

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

KOZAK KORNER

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February is here, and snow is on the ground.

Kids are finally getting their snow pants on, making snow balls, and throwing them at our playground targets.

I absolutely love when the giant snowflakes begin to fall and Kyiv turns to a white winter wonderland. It is even better when the sun is shining.

The snow is just in time and hopefully sticks around until Ski Week!

Today, our secondary students had their school closure practice day. This is something that we do each year to practice our online learning platform and give teachers and students an idea of how a school day would run during a school closure.

This could happen for a variety of reasons and our commitment during these days is to try and duplicate the type of learning and activities that may happen during a full day of school.

It is important to note that this day is in no way a reaction to the coronavirus.

I know that there continues to be concerns regarding how this virus may impact Kyiv and Ukraine, but please know that KIS continues to monitor this situation closely and consult with a number of different external committees.

I hope you all enjoy the snowy weather. Consider some hot chocolate and a good book!

If you don't have a good book, come grab one at the book fair next week.

Sincerely,

Luke Woodruff
Director



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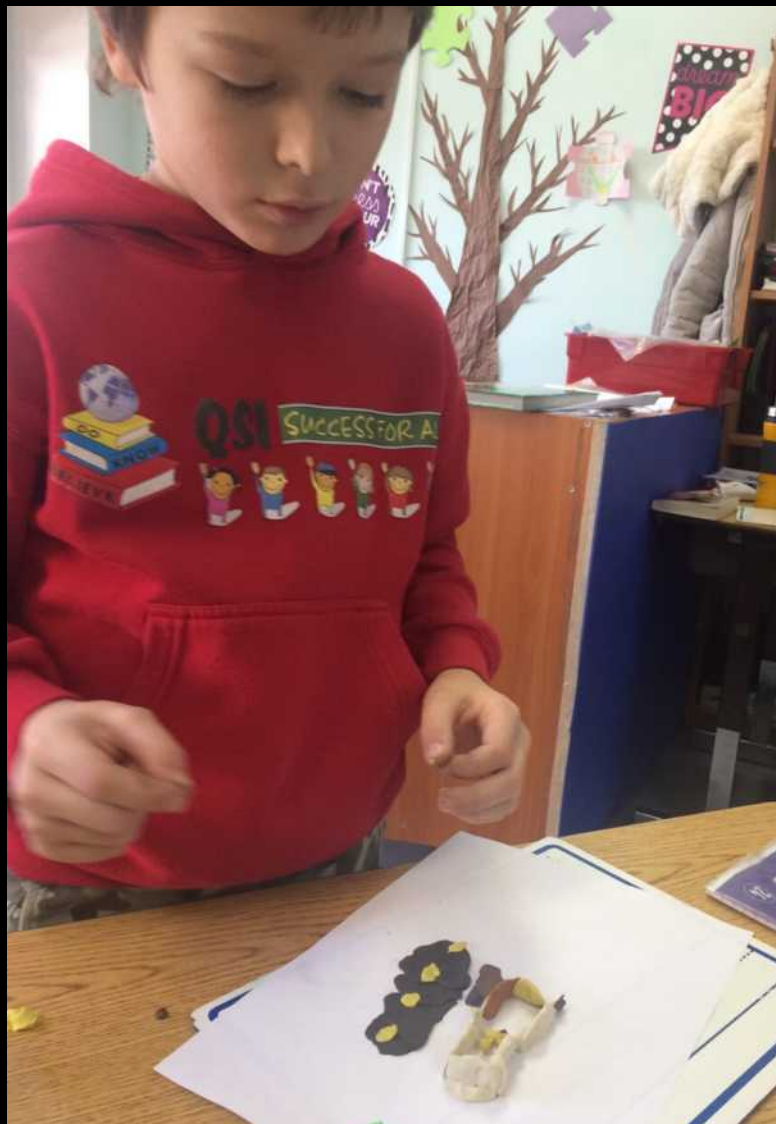
February

6-9: CEESA HS Knowledge Bowl (IST)
6-9: CEESA HS Tech & Robotics (Buch)
6-9: CEESA MS Speech & Debate (KIS)
6-9: CEESA MS Math Counts (Wars)
7: Secondary Closure Practice Day
13: Book Fair Fest
17-21: Ski Week (No School)
19-23: HS Boys&Girls Basketball (Israel)
29: TEDx Event

March

3: Quintile 4 Begins
5-8: CEESA MSB BBall - Bucharest
5-8: CEESA MSG BBall - HOST
5-8: CEESA MS/HS Swim - Bratislava
9: International Women's Day (no school)

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PRESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY STUDENT LIFE AFTER SCHOOL AND WEEKEND ACTIVITIES



ART CLASSES. BASKETBALL. GYMNASTICS. PARKOUR. SOCCER.

[QSI.ORG/KYIV/PRESCHOOL-ELEMENTARY-STUDENT-LIFE](https://qsi.org/kyiv/preschool-elementary-student-life)

EXPLORING THE WORLD - NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Ms. Amy's 5 year old students have been busy exploring the world's seven continents and learning about how the New Year and different winter holidays are celebrated around the world.

Last week, the class was excited to discover how the Lunar New Year is celebrated in the Asian countries of China and South Korea.

In their exploration of Chinese New Year, the children crafted Chinese lanterns and dragons, and learned about the legend of the ancient monster Nian, and the significance of the color red, "loud noises", and fireworks during the Chinese celebrations.



The class was visited by Anya Zhou's parents and sister who taught the children about "the great race" of the animals that determined their place in the Zodiac calendar and gave everyone their own hung bao—(red envelopes) —filled with wonderful chocolate treats!

The class was then visited by Jae Woo Jung's mom and sister, who taught them about how they celebrate the New Year in South Korea!

The children learned about the significance of Bok Ju ("lucky money"), were able to try on their own traditional clothing (Hanbok), and enjoyed delicious homemade Kimbobb!



We Love to Read!

We are class 6C and we love reading time.

We read lots of leveled books. We have some in class and we get others from the library.

We love our great KIS library and our terrific librarians.

They have worked hard to give us lots of choices for leveled reading. Leveled books make it easy for us to become great readers!

Thanks Ms. Alla, Ms, Lily, and Ms. Masha for our great library!

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help our KIS library be fantastic!



"Reading books aloud to children stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world. It helps them develop language and listening skills and prepares them to understand the written word."

The creative brains in room **7G** are celebrating Valentine's Day by tackling **STEM** challenges related to the holiday. Each day, students are given the challenge to build something new and then reflect on their designs in writing.

LOVE

From cupcakes to flowers to the word "love" and more, 7G is showing that **Valentine's Day** fun comes in many ways!





Elementary IE

Did you know that learning to sequence the events in a story could be so much fun? Now 6 y.o. IE class knows that!

This week we read "The Pumpkin" by Joy Cowley.

In this story a family grows a pumpkin in their garden. We discussed and illustrated all the steps in this process using sequencing words.

At the end of the lesson we created a sequencing chain by putting our pictures, that illustrate every event in the story in order, on a string.

The students and the teacher enjoyed this lesson where we learned, and played, and shared our work.

Way to go 6 year olds!





Nursery Rhymes: 8th Grade Drama with Mrs. Butler

Two 8th grade Drama classes proudly demonstrated their mastery learning last week on the "Big Stage," in the KIS auditorium. We were proud to be audience members with Elementary as we attentively watched "The Golden Goose," production on Monday and "Little Red," production on Wednesday.

In "The Golden Goose," we had a fun, silly and humorous flock of chickens, Katie, Jo Jo, Vladislav, Agata, and Maggie, with whom entertained the idea of being the most important egg producer until Golda the desperate Goose, played by Freddie, with the best Goose honk in Kyiv came around with her magical golden eggs.

The boy, Wendell, had to give Golda up, was terrifically played by Kristina. Wendell had to sell Golda to a bossy farmer's wife, Gretchen, beautifully portrayed by both Sagnika and Sonia, while the dumbfounded farmer, George, energetically played by Vyacheslav, watched his wife's greed overtake her human kindness. After all, he just wanted some shoes!

Many of the market masters, "get a lot of laughs Umberto", played by Viktor, Jewel, played by Oleksandr, Percy, played by Margaret, Millie, played by Maria, Taylor, played by Oleksandra, and sales expert Colby, played by Illia - exchanged their goods to become a recipient of a golden egg. Only a few market masters were able to outsmart the ignorant farmer's wife. In the end, Golda was saved and returned back to her normal egg laying ways by Orella that magical fairy, inspirationally portrayed by David.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



In "**Little Red**," dramatically and convincingly played by both Saakshi and Vivian, we had to Be-Ware of the Big Bad Wolf, played by the Yegor and Lev.

These two wolves easily out-tricked the Huntsman, played by Mykhailo and Nikita in exchange for a Christmas in July! Their trusty dog played by Masaki was the only one that knew the wolf was up to no good! "How ridiculous, Christmas in July!" This production's success was also highlighted by our talented narrators whom transitioned and illuminated the stage with Denis and Liza!

We had comedy with tragedy all wrapped up into one play where the Baker, played by Junsun tried to steal his wife's baked goods; the baker's wife played perfectly by Anastasia, as she sold goods to Little Red and hopped around as a rabbit on stage. We had many important roles other than bread rolls. Little Red's Grandmother was playfully acted by Maja, and Dr. Pigg, who hit KIS Facebook News, was magnificently played by Veronica.

We can't forget Little Red's parents who were so involved in her life; the mother played by Eva and the father played by Nikita. Last, our little forest friends as they had a believable performance in helping out Little Red: Skunk, played by Seungyun, Owl, played by Masaki, Squirrel played by Mykhailo, and rabbit who led the way to help played by Anastasia.

We perform for the audience and not ourselves. If the audience is happy then we are a success. Looking at the pictures of the children watching the show in the audience and hearing the laughter, the actors and actresses on stage already know that they were a HIT. We are all proud of you! A special thank you to Ms. Olga for all of her support in the auditorium and to our High School Photography class under Mrs. Humes; the photography was terrific.



MS. CHERMERS

HS MATH CLUB

This week two Mathathlets teams competed against each other in a Relay Round competition.

They ended up with score 24 : 18 .

Good job, Mathathlets!



Three- two- one- GO!! Let the races begin!

Students are in their lanes. They are splashing, measuring, calculating and racing. It is the MOLYMPICS!

CHEMISTRY

Students are competing for the **Gold Beaker Award** in chemistry class.

The task is simple; answer stoichiometric problems, using the answers fill a graduate cylinder with the correct amount of water. It is all about SPEED and ACCURACY, but mostly accuracy. This weeks' Gold Beaker Award went to Marina, Amin , Jacob, and Yejee. Captain Marina was heard saying "It is all about the teamwork, we need other to succeed."

While Jacob gave all his praise to his captain, "Without Marina's help and encourage, I would not have been able to complete my leg."

The judge was overall pleased with all 15 competitors and cannot wait for the next meet.



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS THEATRE ASSOCIATION FESTIVAL

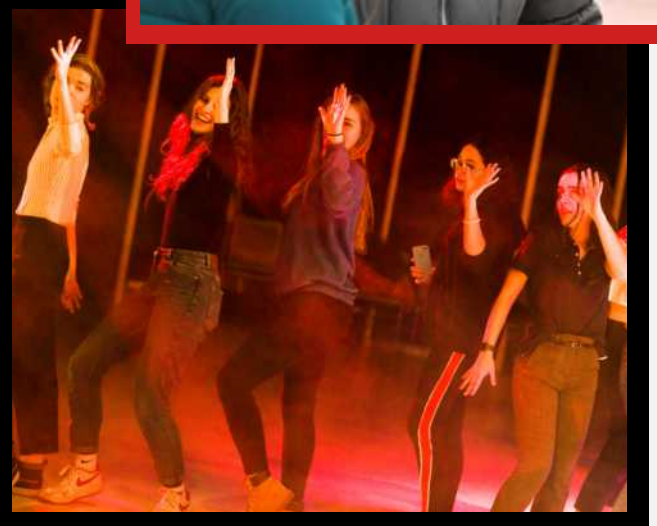


Recently, five KIS students had the truly incredible opportunity of attending an **International Schools Theatre Association Festival**. Over 50 actors from all over Europe collaborated create an original piece of theatre inspired by a psychogeographic walk through Old Kyiv and extensive ensemble work with three professional theatre artists.



Students worked in ensembles alongside fantastic artists like Michael West, Daniel Sarstedt, Anna Andresen, and each other for four days. The out come was a beautiful piece of devised work that was presented on Sunday morning.

Thank you to Luke Woodruff and KIS administration for making chances like this a reality! Well done Kozaktors.



ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES



KYIV SCHOOLS SWIM LEAGUE - JANUARY 31, 2020

Many athletes ask themselves simple questions such as why do we even bother to fight pain or why do we keep continuing to struggle within sports? Most of the times these questions can't be answered fully, however, many of them can be answered at some point when enough time passes. In case of the swimmers, the time has passed for them at the PSI Swim Meet.

Most of the times, for athletes, the drive for sports isn't the mere simple ideology of victory, but rather ethical morals which drive forward to their goals. For some athletes, it's a fight for motherland, for family, for friends, or personal beliefs. Most swimmers answered those questions with some of these categories and just wanted to prove and tried to understand what they were capable of in this sport. Most of the athletes realize that sports do not come easy and a certain price is required to meet the certain expectations, and others, with more experience, know that there is always more potential for growth to perform to the fullest.

However, no matter what athletes have proven to themselves, all of them took out a lesson necessary for them to potentially dominate in the CEESA Meet. The coaches couldn't be more proud of their courageous swimmers, who were willing to take on a challenge, no matter what the certain possible outcome. The KIS swimmers never look back and always keep facing forward the challenges.

As a result, the KIS Middle and Secondary Swim Teams earned 22 medals and broke four KSSL records. The coaches wish only luck and future success to the swimmers, because no matter what the outcome, they will always be proud of their athletes. At the end, the swim team is like a family where everyone is by each other's side willing to support each other on a deck.

"I'm trying to do the best I can. I'm not concerned with tomorrow, but with what goes on today."
(Mark Spitz, USA gold medalist in swimming)

Math Counts CEESA



Last week, the middle school Math Counts teams traveled to Warsaw Poland for a mathematics competition. There were four different events altogether. One individual short answer test, a problem solving test, and then the team problem solving test. The last event is a countdown challenge where one student competes against another student.

The winner of each individual challenge moves on and the other contestant is eliminated from the competition. This continues until there is only one student left standing. Our school had one mathlete in this round. Lev started out in 10th spot but quickly eliminated several opponents until he finished in 6th place, way to go Lev.

The teams were prepared and ready for action but were bitten by the sickness bug and ended up playing with two of the members absent due to illness. It would not have been an issue but both mathletes were from the same team.

It was very kind of PSI, who also suffered the loss of two players, to lend us one of their students to help make our teams complete. Even with the addition of the extra player a sudden high temperature left us one member short on one of the teams. While this may not appear to be a problem it has a significant impact on the team score because the total score for the team is divided by 4 to determine the individual team scores. Dividing by four when there are only three members impacted the end result. This however did not deter our students in the slightest. They worked hard and achieved average to above average results on the individual and team assignments.

Aside from the mathematics events the host Warsaw school sent us on tours of the Copernicus Museum and prepared a photographic scavenger hunt in the Old Town. The coaches, Mr. Paul Bateman, and Ms. Natalie Taranec were very impressed by the behavior and the dedication our students had towards the competition. It was a fantastic CEESA trip one which left us all with fond memories.

KSSL Middle School Basketball Tournament

The MSB boy's A-Team had an incredible KSSL tournament this past Tuesday hosted at KIS.

There were four good teams involved who were evenly matched.

Though the boys came in fourth overall their record was amazing.

Going into the last game they lost to the 2nd and 3rd place teams only by 3 points respectively.

Then the boys put forth a great team effort in the last game and beat the team going into 1st place by 3 points. It was a great way to end the tournament.

Great job the athletic department, coaches and boys who worked hard in this great tournament. This will definitely get us ready for CEESA! GO KOZAKS!



On Thursday it was the MS Girls turn to play in the KSSL Basketball Tournament. This year's team is young and full of student athletes but that didn't stop them from playing some of their best basketball of the year.

The team made it through the round robin portion of the day before falling to a very good Brovary Club team.

Congrats Kozaks on your 2nd place finish!

#kozaknation #kyivisred

STUDENT LIFE AT KIS

PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL AND WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

PRESCHOOL/ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL AND WEEKEND ACTIVITIES ARE OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR. SPORTS ACTIVITIES ARE NONCOMPETITIVE AND FOCUSED ON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT.

FOR THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF THE PROGRAM STUDENTS ARE ALLOWED TO DROP IN WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION.

OUR WINTER 2020 PROGRAM RUNS FROM JANUARY 25 TO MARCH 21.

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL (BC KOZAKS).

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY: 5:30PM - 7:00PM. OLD GYM.
AGES 6 TO 10. (100UAH).

ELEMENTARY ART

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY: 4:00PM - 5:50PM. PTO OFFICE.
AGES 6 TO 10. (300UAH)

ELEMENTARY GYMNASTICS

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY: 3:45PM - 4:30PM. MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.
AGES 6 TO 10. (200UAH).

SATURDAY: 12:30PM - 2:00PM. MULTIPURPOSE ROOM.
AGES 6 TO 10. (150UA).

ELEMENTARY BASKETBALL

SATURDAY: 10:00AM - 11:00AM. NEW GYM.
AGES 6 TO 10. (100UAH)

ELEMENTARY PARKOUR

SATURDAY: 11:15AM - 12:15PM. OLD GYM.
AGES 6 TO 10. (150UAH)

ELEMENTARY SOCCER (FC KOZAKS)

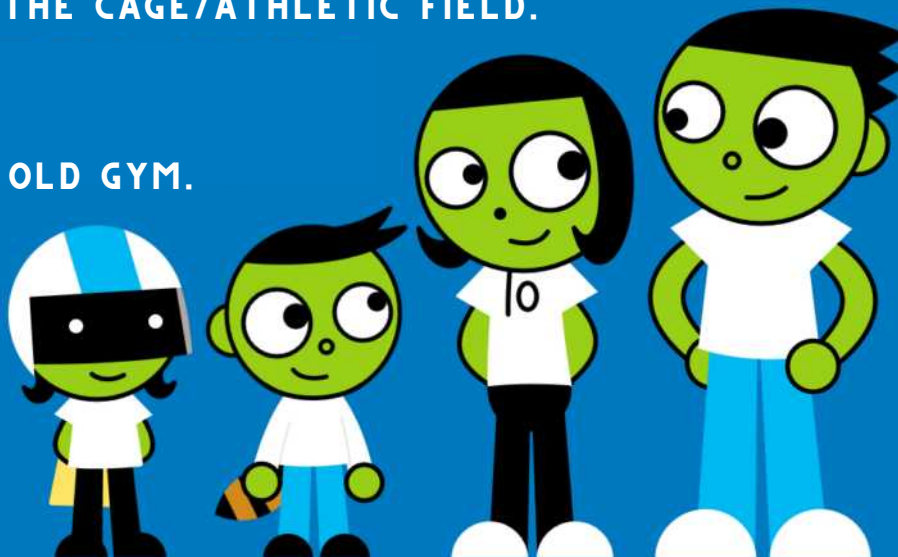
SATURDAY: 12:30PM - 2:00PM. THE CAGE/ATHLETIC FIELD.
AGES 6 TO 10. (150UAH)

PRESCHOOL PARKOUR

SATURDAY: 10:00AM - 11:00AM. OLD GYM.
AGES 3 TO 5. (150UAH)

PRESCHOOL BASKETBALL

SATURDAY: 11:15AM - 12:15PM.
NEW GYM.
AGES 3 TO 5. (100UAH)



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de Navarra

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OUR REASONS. OUR DREAM

1st Private University in Spain &
3rd University in Europe
(Times Higher Education
Teaching Ranking 2019)

#HigherEducation

All Kyiv International School Secondary students are invited to come and learn about the University of Navarra in Spain.

**A representative will be joining us on
Tuesday, February 11, 2020.**

Interested students should RSVP to
Ms. Tempel by Monday, February 10.



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MS KNOWLEDGE BOWL

STARTS FEB 12TH

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February 13th
Kyiv International School

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



Elementary Classroom teachers are sending home information regarding planned activities celebrating the 100 days of school completed mark!

Check your child's class newsletter for more details!

FEBRUARY 17 - 21, 2020

Ski Week

SCHOOL HOLIDAY



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AREA 51 Dance

When: February 28, 5:00-7:30 pm

Where: Lobby

Tickets: Feb. 10-14 70 uah

Feb. 24-25 80 uah

Feb. 26-27 100 uah

KYIV YOUTH FORUM

★ **CONFRONTING UNCERTAINTIES** ★
A NON-PROFIT EVENT AIMED AT SPREADING IDEAS VIA A SPEAKER FORUM,
AS WELL AS PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT, CATERING AND RECEPTION.

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL
SVYATOSHINSKIY PROVULOK 3A

FEBRUARY 29, 2020

STARTS AT 10:00 AM

TO PAY FOR RESERVED TICKET BE THERE AT 9:30 AM

100 UAH

FOR STUDENTS / CHILDREN

200 UAH

FOR ADULTS

CAN BE RESERVED ON THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM
PAID ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT
BOUGHT AT THE RECEPTION

INSTAGRAM

@KYIVYOUTHFORUM

PTO BINGO NIGHT

Saturday, February 29. 5pm to 8pm.
Tickets on Sale in the Front Lobby



SCHOOL HOLIDAY

Monday, March 9, 2020

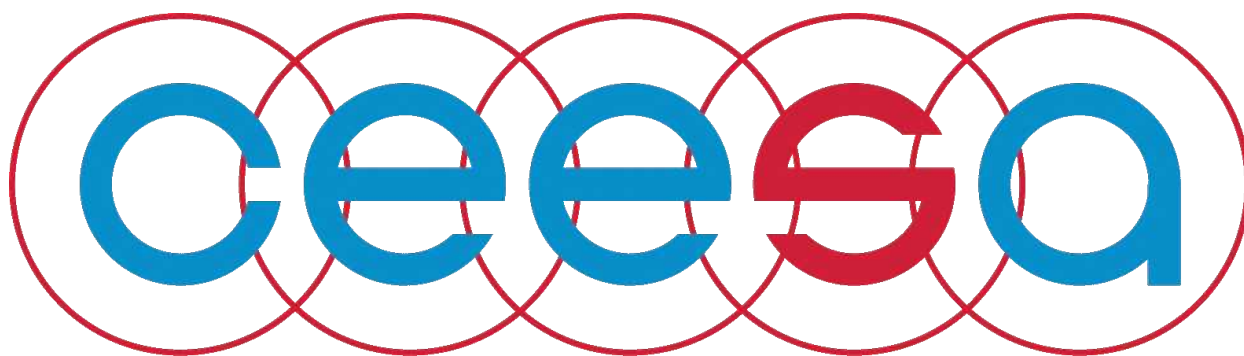
THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of our KIS Community who are hosting this weekend for the CEESA Speech and Debate Tournament.

Hosting visiting students and sending our children to other countries to be hosted by families is one of the wonderful benefits of participating in our after school activities and sports and taking part in CEESA.

To learn more about hosting, please contact rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org

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March 5 - 8, 2020

Middle School Boys Basketball
Bucharest

Middle School Girls Basketball
Kyiv International School

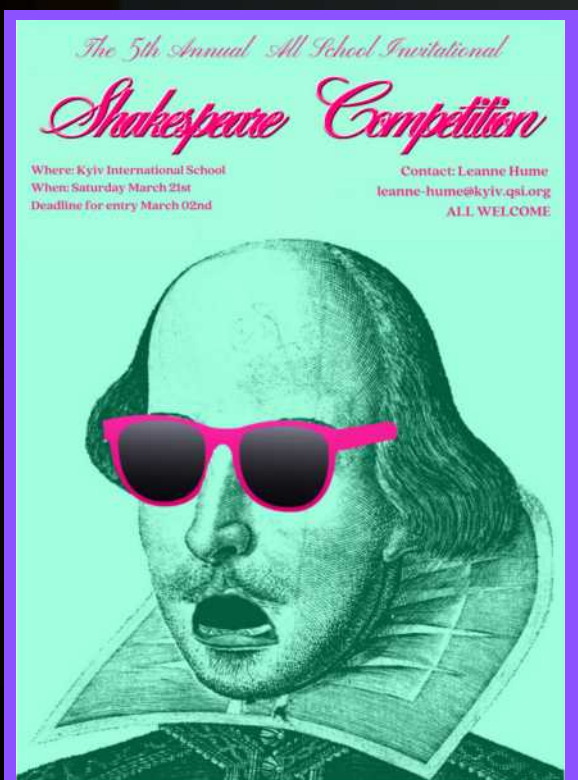
Middle School/High School Swim
Bratislava

March 11 - 15, 2020

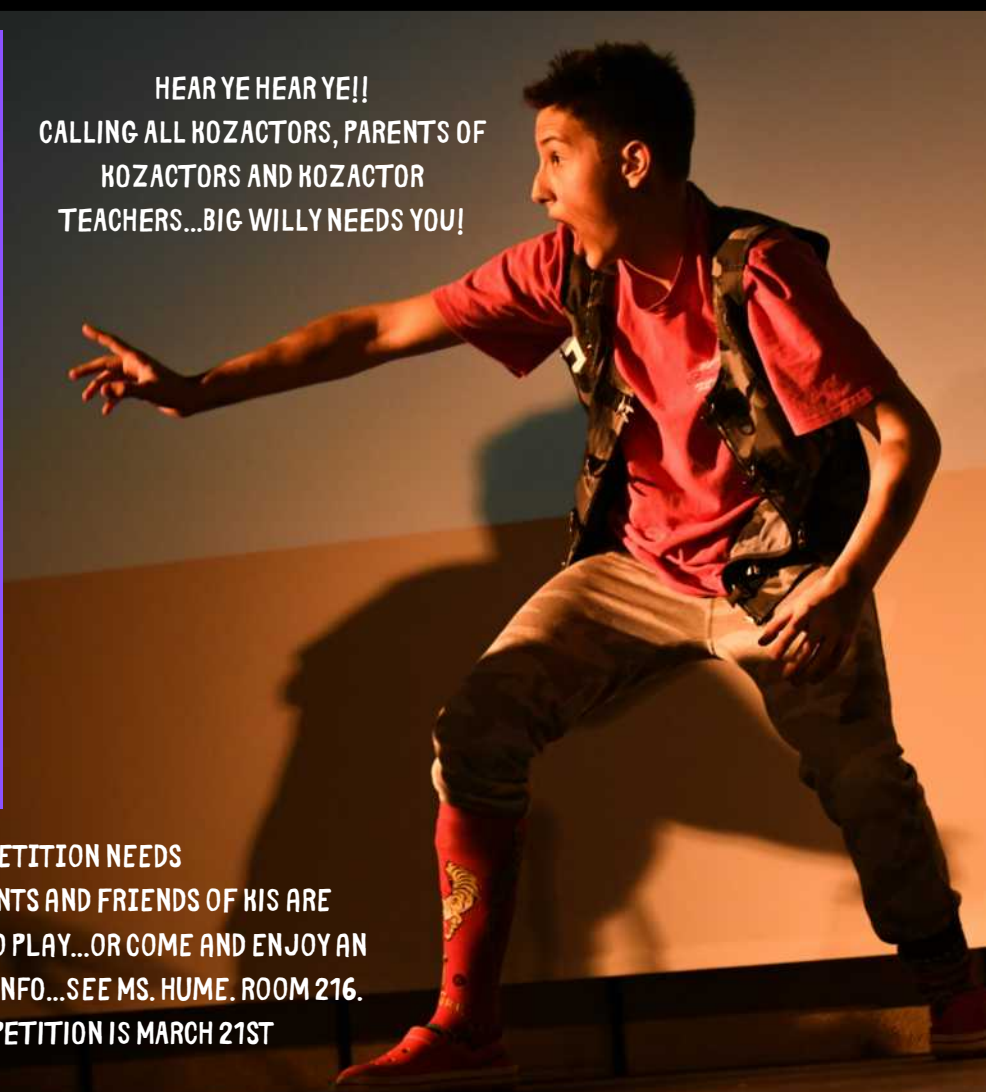
High School Boys Basketball
Istanbul

High School Girls Basketball
Latvia

#kozaknation



HEAR YE HEAR YE!!
CALLING ALL KOZACTORS, PARENTS OF
KOZACTORS AND KOZACTOR
TEACHERS...BIG WILLY NEEDS YOU!



THIS YEAR'S 5TH ANNUAL SHAKESPEARE CO-OPETITION NEEDS PARTICIPANTS. PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF HIS ARE WELCOME...COME AND COMPETE, JUST COME TO PLAY...OR COME AND ENJOY AN EVENING EXCELLENT THEATRE. IF NEED MORE INFO...SEE MS. HUME. ROOM 216. DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS MARCH 02 ND. CO-OPETITION IS MARCH 21ST

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WEEK WITHOUT WALLS
12 YEAR OLD PROGRAM

CAMP MAXIMUM

Monday, May 25 to Thursday, May 28.

Cost - \$150



Registration begins on Monday, February 24

[QSI.ORG/KYIV/WEEK-WITHOUT-WALLS](https://qsi.org/kyiv/week-without-walls)

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE



KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL 2019-2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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First Day of Each Term
First Day of School - August 22nd
 Term 1: 22 Aug - 13 Dec
 Term 2: 8 Jan - 27 Mar
 Term 3: 30 Mar - 19 June
Last Day of School - June 19

First day of Quintile
 Quintile 1: 22 Aug - 11 Oct
 Quintile 2: 21 Oct - 11 Dec
 Quintile 3: 12 Dec - 2 Mar
 Quintile 4: 3 Mar - 22 Apr
 Quintile 5: 23 Apr - 19 June

School Holidays
26 Aug - Independence Day
14-18 Oct - Fall Break
16 Dec - 7 Jan - Winter Break
17-21 Feb - Ski Week
9 Mar - Int'l. Women's Day
27 Apr - 1 May - Easter/Labor Day
11 May - Victory Day