

AL NOOR-ABA NEWS

21st March 2019

Message from the Superintendent

The role of a Superintendent is multifaceted and challenging. I would probably concur with Forrest Gump's mother who said "Life is like a box of chocolates... you never know what you're gonna get". Every day I find myself working in a finance, HR, construction, law, health, marketing and development, hospitality, counselling, diplomacy and much more in addition, of course, to leading the educational programme at ABA. I can never be quite sure what I will find in the day ahead which makes it exciting. However, as an educator, it will not surprise you to hear that it is the students who inspire me most, help me stay young at heart and ensure I remain grounded. I enjoy my role.

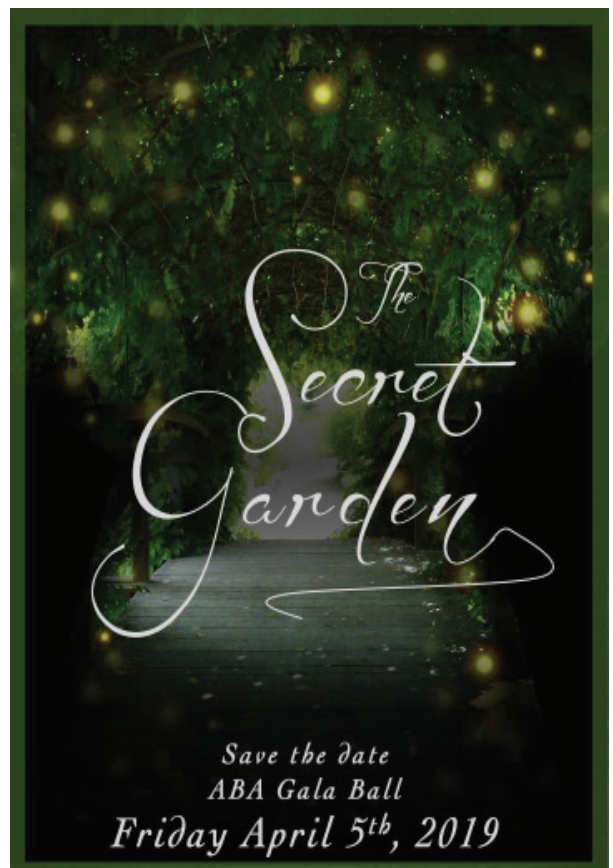
Leading a school is a passion I share with the three candidates who were here this week and no doubt with the fourth candidate who will be with us next week interviewing for the position of Superintendent from August 2020. It has been a pleasure to meet them and I look forward to exchanging ideas with our next visitor as I have done with those whom I have met already. I have tried to ensure that they have a clear picture of our great school so they can consider whether ABA and Oman is a good fit for them, as of course, this is a two way process. From the school's side, parents, students, staff and board members have had an opportunity to meet the candidates, whether at a coffee morning or on an interview panel. I trust that this was a rewarding experience.

Over the next week or so, the Board will consider the perspectives of the different groups and will then take the important decision on who they would like to lead the school in the future.

*Simon Taylor
Superintendent*

Upcoming Dates

26 Mar	PTA Tues Talk and Travel PTA Room 7:40 am - 9:00 am
	Student Led Conferences Elementary School Upper Foyer 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm
	Board Meeting Elementary Library 5.00 pm
27 Mar	Student Led Conferences / No School for Elementary Students Upper Foyer
28 Mar	Tanzania Paid Mufti Non-Uniform for Uniforms 200 Baisas



Message from the Middle School

On Tuesday of this week, Grade 8 students had the opportunity to meet with Grade 10 students as part of their course selection for MYP 4 and 5. The older students answered questions and provided insights into individual courses at this informal, fair style event. Following submission of their choices, each MYP 3 student will meet with Ms. Hostetter or I and discuss their strengths, aspirations and interests during a one-to-one interview.



During the week 31st March - 4th April, students and faculty have the opportunity to explore being Healthy Inside and Out @ABA. Various activities will be organised during advisory and break-times including, Sleep, Screen time and Understanding Your Brain: Self Care and Positive Self Talk and Food Exercise and Water.

Claire Anthony
Middle School Counselor

Message from the Middle and High School Teacher Librarian

Independent reading is known to be one of the top indicators for success in academics - kids who read more do better in school. Readers are also more empathetic, develop their vocabularies and write better. But busy schedules, homework, social media, television, and friends are taking up more and more of secondary students' lives and independent reading gets pushed aside. The fantastic article on "Parent Ninja Moves to Get Your Teen Reading Again" (<http://bit.ly/21Marread>) is full of great ideas to get your middle school and high school students reading for pleasure.

A few of my own top tips:

- Independent reading gets to be a **judgement-free zone** - it's way more important THAT they read than what they read. I promise. Comic books count. Diary of a Wimpy Kid for the 47th time counts. Top Gear counts. Just let them read.
- **Access is key.** Have reading material everywhere - home, library, car, airplane and in lots of formats - audio, print, digital, magazines, newspapers. I'm always happy to recommend or select a stack of books for you to have at home!
- **Be a Super Model.** Make time for independent reading in your own life. The secondary library has books for grown-ups, too - fiction and non-fiction. Stop by and check some out!

Happy reading - and best of luck with your parent ninja moves!

Courtney Park

Message from the Extra Curricular Program

Basketball games next week

I hope to see you at the basketball court to support our vipers.

24th March	U14 Boys vs TAISM @ ABA	4:00 - 5:15
25th March	U14 Girls Vs PSO @ ABA	3:30- 4:45
28th March	U13 Boys vs BSM @ BSM	2:45 - 4:00

Track Relay Meet by Alice Maxwell

On Tuesday, ABA competed at a relays meet held at TASIM. ABA had a large squad of athletes attend the meet, with ages ranging from 11 - 18. The meet was the last of a three meet series with ABA and TAISM. There was great spirit from both schools and it was awesome to see such a friendly atmosphere. ABA did amazing in lots of the relays, placing 1st in the U19 boys 4x100 and U19 boys Medley relays. The meet was a fantastic end to a short track season - we can't wait to see everybody back next year! A special mention to our senior athletes Chuck Iluyemi, Jeff Traboulsi and Tim Rutherford for whom Tuesday was the last track meet as Vipers athletes.

*Paul Brace
Athletics Director*



Message from the Fine Arts Department

Dear ABA Community,

Please join us in the PAC on Tuesday 2nd April from 5:00 - 6:00 pm to celebrate some of the pieces our Diploma Music and Theatre students have been working on. After the show, you are welcome in the Secondary Lecture Hall to view the DP Visual Art Exhibition.

Children of all ages are welcome. However, please note that a couple of the music pieces will be recorded for external assessment and will require silence.

Hope to see you there.



Music and Theatre performances
from DP 1 and 2 students.

DIPLOMA
fine arts
EVENING

PAC Theatre
Tuesday April 2, 5:00pm - 6:00pm

*Includes DP2 Visual Arts exhibition
in Secondary Lecture Hall*

The Fine Arts Department

Message from the PTA



Building our community together!

Check the ABA PTA website for updates on all upcoming information.

Date to remember:

Tuesday 23rd April.
Parent Art Exhibition

TUESDAY TALKS & TRAVELS

Hikes will take place if weather permits starting in April.

This month, the TTT is scheduled on Monday, 25th March 2019. It is a special guided tour of The Majlis Al Shura.

SPRING FEST / INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FESTIVAL (ICF)

We missed out on thanking another important member of our team. Anjum Khan did a wonderful job handling all the CAS students at the ICF. This would not have been possible without her support.

PARENT ART EXHIBIT

Mark your calendars for Tuesday 23rd April 2019. This event is a wonderful chance to exhibit your talents as parents. It has been a major success over the last few years and we look forward to seeing your artistic creations on display once more!

We would appreciate if you could confirm your interest in participating. We have received interest from only a few artists. This event requires at least 20 artists to make it interesting. Please send your desire to participate as an artist to Bokamoso Kumwenda at PTAESec@abaoman.org for further details.

Your PTA

Building our community together!

Message from the Booster Club



Booster Club Pop-Up Shop
 Get your official **VIPERS**
MERCHANDISE

Monday 25 March 2019
07.00-7.45am
 come see our friendly team outside the ECE Building
HOODIE ORDERS AVAILABLE!!

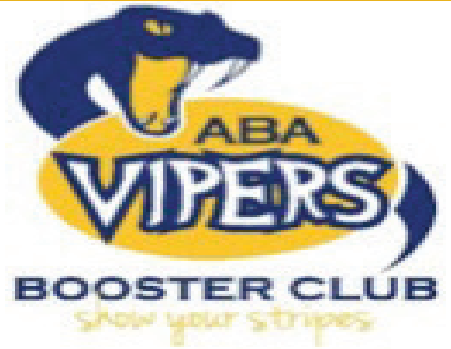
VIPERS Merchandise 2018/19
 AVAILABLE NOW... ONLY from VIPERS Booster Club!

 no.8	 no.10	 no.15
 no.15	 no.7	 SPECIAL OFFER 2 X PAIRS ONLY no.16
 no.1.2	 no.3	 no.5

AVAILABLE NOW

Limited Stock on ALL ITEMS

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



POP UP SHOP!

The BOOSTER CLUB will be holding its monthly POP-UP SHOP on Monday 25th of March from 7:00 – 7:45 am outside the ECE Building.

Personalized VIPERS hoodie orders will be taken at the Pop-up shop, don't miss your opportunity.

The kids certainly went crazy for ICE CRAZY! Once again it proved to be a huge success, raising just over 278 OMR!!!!

Thank you to our community for supporting the BOOSTER CLUB. You truly are amazing.

Yours in community spirit
VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

