

JUNE 4, 2020

# AL NOOR – ABA NEWS



Dear ABA Community,

**A BIG THANK YOU...**

- for all the times you've volunteered and given us help when needed;
- for those heartfelt messages you wrote back to notes we sent home;
- for reminder after reminder about that missing water bottle;
- for making sure your children spent time reading at home;
- for bringing your child to practices, games, tournaments, musicals and art exhibits;
- for showing up with a smile on your face every single time;
- for sharing our joy of teaching and learning as we go; and
- for your unconditional enthusiasm for our vibrant community.

**You are a valuable part of ABA.**

**From the ABA Faculty and Staff**

We collected 4000 books this week.

We still have

**1500 BOOKS TO GO!**

Please go through your homes and look high and low. There's only one more Collection Event on

**Wednesday, 10 June from 6-8 pm.**

Let's see you there!

**GRADE 5  
FLY-UP  
DAY!**

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THURSDAY, 11 JUNE  
MORE INFORMATION WILL  
BE EMAILED AT THE START  
OF NEXT WEEK.



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

# MS LANGUAGE & LITERATURE SUMMER CHALLENGE

Win a Pizza Party!!!! Form teams of 1-6 people to take on this Summer Challenge. You have until we are back at school to complete as many of the following challenges as you can. Teams will be awarded up to 10 points for each category completed. The top team in each grade level with the most points wins.

Category Name	Details
<b>Most Difficult Book</b>	Each group member must submit a review of the book.
<b>Best Original Song Performed</b>	The team can use the tune of a popular song and adapt the lyrics. The song <b>MUST</b> include the following: a chorus, a line about vipers/snakes/aba, and be about summer activities. Bonus points for groups that film themselves singing/dancing to their song!
<b>Most variety of poems written</b>	The teams with the most <b>VARIETY</b> of original poems written and the <b>BEST</b> will be awarded points. We are looking for quality:) These may include but not be limited to: sonnets, limericks, acrostic poems, found poems, haikus, blank verse, sound poem, extended metaphor, etc
<b>Most student book club meetings held</b>	This means a screenshot of your digital meeting, with timestamps so we can see that you met:)
<b>Bookmarks</b>	Points for the best bookmarks made by your teammates!
<b>Literary Food</b>	Best food dish(es) (savory or sweet) inspired by a book or novel.
<b>Storytelling video</b>	Best children's story told by the group. Videotape all members of the group telling a children's story with expression and sound effects.

Completing this reading BINGO-show all of the books in one photo but you can collect photos from different group members.

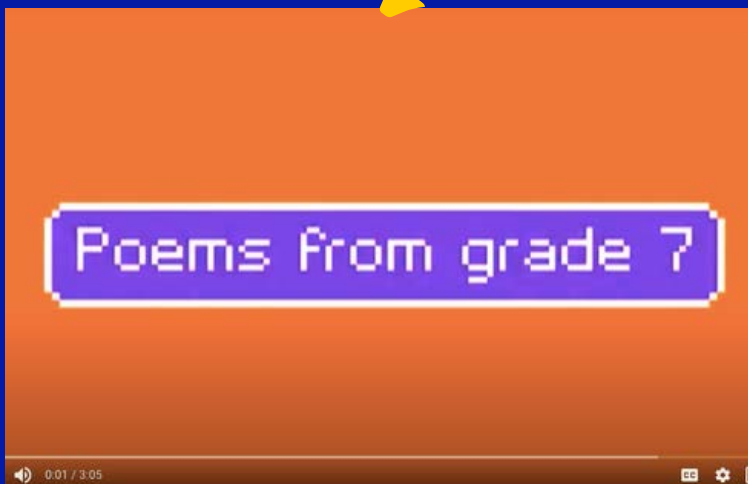


FAQ	
<b>What is it?</b>	A fun challenge you can do over the summer.
<b>When?</b>	Starts NOW. Ends when we are back to school.
<b>How do I join?</b>	Form a group or participate solo. Make a google folder for the competition. Put your evidence into the folder and share the folder with Ms. Shih or Mr. Cole. <a href="mailto:ishih@abaoman.org">ishih@abaoman.org</a> <a href="mailto:jcole@abaoman.org">jcole@abaoman.org</a>
<b>What do I put into the folder?</b>	Any photos, videos, docs that show any of the categories above:) You can collect points from any or all of the categories!
<b>How do I win?</b>	You gain up to 10 points from each category- Mr. Cole, Ms. Shih, and Ms Park will be judging. The top team in each grade wins!
<b>What do I win?</b>	The top team in each grade level will be invited to a pizza party!

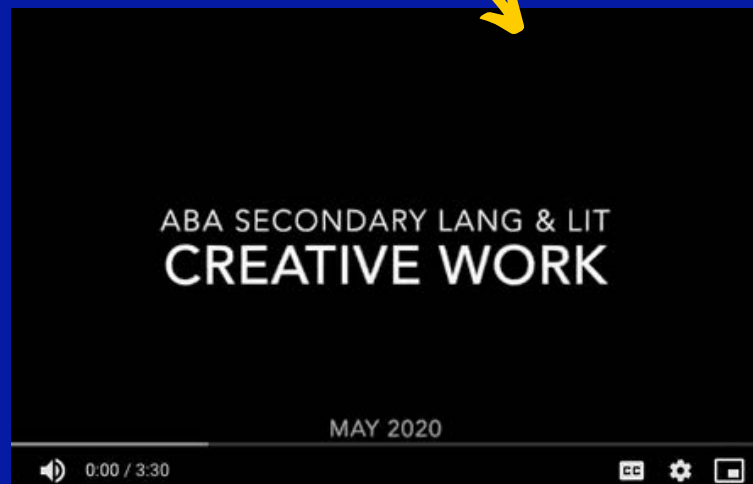
## CRAZILY CREATIVE IN MS & HS LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

We have been busy in Middle School Language and Literature! We have written poems, songs, imaginative descriptions, journals, and have met fun reading challenges. Here are two video compilations sharing our work. We hope you like them!

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# CLASS OF 2020 UNIVERSITY REPORT

At ABA, we thrive on providing an atmosphere for students to achieve their full potential and are fortunate to work within a community where the pursuit of lifelong learning is a priority. We are always proud to showcase the achievements of our students and this week we turn the spotlight on the graduating Class of 2020.

A dynamic group of 73 students representing 24 nationalities, they have successfully completed the requirements of the rigorous, widely respected IB programme and are now ready to venture off to begin their undergraduate studies. At a time when the number of international schools continues to increase, global competition for reputable universities is high. Still, our students continue to distinguish themselves, gaining entry to their top choice institutions, many of which are highly selective and appear in the world's top 100. Even more importantly, they are matriculating at universities that are an ideal match for their individual interests, ambitions and abilities. This year, students applied to universities in 17 countries for a range of programmes:

Programmes Applied For		
Accounting & Finance	Creative Writing	International Relations
Acting	Criminology	Law
Anthropology	Data Science	Liberal Arts
Architecture	Digital Media	Marine Biology
Art & Design	Early Childhood Education	Marketing
Artificial Intelligence	Economics	Medicine
Astrophysics	Engineering	Physiotherapy
Biological Sciences (Pre-Med)	English	Political Science
Business Management	Film & Theatre Studies	Psychology
Commerce	Finance	Screenwriting
Computer Science	History	Urban Planning

A full list of university acceptances (by country) can be viewed [HERE](#). Now that students have chosen from their range of offers, we are pleased to showcase the various locations on the [ABA Class of 2020 University Destinations Map](#).

We wish the Class of 2020 every success and are confident that the cohorts in the years to come will maintain the proud ABA tradition of enrolment at the best universities worldwide.

- Denise Barker, HS University Counselor

# FRESHMAN FIVE

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We hope everyone is well and keeping safe. We've started a series called Freshman Five to help grade 8's entering High School as well as provide some helpful tips for students in general. Our first episode, Downloading Helpful Apps is attached on the right. We hope you enjoy and that it helps!

Thank you,  
Student Council



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Freshman Five

## GRADE 5 EXHIBITION CERTIFICATES & T-SHIRTS

Grade 5 students had a unique experience in the exhibition this year. However, they worked hard to complete their online exhibition and they deserve recognition.

The Grade 5 teachers and Mr. Derrick today organised a 'drive through' pick up of PYP Exhibition Certificates and T-Shirts to congratulate the students on graduating from the Primary Years Program.

The T-shirts feature the Exhibition logo (designed by Elvira) and celebrates all the hard work they have done throughout their time in ABA. We wish them the best on their journey to middle school!

Congratulations Grade 5! The ABA community is proud of you!



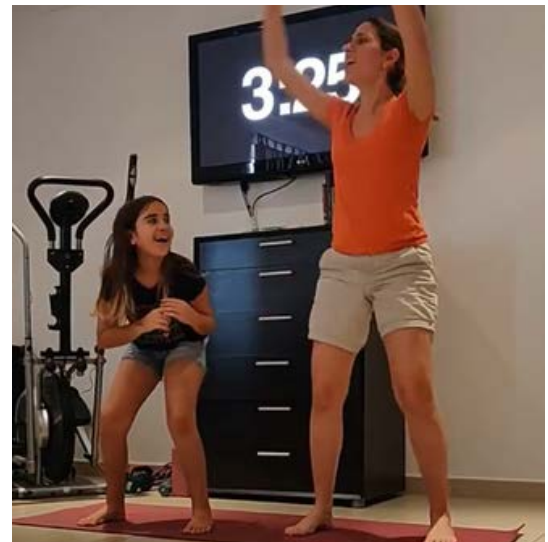
# VIPERS SWIM TEAM

Vipers swimmers and family members took the Sally up squat challenge to another level, we absolutely loved their energy. From Squat to Plank and Push-up Sally up challenge, we were impressed by how the fitness levels of the Vipers family have been maintained throughout the lockdown.

Another fun fitness challenge for this week that you can do with your family members; despite the workouts we're doing everyday, is the [CHA CHA SLIDE PLANK CHALLENGE](#). If you would like to participate with us please don't forget to send us your videos and pictures at [swimmingteam@abaoman.org](mailto:swimmingteam@abaoman.org).

Feel free to workout with the Vipers at [Vipers Home Workouts](#). Stay Home, Stay Active.

ABA Vipers!





Dear Teachers and staff ... We miss you and thank you for being leaders in the online learning arena, inspiring and teaching our children to be lifelong learners no matter what the circumstance.

Usually, June 1st, would have been a festive day of appreciation and thanks with ABA parents bringing in an amazing array of dishes into a decorated staff room. This tradition had to continue. Unable to be there in person, the PTA sourced gifts for staff and teachers staying with us and made boxes of homemade cookies that were delivered to their doorsteps for those leaving the ABA family.



*"I was on campus yesterday and picked up my gift from the P.T.A - what a lovely and thoughtful sentiment! It is now in my kitchen :)"*

*"Thank you to the PTA and ABA parent community for organizing teacher appreciation and end of the year gift even during these uncertain times. ☐"*

*"Thank you for the thoughtful gesture. We are grateful to have been part of the amazing ABA family for the past six years. ABA and Oman will always have a special spot in our hearts. Please give our thanks to all the wonderful parents who baked the delicious goodies!"*

*"Thank you so much for your thoughtful gift and for taking the time to drive around and give it personally."*

To all the ABA staff and teachers, we hope this small token of our appreciation reminds you of the entire community that stands behind you in support of all you do. If you haven't done so already, please stop by Admin to pick up your gift as you come to campus for the year end checkout.

In Elementary, the HRP's have been busy finalizing the year end gifts for their homeroom teachers and the specialist teachers and we look forward to seeing smiles on their faces once their gifts have been delivered. It's amazing what our ABA community can do even in lockdown.

Useful links:

[How else can we help you?](#)

[Online ordering/ Home delivery options](#) **UPDATED!!**

[Fun for Teachers, Parents and kids of all ages](#)