

AL NOOR-ABA NEWS

27th September 2018

Message from the Superintendent

Safety and Security

Once again, I would like to draw your attention to some important points.

Please would you remind drivers who bring and collect children from school that they need to ensure that they follow the parking arrangements on campus. On Tuesday afternoon, a driver had mounted the pavement by the Gym and left the car to collect a student. Not only was this dangerous but partly obstructed the path for students and parents.

Please note that for security and environmental reasons, drivers and parents in cars arriving at school in the afternoon to collect students in Grades 1-12 will only be permitted on campus after 1.45pm.

Thank you for your understanding.

Superintendent's Forum

The first forum of the year will be held in the PAC at 7.45am and 5.30pm on Sunday 7 October. The agenda will include the organisation of the school, IB DP Results, the School Development Plan for the year and any updates on the new campus.

Simon Taylor

Message from the ABA Community



It is with deep regret that we share with you all, the sad news of the death of former ABA parent and friend, Mrs. Millicent (Millie) Ali Rusteau. Millie was a much-loved and valued member of our community and mother of former students - Suhayl, Luluwa, Thara and Hanan, who attended ABA, 2000 through 2015.

A truly committed parent, Millie served on many committees at ABA, including the PTA where she actively contributed to many PTA co-ordinated events and committees. She was an enthusiastic supporter of Vipers, constantly on the bleachers, cheering on her very dedicated and talented daughters and their team-mates. She was key in fostering stronger collaborative parent/student relations within sport at ABA.

Millie was a dedicated advocate for international education and the promotion of fostering intercultural understanding and respect. This was most clearly demonstrated by her sustained involvement in the collaboration between ABA and the then South African Ambassador, founding the annual African Unity Ball.

Upcoming Dates

01 - 02 Oct	Booster Club Pop-up Shop 07.00-7.30am Outside ECE
02 Oct	Grades 11 & 12 Parent Coffee Morning Grade 6 Common Room 7.30-8.30 am
02 - 03 Oct	Grades 3-9 ISA Assessment

She was a committed, capable leader and member of its annual organizing team and worked closely with the former Superintendent, Mrs Mona Nashman-Smith, with the aim of showcasing Africa, its sights, sounds, history, culture and people within the national and international community here in Oman. The African Unity Ball supports ABA's mission, vision and values and continues to be a well attended event, deeply enriching and enhancing the understanding and appreciation of Africa.

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Millie's family; her husband, children and her entire family circle. May she rest in peace.

Message from the High School



National Honor Society (NHS) is Coming to ABA

A group of grade 12 students has started an initiative to bring the U.S. National Honor Society to ABA. NHS is a well-known association of school chapters that "promotes school climate and provides opportunities to motivate all students to reach their greatest potential in school and in life." It is based in the United States but has members in many international schools across the world.

What are the benefits to students who join NHS?

Support for parents and students with U.S. college admissions through members-only resources Leadership development and student empowerment opportunities. Service project opportunities that allow students to make significant contributions to their community (adapted from www.nhs.us).

NHS is open to all students in grades 10-12, but because the society is selective, students must make an application for induction and have the support of a faculty member.

To find out more, students from grades 9-12 should attend an informational meeting at second break on Wednesday, October 3rd in SG14. Parents can contact Ms. Jean Melek at: jmelek@abaoman.org

Raymond Bailer and Jean Melek - Faculty Advisors

Message from the Extra Curricular Program

Success in sport is measured in many ways: Sportsmanship, team moral, number of participants, performance on and off the court/field, enjoyment of players and coaches, building a culture, support from fans etc. Season one volleyball has already hit many of the aforementioned targets. The most noticeable improvement from previous years has been the success of the teams on the court and the support surrounding the teams.

Our booster club is continuing to grow in strength as has the volume of people cheering on our teams at the games.

To date, the ABA Volleyball teams have won 13 out of the 16 matches.

We have another big week coming up. I hope to see you at the volleyball court or at the pool.

30th September	U12 Boys vs TAISM @ TAISM	3:45 - 4:45pm
30th September	U19 Girls vs BSM @ ABA	3:15 - 4:15pm
30th September	U16 Girls V"ball vs PSO @ ABA	3:00 - 4:15pm
30th September	U16 Boys V"ball vs PSO @ ABA	3:00 - 4:15pm
1st October	U14 Boys Vs PSO @ ABA	3:30 - 4:30pm
1st October	U14 Girls Vs PSO @ ABA	3:30 - 4:30pm
2nd October	U15 boys vs BSM @ ABA	2:45 - 4:00pm
2nd October	U16 Boys V'Ball vs TAISM @ ABA	4:15 - 5:15pm
2nd October	U19 Boys vs TAISM @ TAISM	4:00 - 5:00pm
3rd October	U16 Girls V"ball vs PSO @ ABA	3:00 - 4:15pm
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4th October	U12 Girls V'ball vs TAISM @ ABA	3:00 - 4:00pm
4th October	U13 Girls V"Ball vs TAISM @ABA	3:00 - 4:00pm
4th October	U14 Girls V'Ball Vs TAISM @ ABA	3:45 - 4:45pm
5th October	ABA Vipers Sprint Meet Warm up: 7:00 - 8:15am Meet Start: 8:30am Invited teams: ABA Vipers, TAISM Eagles, Nautilus Swimming Club & BSM Marlins	

Paul Brace - Athletics Director

Message from the Mother Language Program

The Mother Language Program is still open for registration. We are closing registration on Sunday, October 7. Please click here to register:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1yg4qc70AWbWFpMxVvPPsPzfn1BSM71hnDeBv2KhEd6M/viewform?edit_requested=true

Our new Mother Language Website is launched! Please visit our web pages to learn more about the program. Registration will be open for one more week so hurry up and register your child. We will get in touch with you soon.

For any further questions, please contact us at mlp@abaoman.org

*Alexis Williams and Diana EL Bizri
Mother Language Program Coordinators*

Message from the PTA

The PTA Communication Liaison, Janki Sampat, has not been well and her absence has left us with a gaping hole. However, stepping up to the plate and taking her position is Anjum Khan, previously the co-chair for Elementary Vice Chair.



Building our community together!

Teacher & Staff PTA Fund Requests: Community Vote: Oct 8, 2018

Artificial Grass near Drama Court

Request from: Wayne Derrik, Elementary Assistant Principal

Serves: all age groups.

Cost: approx. 500 OMR

Why? Safety in the playground... this could be a joint PTA/Elementary Student Council project. This would make a huge difference for the students running and playing in this area. (especially football)

Playground Toys for Elementary

Request from: Kids of Grade 1- Angela Langlands

Serves: all elementary

Cost: 484 OMR

Why? We (Mark, Tahsin, Riley, Marwan, Alex, Sam, Yousaf, Hamza, Adam, and Zak) would like money for some toys. We want to get outside toys like: badminton, tennis rackets, a white board with markers, basketball with 2 nets, footballs, American footballs, skipping ropes, painted running areas for tracks or climbing, and a parachute for Grades 1 and 2 who play on the Drama Court. We also want to get a locking toy box to keep our toys safe. We would also love a few fans hanging from the ceilings to keep us cool when it's hot.

Board in the Library

Request from: Courtney Park, Secondary Librarian

Serves: all secondary

Cost: 500 OMR

Why? A collection of board games, card games, etc. to be kept in the secondary library for students to use before and after school or during breaks. Teachers could also book to use them with classes in the library for special occasions or rewards.

PTA Website

Check out all the new information available on the PTA website. Visit <http://abaoman.org/wp-site/pta/>

Tuesday Talks & Travels (TT&T)

Topic/Travel: CPR & First Aid Certification.

Course in English. Receive a 2-year certification from the American Heart Association. Only 10 people per course.

Dates: Oct 22-23, Jan 8-9, Feb 19-20

Location & Time: PTA Room 7.30am-12.30

Cost: 55 OMR. Payments accepted in finance department.

Deadline for Payment: Oct 7th, 2018

Questions: email Ptasact@abaoman.org

2 Oct HRP Workshop

7 Oct CPR payment
Deadline

8 Oct PTA Open
Meeting

22 Oct CPR course
Part 1

23 Oct CPR course
Part 2

1 Nov Spooktacular

2 Nov Flea Market

Our first TT&T had an attendance of 35 ladies and gents! Amazing workshop with Whispers of Serenity. If you missed this TT&T, don't miss any others!



PTA Community Notice Board

Call 91340343 for more information



**GIRLS U15
TOUCH RUGBY**

NEW TEAM!
WEDNESDAYS
5-6.30PM AT BOWSHER PITCHES

GIRLS BETWEEN 12-15 WELCOME
COME AND TRY IT OUT
NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

JUST TURN UP!
WEAR SPORTS GEAR & BRING WATER



**The First International
Mental Health Forum**
الملتقى الدولي الأول للصحة النفسية

EE 5 / 6 Oct - 2018 📍 kempinski hotel 📱 notaloneoman

Tickets are on sale at
Whispers of Serenity Clinic



*Your PTA
'Building Our Community Together'*

Message from the Booster Club

VIPERS Student and Parent Shirts – Available NOW!

The Booster Club committee have been working overtime the last few weeks to finalize, not only our upcoming event, but our NEW Parent Support Shirts and Student Training Shirts ready for this season. We are very excited to introduce these to the ABA Community!

VIPERS Training Shirts are designed by the students, for the students. Custom designed and made from quality dry fit fabric from our supplier in Dubai, these shirts are now available on a pre-order basis from the Booster Club. Sizes available: XS – XL (see flyer attached). Currently only available for Grades 6-12 students. OMR8

VIPERS Parent Support Shirts are designed with our ABA community in mind. Custom designed and made from quality dry fit fabric, these shirts are also available on a pre-order basis, and should be ready for collection within two weeks of order! Sizes available: S-XL. (see flyer attached). OMR10 ... We can also order a long sleeve version for a more modest fit.

Both of these items will be available for pre-order at our next Pop-Up Shop, Monday 01 and Tuesday 02 October, outside the ECE. (see flyer attached). Shirt samples are available in all sizes. NOTE: We will NOT be taking new hoodie orders until November, due to an issue with our supplier.

ABA
VIPERS

show your stripes

BOOSTER CLUB
show your stripes

Monthly Pop-up Shop

Get your official **VIPERS**

MERCHANDISE

Monday 01 & Tuesday 02 October
07.00-7.45am

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Yours in community spirit
VIPERS Booster Club