

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Newsletter Issue #1



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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



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LUKE WOODRUFF

Dear KIS Families,

We hope that you are all safe and well, wherever you might be right now. This has been a unique summer and the school year ahead looks to align with such a theme.

Our new staff members are all arriving safely, getting settled, and are very excited to be here. Returning teachers are also making their way back into the country. We are hoping that this will also be true for all returning KIS families.

We are now three weeks away from the scheduled start of school. Kyiv International School is planning to return to campus on August 27th and open our doors for a new school year.

We have now received some guidelines from the Government of Ukraine concerning how schools should reopen. We fully expect that we will need to make adjustments along the way. Likely you have seen that any area within Ukraine which is “green” may have on-site learning, given we meet the minimum safety requirements.

KIS has already published a number of our safety procedures and practices on our website. We will continue to update these but plan to implement more precautions than have been recommended by the government. The school is preparing videos that we will share with everyone in order to have a better idea of what to expect.

We understand that not all families may feel comfortable sending their children to school under the current circumstances and for a variety of reasons.

KIS is planning to accommodate all students with a blended learning plan and would like to solidify who will be on campus and who will be connecting online.

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Educational Model #2 - Adapted Schedule

*Preschool – 10 year-olds - Attend school daily. The homeroom will be divided into two different groups in order to reduced cohort sizes.

*Middle School & Secondary – Attend onsite the equivalent of every other day.

Making Preparations for the Beginning of School

1) Complete the "**Participation Form**" - In order for us to make preparations, we need to know who will be participating in onsite learning and those who will opt for online learning. All families will be able to access the "Participation Form" via the Moodle Family Profile. New families will receive instructions on how to complete this in the next day or so.

[Back to Moodle](#)

Participation survey.

Student details.

Student Name

Attendance and Participation My child will be attending school
 I would like my child to participate via online learning from home

Transportation We plan to use school transportation
 We plan to provide our own transportation

*Please note that if you indicate that your child will not attend school and will participate in online learning, you must give the school at least 2 week's notice in order to change to send your child to school.

Submit ↗

Cancel ←

2) Once we have this information, we will be able to prepare class lists and Middle School/Secondary will be able to build a class list for who will be at the campus each day. We will then communicate this list with everyone.

3) We will also be able to better identify our transportation needs once we know who will be attending campus each day. This also means that there will be two separate bus routes depending on which middle school/secondary group is attending that day.

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Lunch Service

KFN is preparing a simple menu that they will share with the community. They are also working hard to prepare for a safe lunch service program. They will be serving all lunches packaged. This information will be shared with you very soon.

Community Consideration and Social Responsibility

This will definitely be a mind shift for all of us, even though we have already grown accustomed to living a new type of life, we are committed to trying to live our best pandemic life. This means that we will all need to be adaptable, flexible, and will require some cooperation, consideration, and consistency on our part. Even though there are likely a range of opinions and thoughts concerning the school's plan and the seriousness of COVID-19, we ask that everyone work together to do everything possible in order to keep our community safe.

First Few Weeks of School

We understand that we will need to spend more time in the first couple of weeks of school teaching and practicing new routines and working out the potential issues within our plan. We are also preparing to make sure we address the social-emotional needs of our community throughout the year. Normally, we would have an onsite open house and meet the teacher, but this year, we will be planning for a virtual open house for everyone.

Communication from the School

I know that many of you are still on summer holidays, but due to the unique circumstances, you may get a number of emails from the school, as we make a number of preparations. We will send out notifications and reminders to complete the "Participation Form".

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Town Hall Meeting

We will plan to host a town hall meeting on Thursday, August 20th. If his schedule still permits, we will have Mr. Ezra Barzilay, Ukraine's Country Director for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, join us to also provide some insight and answer questions.

We really appreciate your patience and support. We are excited that we will be having school on campus, but fully understand that it will not come without its challenges. If you have any questions, as we continue to release information, please feel free to submit them to the school using the KIS 2020-21 Questions from Parents form.

We will do our best to keep our children, teachers, staff, parents, and the wider community as safe as possible.

Sincerely,
Luke Woodruff, Director

CAMPUS PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19



Kyiv International School is planning to return to campus on **August 27th** and open our doors for a new school year. We look forward to seeing all returning students and families, while also welcoming a number of new students and families into the KIS community.

Without any clear indication for how long we will need to make adjustments due to COVID-19, we may be in a situation where we are moving through a variety of risk levels. KIS will continue to follow guidelines defined by the local government which may include social distancing limitations or campus closure. We will follow the government's assessment of the risk level, but KIS realizes that we will need to respond to a number of different health and safety scenarios.

It is **important to note that KIS school fees** will not be adjusted, as a result of shifting between any of the educational models.

Visit the link below for the most up to date information:

Health & Safety Considerations:



Cleaning & Disinfecting

There will be an increase in the frequency of cleaning with a larger emphasis on commonly touched surfaces, shared spaces, and classrooms.



Increased Hand Hygiene

Hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer will be scheduled regularly throughout the day.



Physical Distancing

Physical and social distancing may be implemented in regards to transportation to school, arrival and departure, classroom arrangement, movement through the school, queing in lines, etc.



Safety Equipment

KIS will continue to do temperature checks for anyone who is permitted to enter the campus. It is likely that all students, teachers and staff will need to wear masks for some or all of the day. Other protective equipment will be provided if necessary.



Health & Wellness

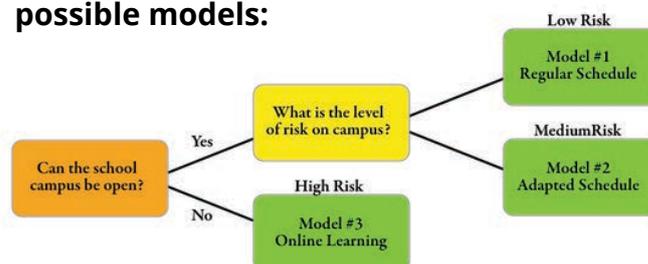
KIS is committed to monitoring and supporting physical and mental health and wellness of our students, teachers, and staff in connection with the school's Health Center and School Counselor Program.



Access to the Campus

KIS has a vibrant campus full of activities and classes. We may need to close off our facilities to some of these activities and opportunities. Access for parents and visitors will be carefully evaluated, limited and monitored.

The school is preparing to shift between 3 possible models:



SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020 - 2021



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First Day of Each Term
First Day of School - August 27
 Term 1: 27 Aug - 18 Dec
 Term 2: 11 Jan - 2 Apr
 Term 3: 5 Apr - 22 June
Last Day of School - June 22

First day of Quintile
 Quintile 1: 27 Aug - 22 Oct
 Quintile 2: 23 Oct - 15 Dec
 Quintile 3: 16 Dec - 3 Mar
 Quintile 4: 4 Mar - 23 Apr
 Quintile 5: 3 May - 22 June

School Holidays
24 Aug - Independence Day
12-16 Oct - Fall Break
21 Dec - 8 Jan - Winter Break
22-26 Feb - February Break
8 Mar - Int'l. Women's Day
26-30 Apr - Easter/Labor Day
10 May - Victory Day

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2020 - 2021

❖ **First Term**

First Day: 27 August (Thursday)

Last Day: 18 December (Friday)

Holidays: 12-16 October (Monday-Friday) - Fall Break/Defender's Day
 26-27 November (Thursday-Friday) - Professional Development Days (**no school**)
 21 December— 8 January - Winter break

Quintile 1: 27 August – 22 October

Quintile 2: 23 October – 15 December

Quintile 3: 16 December - 3 March

Number of school days: 75

❖ **Second Term**

First Day: 11 January (Monday)

Last Day: 2 April (Friday)

Holidays: Professional Development: 23 January (Saturday)
 22-26 February (Monday – Friday) February Break
 8 March (Monday) International Women's Day

Quintile 4: 4 March – 23 April

Number of school days: 54

❖ **Third Term**

First Day: 5 April (Monday)

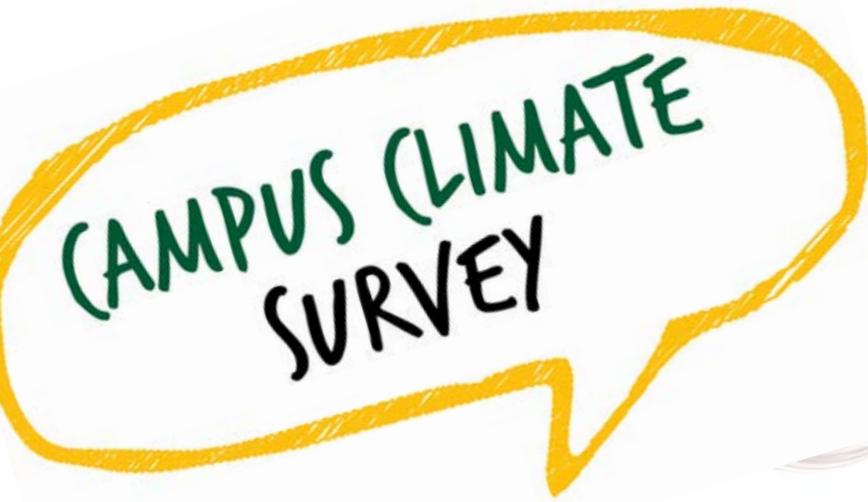
Last Day: 22 June (Tuesday)

Holidays: 26-30 April (Monday - Friday) Easter Holiday and Labor Day
 10 May (Monday) Victory Day

Quintile 5: 3 May – 22 June

Number of school days: 51

Total Number of School Days—180 / The school week is Monday through Friday.



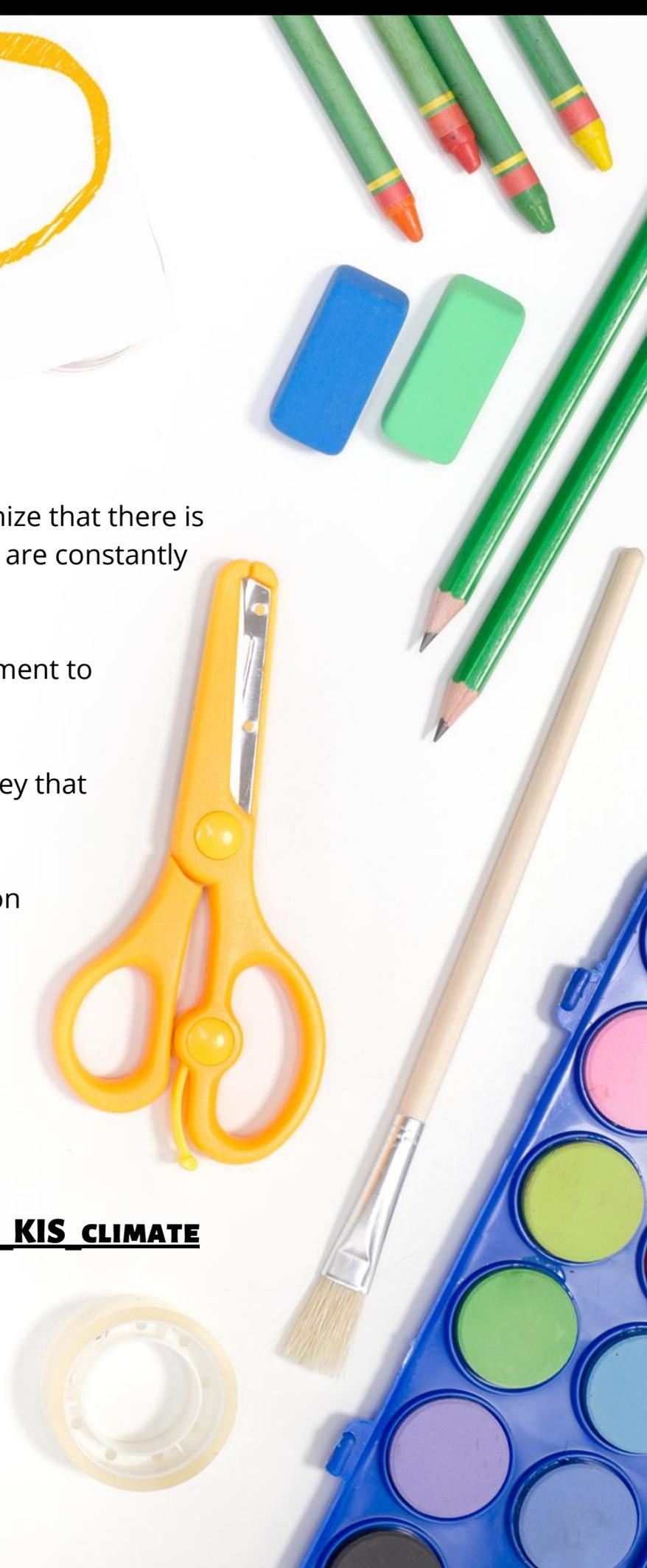
At Kyiv International School, we recognize that there is always room for improvement and we are constantly striving to be better.

We would appreciate you taking a moment to give us some constructive feedback.

Below is a link to a school climate survey that covers the following topics:

1. School Community & Communication
2. Academic Programs
3. Facilities, Activities, and Attitude
4. 2020-21 School Year

WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/2020_KIS_CLIMATE



FACULTY AND STAFF 2020 - 2021



Administration

Luke Woodruff - Director

Cheri Carpenter - Director of Instruction (Preschool/Elementary)

Carla Grossman - Director of Instruction (Middle School)

Scott Legan - Director of Instruction (Secondary)

Rachel Geary - Athletic Director/Activities Coordinator

Alexander Postolovsky - Executive Director

Coordinators and Counselors

Corene Anderson - Learning Support Coordinator

Bill Rech - Technology Integration Coordinator

Randi Assenova - IB Coordinator

Sergiy Berezhny - LOE Coordinator

Irene Bykova - IE Coordinator

David Conover - Student Life & Activities Coordinator

Pamm Ohlinger - Counselor (Preschool/Elementary)

Chelsey Zoromski - Counselor (Middle School)

Lindsey Rech - Counselor (Secondary)/AP Coordinator



Preschool and Elementary Faculty

Yulia Petrunyok - 2 Year Old Teacher

Nataliya Rudenko - 3 Year Old Teacher

Natalia Yegorova - 3 Year Old Teacher

Donna Buck - 4 Year Old Teacher

Nora Durham - 4 Year Old Teacher

Olena Shefner - 4 Year Old Teacher

Katarina Legan - 5 Year Old Teacher

Amy Smith - 5 Year Old Teacher

Paula Walker - 5 Year Old Teacher

Alisa Stubbs - 6 Year Old Teacher

Gabriela Thompson - 6 Year Old Teacher

Joyce Clements - 6 Year Old Teacher

Ruth Karnowski - 6 Year Old Teacher

Jennifer Conover - 7 Year Old Teacher

Brooke Foster - 7 Year Old Teacher

Olena Petrenko-Agdi - 7 Year Old Teacher

Wesley Buck - 8 Year Old Teacher



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Preschool and Elementary Faculty

Sarah Lopert - 8 Year Old Teacher
Zach Montoya - 8 Year Old Teacher
Julia Prima - 8 Year Old Teacher
Cynthia Bateman - 9 Year Old Teacher
Ray Ohlinger - 9 Year Old Teacher
Mackenzie Peters - 9 Year Old Teacher
Doreen Wade - 9 Year Old Teacher
Kelly Remik - 10 Year Old Teacher
John Durham - 10 Year Old Teacher
Chris Foster - 10 Year Old Teacher
Becky Ludlow-Hart - 10 Year Old Teacher
Anastasia Burynchenko - Technology
Nataliya Chervonyk - Art



Middle School Faculty

Paul Bateman - Mathematics
Jennifer Endres - Mathematics
Gale Stubbs - Mathematics
Shannon Butler - English/ Drama
Jim Clements - English
Galina Sheridan - English
Greg Davis - Literature
Sarah Herndon - Literature/Cultural Studies
Lee Feekins - Cultural Studies
Daniel Burke - Cultural Studies/English/Admissions
Helena Kasian - Art
Jacques Kaufmann - Science/MAP Coordinator
Kari Spellman - Science
Natalie Taranec - Science



Secondary School Faculty

Abbey Buckman - Literature
Martin Butler - English
Guy Edmunds - English
Molly Gaudette - English
Dustin Byers - Cultural Studies



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Secondary School Faculty

Oksana Chemerys - Mathematics
Charles Dimpfl - Mathematics
Tim Poole - Mathematics
Robert Crane - Science/Maths
Christopher Leisher - Science
Sunitha Nagaraj - Science
Carrie Leisher - Lit/W/Psych/AP Psych
Todd Remik - MWH/AP Gov/US History
John Semeniuk - Cultural Studies/PE
Suewannee Eubank - Art
Bob Hume - Film/ Media
Leanne Hume - Drama/Photography
Natalya Kuzovleva - Learning Support
Maxim Filatov - Learning Support



Intensive English

Kateryna Anyshchenko
Liliya Demchenko
Olga Golitsyna
Olga Kardash
Ksenia Kolonskykh
Julia Matveyeva
Oksana Melnyk
Lyudmyla Stetskova
Oksana Stupnitska
Alla Syutkina
Alla Titova



LOE

Iryna Baranivska - Spanish Language
Alba Becerra Perez - Spanish Language
Olga Petryna - Spanish Language
Alioune Diagne - French Language
Remi Marec - French Language
Maria Bizhyk - Ukrainian Language



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LOE

Daria Filatova - Russian Language

Victoriya Freyuk - Russian Language

Lyudmyla Milova - Russian Language

Olena Nechayuk - Russian Language

Dana Horbunova - German Language

Kateryna Munteanu - German Language

Cord Peters - German Language

Vita Slobodeniuk - German Language



Music

Ventzislav Assenov - Music

Svitlana Ionova - Music (Elementary/Secondary)

Larysa Lastovych - Music (Pre-sch/Elementary)



Support Teachers

Olga Bondarevska - Learning Support Teacher

Victoria Dobrovolska - Learning Support Teacher

Andriy Hryshenko - Full-time substitute teacher

Iryna Kolesnyk - Teacher 1 on 1

Alla Moroz - Full-time substitute teacher

Tetiana Rutkovska - Learning Support Teacher

Iryna Semeniuk - Full-time substitute teacher

Galina Shymanska - Teacher 1 on 1



Technology

Thomas Merenkov - Technology/Computer Science

Artem Sydorenko - Technology (Robotics)



Library

Lily Gorbatenko - Teacher

Alla Yarmolenko - Head of Library



Physical Education

Mike Herndon - PE (Elem/MS)

John Peace - PE (Sec)

Anatoly Prima - PE (Sec)

Olena Rubanova - PE (MS)

Olga Shliakhovska - PE (Swimming)

Kateryna Zakharova - PE (Dance)