

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



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LUKE WOODRUFF

Dear KIS Community,

As we approach the April 24th date set by the Ukrainian government, we continue to wait for more information concerning how Ukraine will ease restrictions and in what way. Though we don't have an official statement, we will not be reopening the school campus until we feel confident in our ability to safely bring students and teachers back together. We do expect to hear more concerning Ukraine's plan soon. We understand that uncertainty about whether we will reopen can be frustrating, as we are all looking to see what will happen.

There are a number of considerations that the school is currently discussing to manage and minimize risk and plan for a safe school environment. Government guidelines do not necessarily address the challenges faced by a school to track COVID-19 infections and exposure, as well as the challenges of transmission when people are asymptomatic. Considering that a school our size brings many people together, this creates a number of challenges for us.

2020-21 Invoices and Fees

As we approach the 2020-21 school year, the KIS Business Office will be sending out invoices to those families who have completed the re-application process, via your family profile on Moodle. You will receive an email notification once the invoice/agreement has been added to your family profile.

Re-application for 2020-21 School Year

If you have not completed the re-application process, we ask that you take a moment to do this. It is very important for KIS to know how many students we will have in each section and places available for new applications.

Week Without Walls Excursions Canceled

KIS has decided to cancel all of our Week Without Walls excursions for Middle School and Secondary students. Though this is not a big surprise for everyone, considering the current safety concerns and limitations in travel. KIS is seeking refunds for already purchased flights, hotels, and other expenses. We will be refunding these trips in full. KIS hopes to finalize and process these refunds, as soon as possible.

KFN Lunch Service Refunds

KFN is an independent entity from KIS and processes its own fees and payments. Please see the statement below from KFN regarding refunds for lunch services. We would like to thank KFN for the continued dedication and support of our community.

We hope that you are all doing well and think of you often!

Sincerely,
Luke Woodruff, Director

INFORMATION FROM KFN



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KFN CAFETERIA

Dear Parents,

We sincerely hope you and your families are healthy and safe during these uncertain and difficult times.

We, like many others, have suffered a negative financial impact as a result of the current coronavirus crisis.

The campus closure was, of course, an unforeseeable circumstance that has required us to work on a solution regarding pre-paid year program.

If you wish to receive a refund, we have landed on the following solution for clients who have paid for full yearly lunch programs.

All payments will be credited for the school year 2020-21 based on the following. We will calculate the amount and deduct the months that we were operational for and during which we provided services to you.

The remaining amount will be credited to you (name of your children) or to the debit card which can then be used for any future purchases, at our snack bar or for any lunch program, when we are back up and running again.

Families that are not attending next year will get the money back via transfer from our bank account. Please, contact us to explain the procedure.

We need the following information from you to do this as efficiently as possible:

A copy of your payment and the name of the student.

The program you paid for.

As soon as we know for certain whether the lockdown will end before the end of the school year or not, we will determine the correct amount to credit to your children account.

Please We need you to send this information before the end of school year or end of quarantine which ever comes first .

Please do not hesitate to contact Oxana or me, if you have any questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support and take care!

Best regards,
Claudia and KFN team

zoom



There have been some concerns reported in the news about Zoom Security. The massive increase of users over the last month has brought a lot of attention. KIS is trying to be very cautious. Currently, we have asked all staff to do the following for their Zoom classes:

- 1) All teachers use passwords for their rooms (also now required by Zoom).
- 2) Teachers use waiting rooms to screen who is permitted in each room. This allows teachers to monitor all participants and avoid strangers from joining.
- 3) We are asking students to not use their full names.
- 4) KIS is no longer recording Zoom classes. If a class is recorded, it is only the teacher presentation that is being recorded.

Having smaller groups of students has made this more manageable for our school.

We also recommend people with zoom accounts change their account passwords with more frequency.



ZOOM ROOM COFFEE CHATS

KIS will be hosting two different chats each week using Zoom. We invite you to join this week's coffee chats to talk about how things are going, ask questions, and hear from others.

<https://zoom.us/j/305272176>

THIS WEEK IN THE ZOOM ROOM!



SERGIY BEREZHNY & IRENE BYKOVA
TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST - 9:00-10:00

**RACHEL GEARY / DAVID CONOVER /
OKSANA LAW**
THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD - 9:00-10:00



KIS Library

Online Literacy Week 2020 April 20-24

Help us celebrate Literacy around the World!

Monday: Picture yourself with the book you are reading right now (copy into your browser: <https://flipgrid.com/8517be89> and Password: **kisstudent**)

Tuesday: Draw a book cover or illustration of your favorite story (copy into your browser: <https://flipgrid.com/1faab1e8> and Password: **kisstudent**)

Wednesday: Earth Day! Create a picture by hand or on the computer or read a book about the earth. Wear Green or your KIS concert t-shirt from last spring-if it fits!!

Thursday: Read a bedtime/daytime story to any adult in your house (parents, grannies, nannies) take a picture and upload (copy into your browser: <https://flipgrid.com/3f139307> and Password: **kisstudent**)

Friday: Dress up as your favorite character in class and-Virtual Character Book

Schedule:

Come in at the time shown and you will see everyone- this will be big!!!

2-4 yo- 12:00-12:10

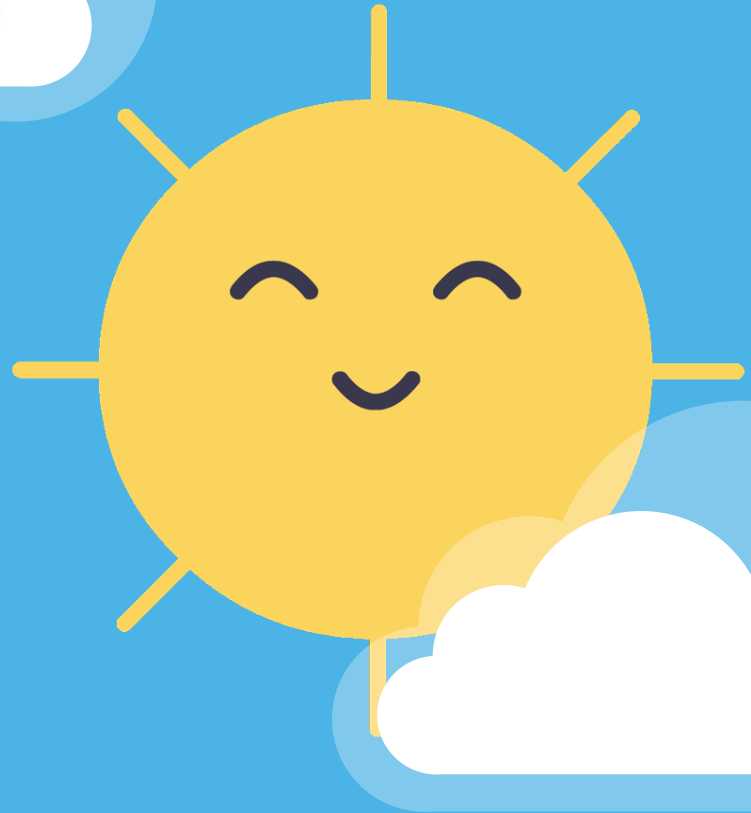
5-6 yo- 12:15-12:25

7-8 yo-12:30-12:40

8-10 yo- 12:50-1:00

Topic: Character Book Parade-Literacy Week-Friday

Zoom Meeting ID: 942 316 292 Password: LitWeek



#online ACTIVITIES

@ Kyiv International School

qsi.org/kyiv/online-activities





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LINDSEY RECH

Elementary Counselor Success Orientation Lessons

Each month the school counselor would visit each classroom, 2-10YOs, to do a lesson on the Success Orientation for the month. These lessons will continue. Please find the link below for your age child. You may either respond directly on flipgrid or email your response to Mrs. Rech, lindsey-rech@kyiv.qsi.org, depending on your preference. Flipgrid is public.

- **2-4YO** - flipgrid.com/kis234
- **5-6YO** - flipgrid.com/kis56
- **7-8YO** - flipgrid.com/kis78
- **9-10YO** - flipgrid.com/kis910 or access lessons through your school email account

Elementary Stu Co

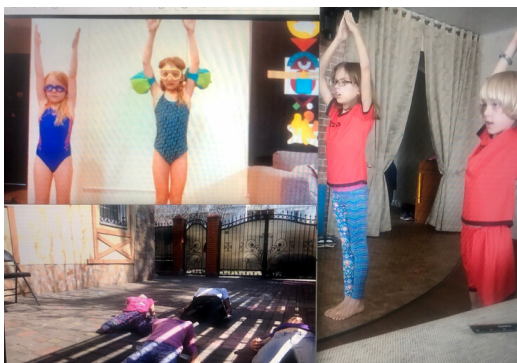
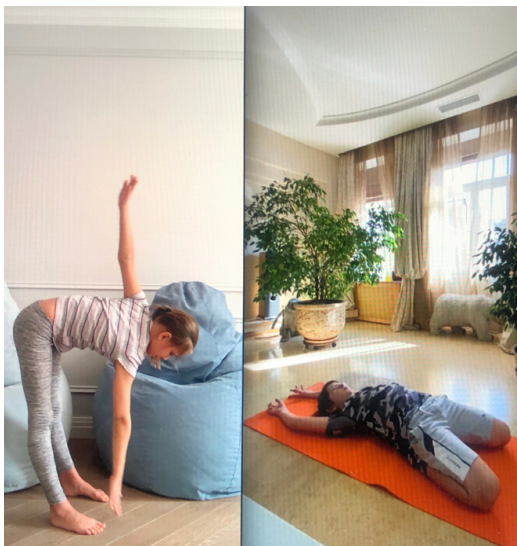
Elementary Stu Co is proud to announce their first challenge activity for Pre-School & Elementary. Each week we will announce a new challenge in the newsletter. Families may upload their challenge to our flipgrid. (flipgrid.com/kiselementarystuco)

The first challenge is a READ-A-THON! This challenge will begin on Saturday and run through Friday. On Friday please post your name, class (for example 7P), the number of books you read and the number of minutes read. Prizes will be given by age level group. (Pres-school, 5-7YO & 8-10YO). Parents may help our youngest readers in this challenge!

If you have any questions please email Mrs. Rech, lindsey-rech@kyiv.qsi.org.

Lindsey Rech
Pre-School & Elementary School Counselor

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



SWIMMING



Since most of swimming pools are currently closed and even professional swimmers must stay home, I would like to give KIS swimmers an alternative of dryland workouts to stay fit during the quarantine. These workouts are designed to be done around the house. Some will use basic equipment, like balls or yoga mat.

All drills have detailed explanations and are easy to complete.

So, what is dry land swimming and why it is important?

Dryland swimming is activity done on land with the intended purpose of increasing strength, flexibility and overall physical mobility. This includes a number of different movements and exercises ranging from beginner to advanced skill level.

The goal of any dryland program for swimmers is to give a good body control to perform these exercises properly when they get back into the pool and to decrease the risk of injury.

Each age group receive a new video once a week in a shared folder.

Here is a schedule for video`s uploads:

Monday: 5 - 6 yo

Tuesday: 7 yo

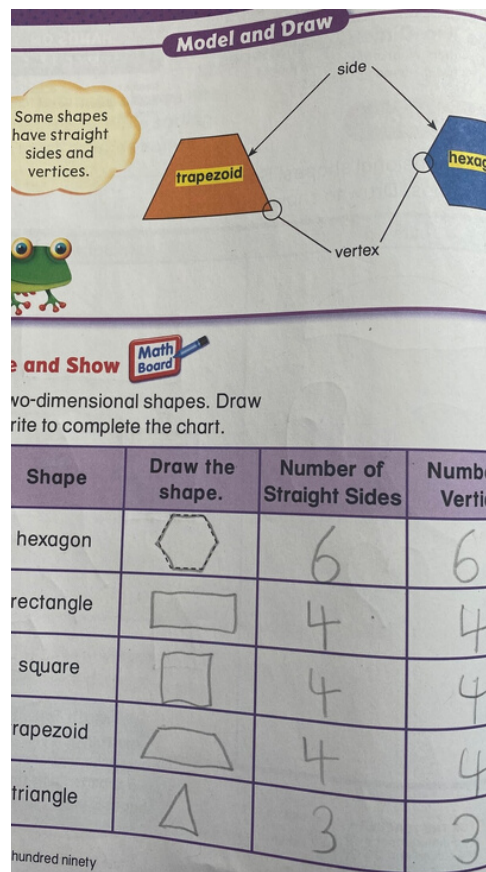
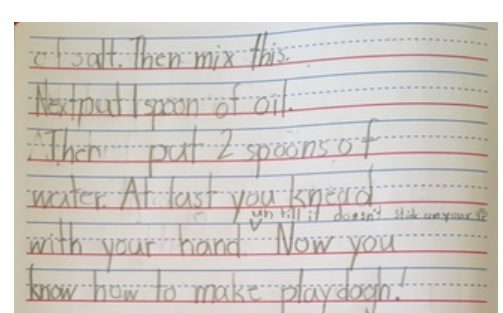
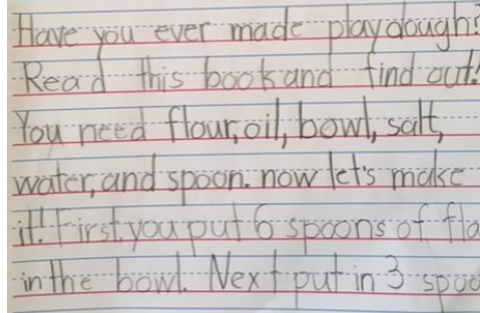
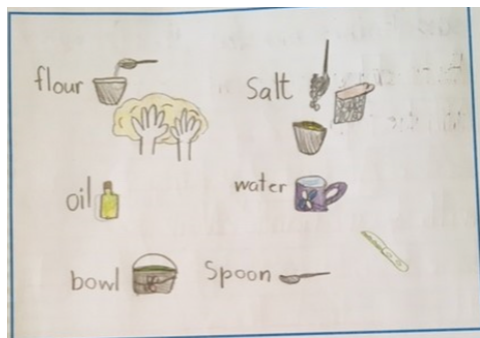
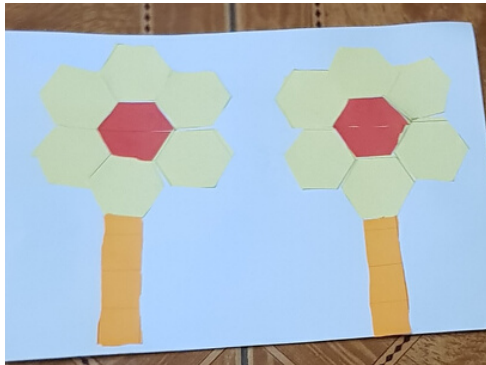
Wednesday: 8 yo

Thursday: 9 yo

Friday: 10 yo

All swimmers (A and B groups) are welcome to watch videos and practice dry land swimming drills at any time, that is convenient for them.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at olga-shliakhovska@kyiv.qsi.org.



GEOMETRY ON-LINE IN THE 6P CLASS

2D and 3D shapes are found all around us. Students have been learning their names and characteristics through literature, hands-on playdough making, art, viewing videos, and math pages.



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CHELSEY ZOROMSKI

Hello,

Over the weekend, College Board released more updates about AP testing this year. They will release more information at the end of April.

Below, are some important details. Please contact our AP Coordinator, Chelsey Zoromski, if you have questions at chelsey-zoromski@kyiv.qsi.org.

Exam Updates

- Students will not need a lockdown browser, AP has decided that no lockdown browser will be used so there is one less step for students.
- Students will need to access their exams at least 30 minutes ahead of the start time to allow for set up.
- Use of a calculator is allowed and may be helpful--questions are designed such that required calculations can be done with a pencil and paper
- All students should take the first exam. The second exam is designed for students who have technical issues on the day of the first exam.
 - Even if you originally applied for a late exam due to CEESA, another exam conflict, etc. Everyone should take the first exam
 - If a student has a technical issue on the day of the first exam, they should contact their AP teacher, Mr. Legan, and Ms. Zoromski
 - Ms. Zoromski will inform the student of how to request a late exam

Should Students Still Take the Exam? Will Colleges Even Award Credit?

In a short answer, yes, you should still take the exam. College Board has been working with hundreds of universities and they are supporting the decision for online AP testing this year. As one of the many examples, here is the information from University of California schools:

"UC recognizes the effort that students have already applied in these challenging courses and will award UC credit for 2020 AP exams completed with scores of 3, 4 or 5, consistent with previous years."

Students have worked really hard this year in AP courses so they should continue to plan to take the AP exams.



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CHELSEY ZOROMSKI

How Will Students Get Exam Information and The Actual Exam?

Everything will come through the email that students have registered with College Board. If students are not receiving emails from College Board, please have them check their 'other' tab in their email.

- They should have gotten a few general emails from College Board about updates in the past month or two. They should contact Ms. Zoromski and Mr. Legan if they are not getting emails.

How Do Students Send Exam Scores This Year?

This is extremely important. **Usually, students are able to indicate which universities they will send scores to on exam day – they will not be able to do that this year.** Exam scores must be sent online through a student's College Board account.

- Students must do this before June 20, 2020 and they can complete this now. They do not have to wait until exams are over.
- I suggest they indicate their universities by the end of April or once they have decided on which university they will attend so that, if they have trouble, there is plenty of time to resolve the issue.
- How to send scores to universities:
 - Log into your AP account and click on 'My AP Profile'
 - You will see three tabs (Profile, Registration, and Score Send)
 - Click on 'Score Send'
 - Type in the school you would like to send your scores to and hit save

Important Dates

- If you are concerned about not having the appropriate technology to take the exam, you must contact your AP teacher, Mr. Legan, and Ms. Zoromski by Friday, April 24.
- If you decide to not take your AP exam, you must contact your AP teacher, Mr. Legan, and Ms. Zoromski by Friday, April 24.

How Can Parents Stay Informed?

Let parents know about [tonight's webinar](#) with Trevor Packer, the head of the Advanced Placement® Program. They'll learn information about this year's at-home AP Exams and how to help their child prepare. This information will also be helpful for AP Students.



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CHELSEY ZOROMSKI

How Are KIS Staff Supporting Students?

- Distance learning is still happening and teachers are available for any questions that students have.
 - Please encourage your students to reach out to their AP teachers if they need help or if they have questions.
- If students need additional help they can contact our AP Coordinator, Ms. Zoromski

What Should Students Be Doing?

- Continuing to complete work during distance learning.
- Reaching out to teachers if they have questions.
 - Please include Mr. Legan and Ms. Zoromski on the email if you feel it would be helpful
- Checking their email to make sure they are receiving emails from College Board.
- Sending their scores to universities following the steps listed above.
- Paying attention to important dates and deadlines.
- Checking College Board's website for exam updates
 - [2020 Exam Schedule](#) | [Course Specific Information](#) | [Exam Security/Test Day Protocols](#)

Coming in late April

- Information and video demonstrations on how to access the testing system on test day.
- Comprehensive and strict set of protocols in place to prevent and detect cheating
 - Please note, that College Board has serious consequences for students who cheat (this includes plagiarism).
 - If you are caught cheating, there is a chance you will be banned from all future College Board exams---this includes the SAT.
 - Students have worked really hard this year and are continuing to put in the work during distance learning. I have no doubt that your scores will reflect your effort--you don't need additional help during the exam.
- Further information about portfolios for AP Drawing and 2-D.
 - Students will not be mailing anything in this year, everything will be electronic.

Chelsey Zoromski
Middle School Counselor
AP Coordinator

ARE YOU CONSIDERING ATTENDING A UNIVERSITY IN THE NETHERLANDS?



The Dutch Research Universities Consortium is hosting an Online Open Day on Wednesday, 22 April. Interested students and parents can register [HERE](#). The event will begin at 13:00 in Kyiv.

ONLINE TEST TAKING?

An honorable attempt was made by IB students to complete a test with a two camera system. Taking the exam at home is a challenge and has been helped by using an additional device showing their screen and work space. Kudos to these hard-working students who completed the 90-minute exam!



#quaranteen

Instagram – April 20 – 24

challenge

**Tune in to @kissecstuco
for daily challenges and questions**

**Post a story completing
the challenge and tag
@kissecstuco**

**The most creative stories will get
eternal glory by being featured
in the SecStuCo posts**



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Living Room's Got Talent

**A STUDENT INITIATIVE COMING
SOON FOR SECONDARY AND
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!**

For more information please email: rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org