meeting to discuss your queries

- **Denise Barker, University Counselor**



CIALFO
Online University Fair
Date: 20, 23 & 24 March 2020
Time: 9am - 9pm (Beijing Time)

Calling all students and counselors!

- Meet numerous university admissions officers (AOs) and get information from universities around the world
- Get answers to your questions directly from universities of your interest
- Opportunity to connect directly with the AOs to discuss admission details

RSVP at bit.ly/rsvpstu

Read More at bit.ly/cialfoglob

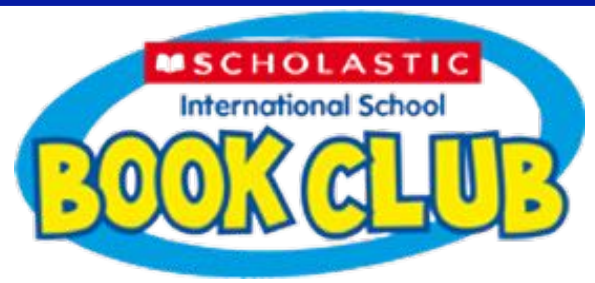
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A FREE event for all attendees!

- RSVP using QR code or weblink above
- Receive a link on 13 March 2020 to see all participating schools' webinar slots
- Register your selected slots
- Receive confirmation email for each registered slot
- Join the webinar!

Participating Universities: Bocconi, BROWN, EHL, IE UNIVERSITY, and more!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



It's Book Fair time again! Leaflets have been sent out with your child today, **Thursday March 12th**, and have a sampling of the books available. See the website for a much wider selection of quality books from the UK:

<http://world-schools.scholastic.co.uk/americanbritish-academy>

All orders must be placed online, and directions on how to place your order will be shared by homeroom teachers on Seesaw for ECE and Elementary, and the grades 6-8 parents have been emailed with details. The price of books includes the shipping from the UK to school and all VAT and duties.

Kindly note that the online order closes Tuesday March 31st, 2020!

Thank you for supporting our school and encouraging students reading for pleasure.

Mara Hakim and Courtney Park

ABA Libraries



TUESDAY TALKS AND TRAVELS



"Amazing pictures, Ladies! Had an amazing time this morning. Definitely looking forward to the wadi drive next week."

"Thank you Lama & Laila! flat hike, swimming, incline hike and a formula one race.. what more can I ask for" 😊😊 😊

"Thank you Lama and Leila, I felt like in a private beach. Thanks for the amazing day."

"Thanks so much Lama , Laila and Sylvia for a ride. What an amazing day !!!"

"Thank you Lama and Laila for such a fun filled trip n also to our F1 driver, Sylvia ♥!! Great pictures ladies!"

OTHER ACTIVITIES

2020

OUR YEARBOOK NEEDS YOU

Submit your design for this year's front cover by March 30th to Ms. Malena and Ms. Andrea via email.

This year's theme is 2020, both in the sense of your ocular vision and seeing your journey.

It's the start of a new decade. Where do you see yourself going?

Ms. Malena's email: mbeiston@abaoman.org
Ms. Andrea's email: azaratepardo@abaoman.org

NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.



MIDDLE SCHOOL COFFEE MORNING

Please submit your questions and points for discussion [here](#) no later than March 31st.

Wednesday, April 1st
7:45 to 9am
Middle/High School Lecture Hall next to Cafeteria

ABA VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

ANNUAL ICE ICE CRAZY

Monday 16 March
10.25am - 1.00pm
(or until stock sell out)
ABA DRAMA COURT

brrrr...ing your baizas!

500bz

400bz

All funds raised go to the VIPERS Booster Club supporting our school.

1001 nights

ABA Gala Dinner

Save the date
Friday April 3, 2020

POSTPONED