

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear KIS Community,

I want to wish everyone a wonderful February Break! The sunshine sure does make a difference no matter what the temperature.

As you know, we have been gathering feedback concerning the possibility of bringing more middle school and secondary students back to campus. I wanted to share the results so far with the community. There are many things to consider before beginning this process, and we appreciate those who have taken the time to share their feelings and perspective. If you haven't had the chance, we ask that you please take a moment to complete this **Comfort Level Survey**. We will leave this survey open until Wednesday, February 24th, so if you haven't had the opportunity to complete this, please take a moment.

1. I am a:

[More Details](#)

● Student	9
● Teacher	16
● Parent	152



2. I am a student in...I teach in...or my child is in:

[More Details](#)

● Early Childhood (2-4yo)	9
● Elementary (5-10yo)	56
● Middle School (11-13yo)	93
● Secondary (14-17yo)	74



3. Would you feel comfortable having all students return to campus? What does that mean?

*Elementary classes would stay the same (NO CHANGE) *Middle School would attend daily but remain in cohorts. *Secondary would attend daily.

[More Details](#)

● Yes, I feel comfortable with this.	144
● I feel uncomfortable with this, ...	23
● No, I would not want to send ...	10



As you can see, at this point our campus community is overwhelming comfortable with the idea of Middle School and Secondary School students returning to campus full time.

Move to On-Campus Learning for All Students

The plan to integrate middle school and secondary school students back on campus full time does not affect our preschool school or elementary school students as they are already on campus full time. The only possible exception to this would be the 5yo classes. We are looking at how to bring more middle school and secondary students back on campus daily in step-by-step process. This means not all students would return at the same time. The KIS administrative team is preparing a plan to propose to QSI Headquarters, the Advisory Board, and school staff.

KIS will have an open forum meeting to discuss the results of our survey and our phase-by-phase proposal on **Thursday, March 4th**.

Sincerely,



Luke Woodruff
Director
Kyiv International School

SKI WEEK

MONDAY 22 - FRIDAY 26



NO SCHOOL

MONTH OF TOLERANCE



MONTH OF TOLERANCE

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

SEC STUCO 2021

MARCH 1ST - 19TH

WEEK 1 - BREAKING STIGMA
WEEK 2 - FACING SCHOOL PRESSURES
WEEK 3 - SURVIVING TO THRIVING
WEEK 4 - INTERSCHOOL SUMMIT

**A CHANCE FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND
PARENTS TO COLLABORATE AS A COMMUNITY!**



MONTH OF TOLERANCE

WEEK 1: MARCH 1-5

INTRODUCTION AND BREAKING STIGMA

Secondary Student Council will once again be facilitating the Month of Tolerance at KIS. This year, the focus will be mental health. Each week students, staff, and parents will be given the opportunity to learn more about mental health. For the first week, here is what the KIS community will be able to participate in:

Students: All KIS students will participate in activities from Secondary Student Council

Staff: KIS staff will focus on stigmas associated with mental health and reflect challenges faced with mental health

Parents: Dr. Thomas Kerrihard, Regional Psychiatrist for the US Embassy, will give a Zoom presentation to parents about mental health in children. He will focus on signs/symptoms, when to seek outside help, and addressing mental health concerns at home. He will present Friday March 5 at 1:00 Kyiv time.

KIS PARENT WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1

Friday, March 5, at 1:00

'SIGNS/SYMPTOMS TO LOOK FOR IN YOUR CHILDREN AND WHEN TO SEEK OUTSIDE HELP'

Dr. Thomas Kerrihard, Regional Psychiatrist for the US Embassy

WORKSHOP 2

Friday March 12, at 1:00

"FAMILIES AND MENTAL HEALTH"

Talley Sjoberg Varney, Social Worker and previous QSI Counselor

WORKSHOP 3

Friday, March 19, at 1:00

"SUPPORTS WE HAVE AT KIS. SUPPORTING STUDENT'S MENTAL HEALTH"

The KIS Counselors

ALL THREE WORKSHOPS SHARE THE SAME LINK



[CLICK TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING](#)

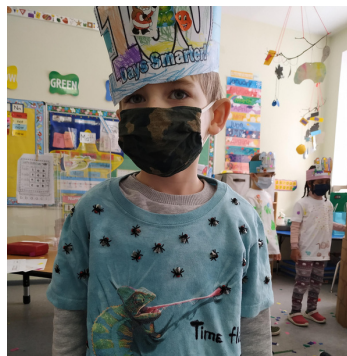
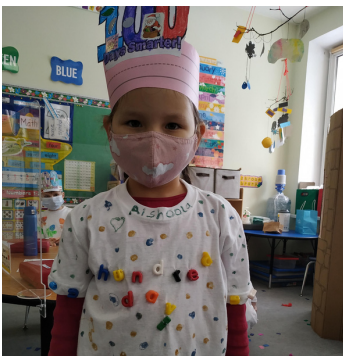
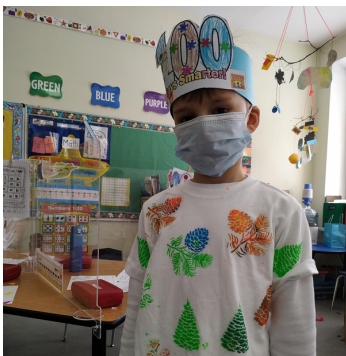
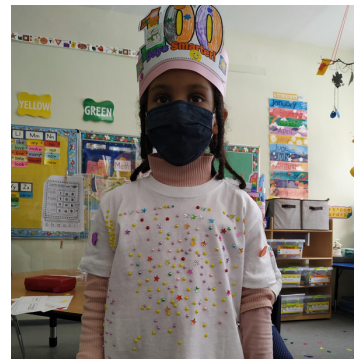
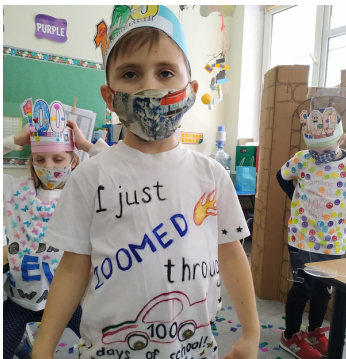
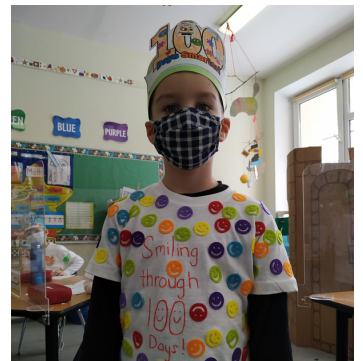
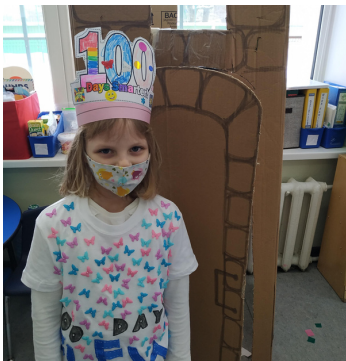
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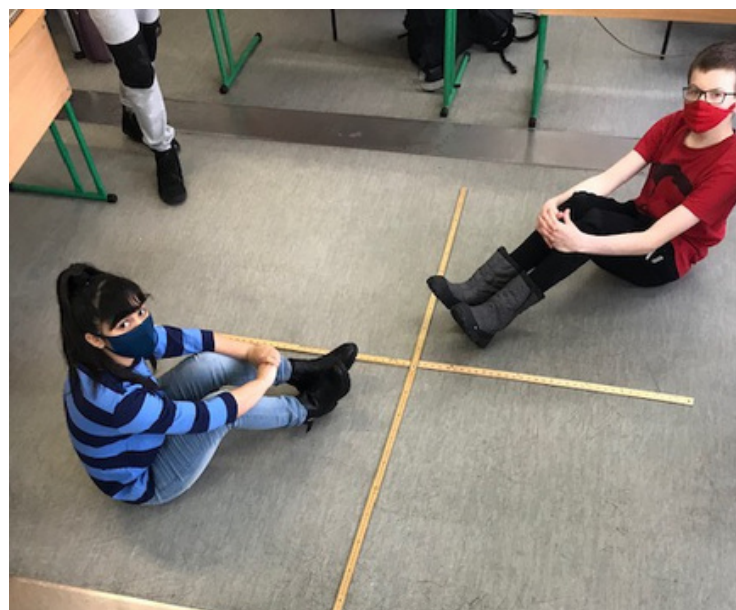
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PRESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY



The 5-year-olds celebrated the 100th Day of School. We shared out special T-shirts and enjoyed an entire day of fun 100's activities. We are now 100 days sweeter, stronger, and smarter.





ALGEBRA 13 TRANSFORMATIONS

Foundations of Algebra 13 Classes practicing TRANSFORMATIONS (inside and outside). Way to take advantage of the snow, 13-year-olds!

The first person (student, parent, or staff) who can verbally (no emails accepted) tell Mr. Stubbs the three TRANSFORMATIONS demonstrated wins a hot chocolate.





NEW UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES FOR THIS WEEK

[Champlain College \(US\)](#)

[Georgia State University \(US\)](#)

[George Mason University \(US\)](#)

[Hofstra University \(US\)](#)

[Nova Southeastern University \(US\)](#)

[NYU Shanghai \(China\)](#)

[Rochester Institute of Technology \(US\)](#)

[University at Buffalo SUNY \(US\)](#)

[University College Cork \(Ireland\)](#)

[University of Bristol \(UK\)](#)

[University of Massachusetts Boston \(US\)](#)

SECONDARY COURSE REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

It is that time of year again for course registration for the 2021-2022 school year. Students will meet with the counselor during their advisory Keeping Safe class for a presentation and to get questions answered. In the meantime we have attached the Course Catalog for 2021-2022 for you to start looking over classes and come prepared with questions.

February 3rd & 4th – Class of 2022 (Current S3's)

February 10th & 11th – Class of 2023 (Current S'2)

February 17th & 18th – Class of 2024 (Current S1's)

TBD – Class of 2025 (Current 13YO's)

The week of your meeting with the school counselor your student will receive a form to pick classes for next year. A parent needs to "sign off" that they have viewed this form with their student.

If after the presentation with the school counselor you still need help, please email Mrs. Rech for an appointment. She would be happy to assist in picking out classes.



Course Catalog 2021-22



UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES

Canada

University of Calgary

China

New York University - Shanghai

France

American University Paris
ESCE Int'l Business School
ESSEC Business School

International

ESCP Business School Int'l (Paris, Turin, Berlin)

Ireland

University College Cork

Netherlands

Tilburg University
University of Amsterdam
Utrecht University

United Kingdom

ESCP Business School London
City, University of London
Royal Holloway- University of London
Queen Mary University of London
University of Bristol
University of Exeter
University of Greenwich
University of Westminster

United States

Alfred University
Augusta University
Champlain College
Emerson College
Full Sail University
George Mason University
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Hofstra University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Chicago
Marist College
Nova Southeastern University
St. Thomas University
Rochester Institute of Technology
University at Buffalo SUNY
University of Iowa
University of Massachusetts- Boston
University of Northern Iowa

CLASS OF 20201

CONGRATULATIONS!

MISHA



SECONDARY WORLD GEOGRAPHY

DURING OUR UNIT ON AFRICAN GEOGRAPHY, MR. BYERS THREW DOWN THE GAUNTLET AND THE ULTIMATE CHALLENGE TO NOT ONLY LEARN ALL 54 AFRICAN COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO TO BE ABLE TO NAME THEM BY HEART...WITHOUT SEEING A LIST OF NAMES, COLD TURKEY, BLANK MAP, PURE MEMORY WIZARDRY. FOR THE JOY OF LEARNING AND PERSONAL CHALLENGE MYKHAILO GOLOD STEPPED UP TO THE IMAGINARY LINE OF GEOGRAPHIC HISTORY AND DECLARED HE WOULD SUCCEED. WITHIN ONLY TWO WEEK HE HAD CRUSHED ALL CHALLENGERS AND SINGLE HANDILY WON THE TITLE OF "GEOGRAPHY JEDI MASTER". **CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU MISHA** AND YOUR AMAZING DEDICATION, HARD WORK, AND JOY OF GEOGRAPHY. WHEN ASKED BY HIS TEACHER MR. BYERS HOW HE WAS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS FEAT OF SYNAPTIC FLEXING, MISHA VERY HUMBLY REPLIED "I LEARN IT BY MAKING MISTAKES."

LET THESE WISE WORDS BE A BEACON OF HOPE TO ALL STUDENTS AT KIS. MAKING MISTAKES MEANS YOU ARE CHALLENGING YOURSELF BEYOND YOUR CAPABILITIES. IT IS ONLY THROUGH MAKING MISTAKES THAT WE CAN ULTIMATELY GROW AS LEARNERS.

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH



THE EXTERNAL GERMAN AND FRENCH EXAMS.

Despite all the restrictions, the external exams were postponed but not cancelled. The school is not involved in the registration process and doesn't organize the trips to the examination centers as it used to be before. However, you have a possibility to participate individually.

GOETHE CERTIFICATES (GERMAN):

The registration is open (23.01 - 03.03) for the next session, in March:

B1 - 25.03

B2 - 26.03.

More details at: <https://www.goethe.de/ins/ua/uk/spr/prf.html>

DELTA (FRENCH):

There are two kinds of certificates: DELTA Prim (7-12 y.o.) and DELTA Junior (12- 17 y.o.).

The registration for DELTA Prim is open till the end of February. The exams will take place:

13 May - A1,

14 May - A2.

For DELTA Junior, you may be registered in March. In this case, you will attend your exam:

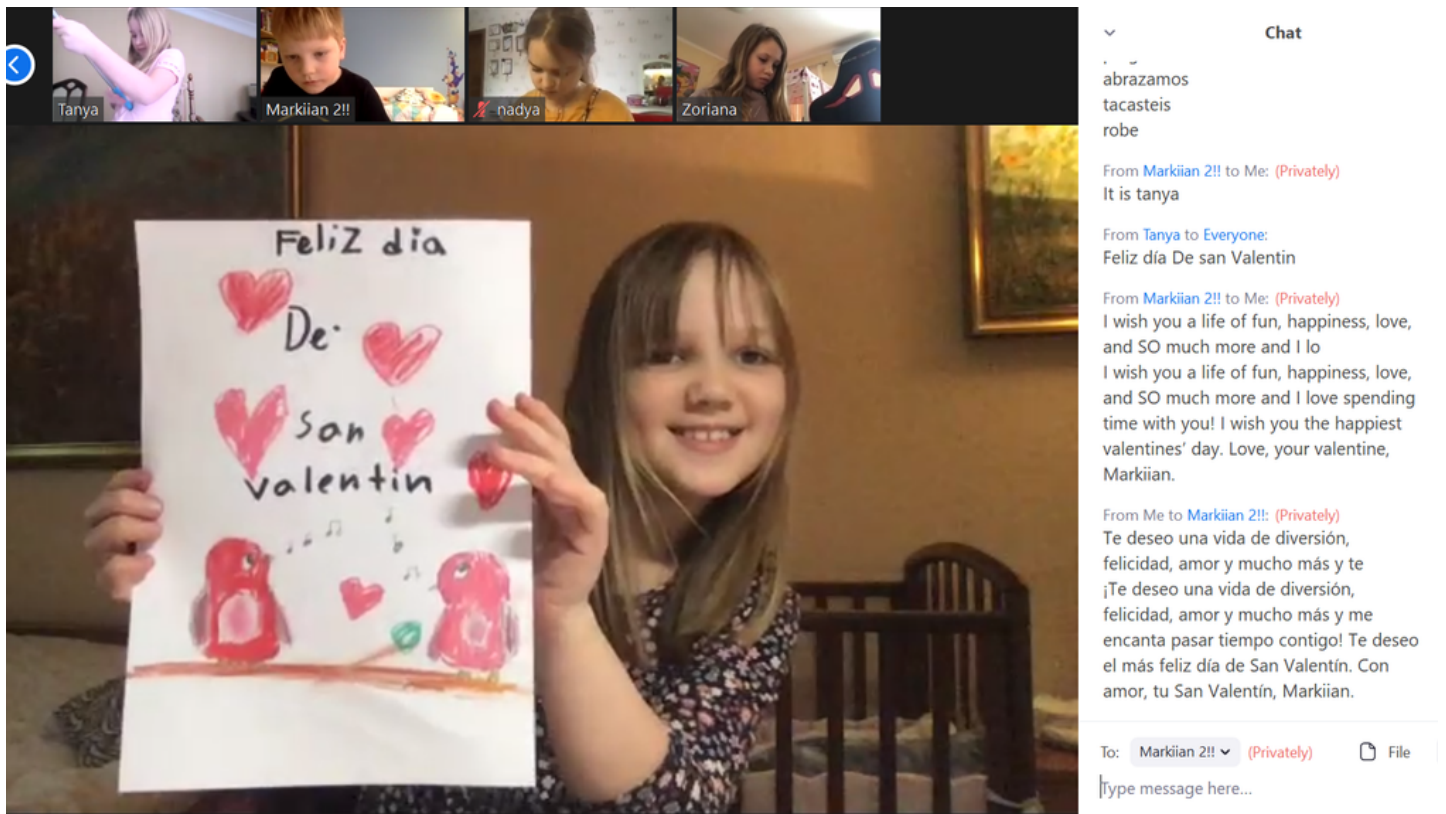
5 April - A1 and A2,

6 April - B1 and B2.

More details at: <https://institutfrancais-ukraine.com/certifications>

If there are any difficulties or more questions, please, contact your German or French teacher.

LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH



Chat

abrazamos
tacasteis
robe

From Markkian 2!! to Me: (Privately)
It is tanya

From Tanya to Everyone:
Feliz día De san valentin

From Markkian 2!! to Me: (Privately)
I wish you a life of fun, happiness, love,
and SO much more and I lo
I wish you a life of fun, happiness, love,
and SO much more and I love spending
time with you! I wish you the happiest
valentines' day. Love, your valentine,
Markkian.

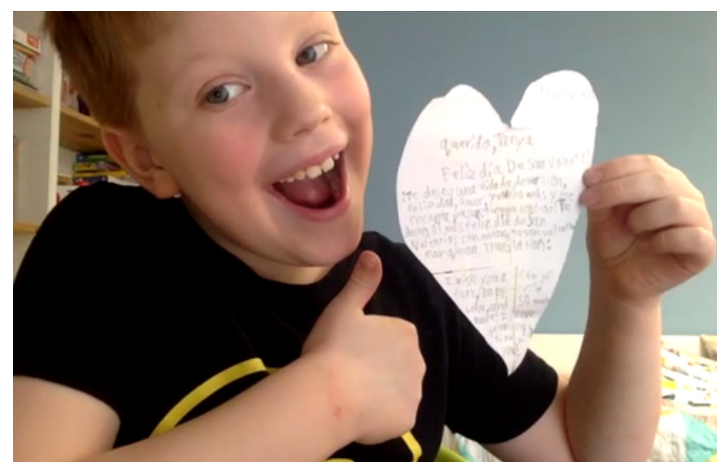
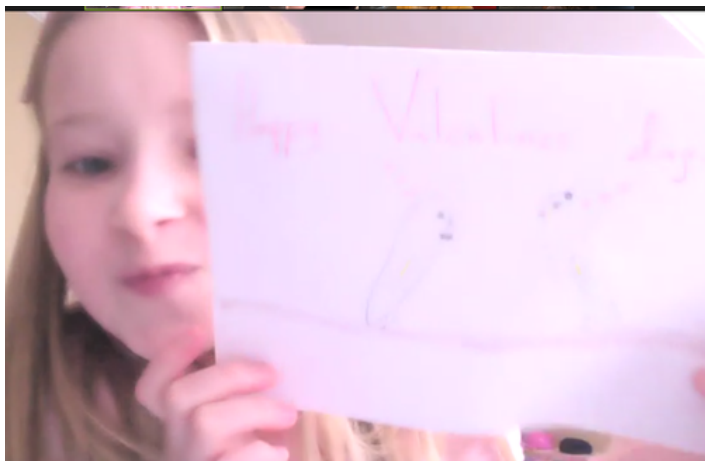
From Me to Markkian 2!!: (Privately)
Te deseo una vida de diversión,
felicidad, amor y mucho más y te
¡Te deseo una vida de diversión,
felicidad, amor y mucho más y me
encanta pasar tiempo contigo! Te deseo
el más feliz día de San Valentín. Con
amor, tu San Valentín, Markkian.

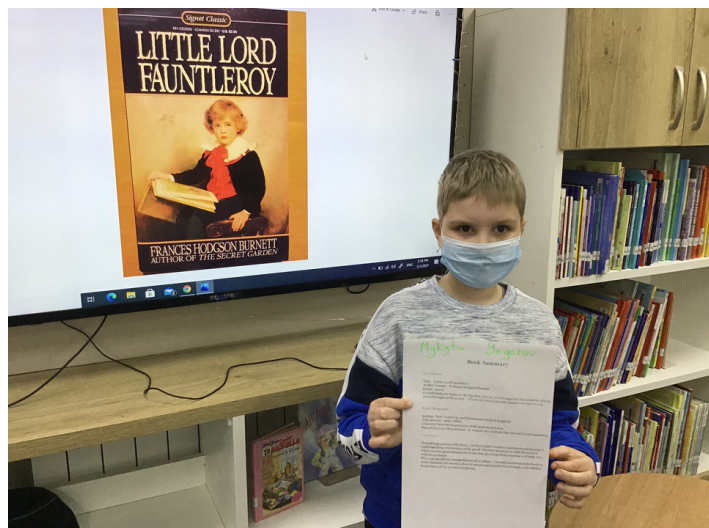
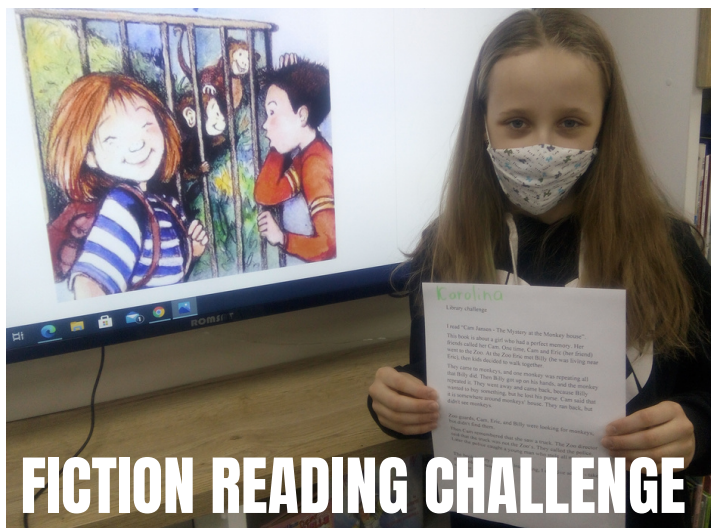
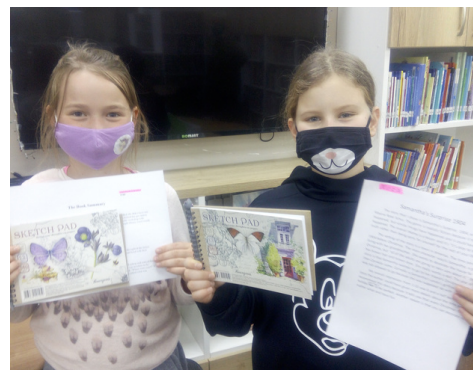
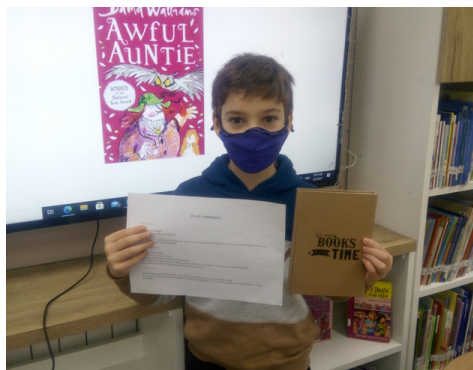
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San Valentín VALENTINE'S CARDS IN SPANISH

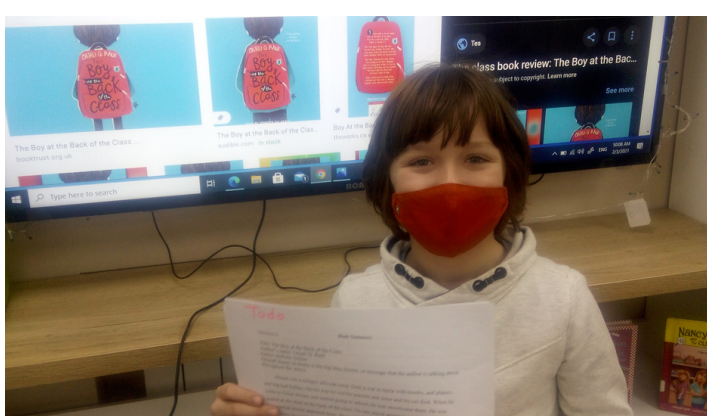
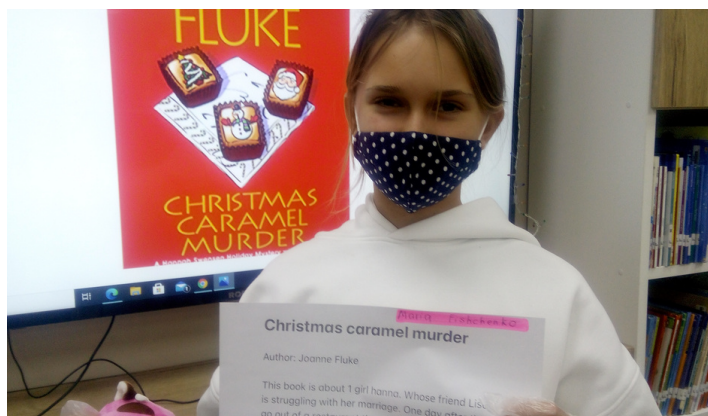
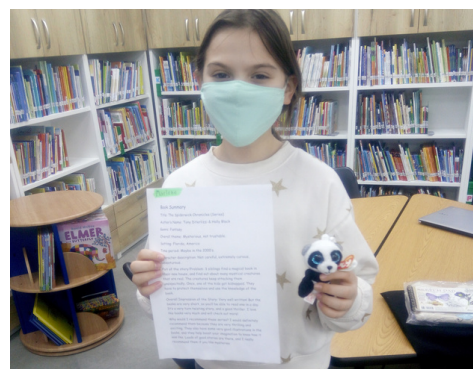
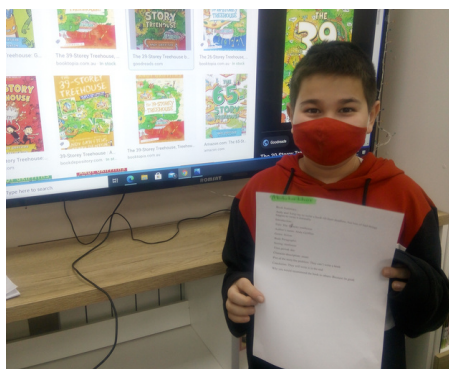
It's time to learn how to be creative and to have fun. These little artists already have their cards ready to congratulate "someone special" this Valentine's Day. Feliz Día de San Valentín, amigos!





Nine and ten-year-old students took part in yet another Reading Challenge! The idea was that students would recommend a fiction book to peers. They had to read a gripping book and advertise it by writing a book summary. Students read their summaries and presented the books of their choice in library lessons, and that sparked good book talks. As a result, some students were inspired to read what others recommended.

The most interesting summaries were rewarded.





ONE OF A KIND: MATH COUNTS

Middle School Math Counts is a long standing tradition at KIS. The MS students have responded well to the Math challenge in the past and were equally dedicated and enthusiastic this year. We had 9 students who were involved and 7 of them took the chapter challenge contest on Saturday, February 6th. During one of our online practice tests, that we participated in last week, one of the Mathelets was traveling home in the family van. He was so committed to being in the challenge event that he logged on with his cell phone and did the practice event while in the van. Now that's commitment. The Internet was poor and he had trouble with his log in, but he did not give up and completed the competition.

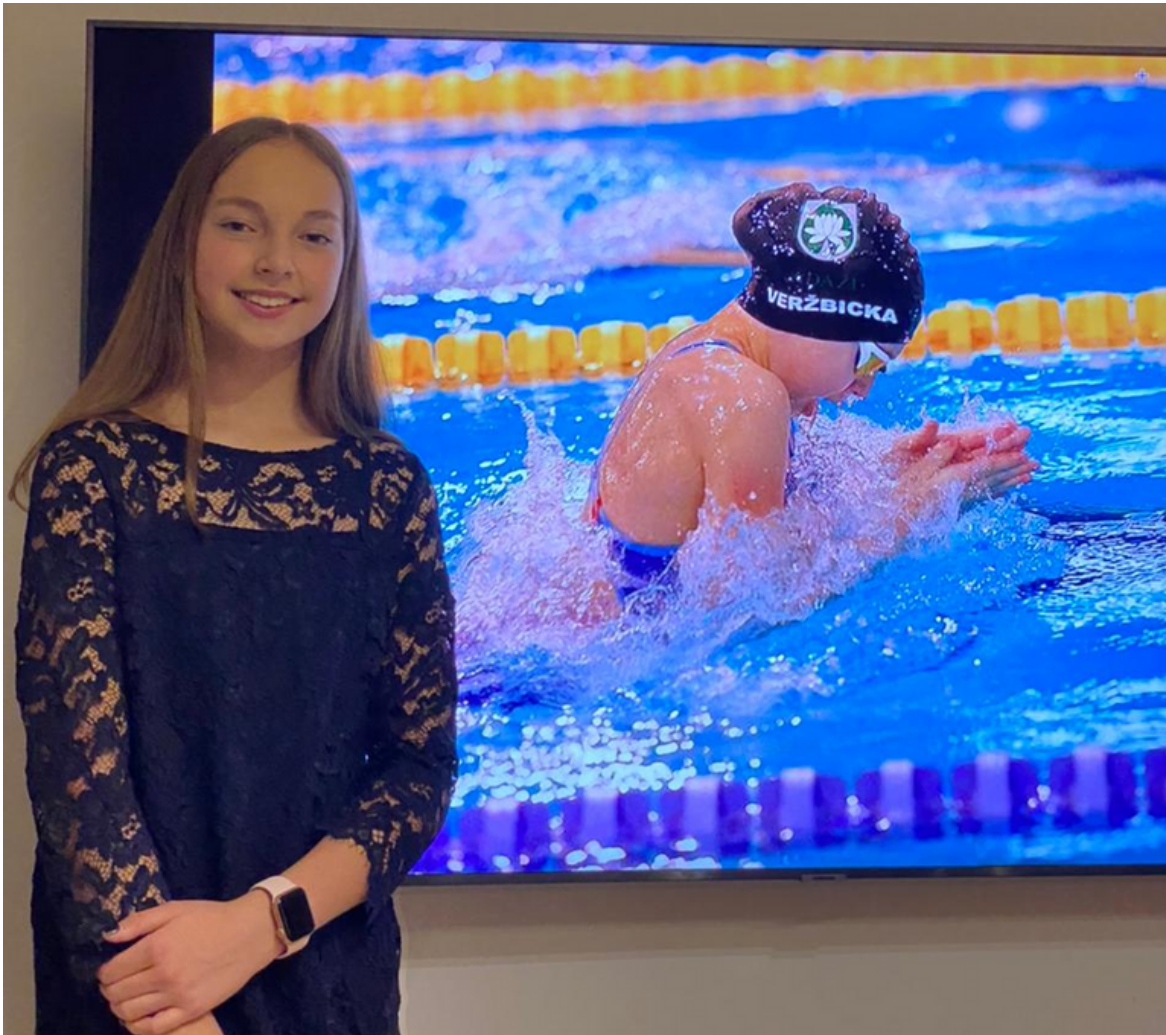
All of our students are keen to learn the mathematics and are rigorous participants in all our weekly meetings. Here's an example of an activity that we do to warm up. Using order of operations, and mathematical processes like square roots and factorial, use the first four numbers in an order of operations equation to equal the last number in the following list. Look up Krypto on line and have some fun with numbers. 6, 10, 18, 21 to give the answer of 7.

One of our participants qualified to move on from the chapter competition. Participants this year included: Staff coaches Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. Bateman, Mr. Kaufman, Mr. Ohlinger and myself Mr. Bateman. Student participants were: Alex Podolny, Ami Phung (who qualified to move on to higher level competition), Bruce Liu, Iosif Dima, Matvei Amchislavskiy, Mickey B. Hoang, Sergii Osadchyj, and Shon Hoang.

I am very proud of these young competitors. They were an absolutely amazing group of young adults to work with. I will miss our lively meetings. I hope you will join again next year or participate in the secondary program.

CONGRATULATIONS!

ANABELLA



THIS PAST WEEKEND, 12 YEAR OLD ANABELLA WON THE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR IN ĀDAŽI, LATVIA. EACH YEAR THEY PICK ONE MALE AND FEMALE ATHLETE AND THIS YEAR, THEY CHOSE HER FOR HER SUCCESS AND DEDICATION TO SWIMMING. ANABELLA IS CONTINUING TO SWIM HERE IN UKRAINE AND TAKING PART IN BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS REPRESENTING UKRAINE.

CONGRATULATIONS ANABELLA!

MS KNOWLEDGE BOWL

STARTS MAR 1ST

DO YOU LOVE TRIVIA?

READY TO TEST YOUR

KNOWLEDGE SKILLS?

COME AND JOIN MS KNOWLEDGE

BOWL **MONDAYS AND**

****TUESDAYS!****

LOCATION: TBD

MS. ANDERSON

MR. BUCK

MRS. BUCK



COMPETITION WILL BE APRIL 23 -24TH!



Socially Distant Choir



Contact Ms. Geary,
Mr. A or Mrs. A
for details.

Looking for
Singers!

Pick a Part!
Learn It!
Record Yourself!
Email it Over!



PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL-GEARY@KYIV.QSI.ORG



SPRING SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

WILL START ON

Volleyball for MS and Secondary - **March 1st**

Track and Field for Middle School and Secondary - **March 15th**

Middle School Knowledge Bowl - **March 1st**

Model United Nations - Secondary - **February 8th (reg. closed)**

Secondary Robotics - **April 5th**

Secondary Math Counts - **March 1st**

Middle School Drama - **March 15th**

Sign ups on Parents' Moodle

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