

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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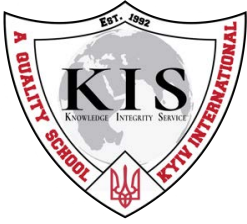
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## **June**

- 12: Online Art Exhibition**
  - 15: Elementary Talent Show**
  - 16: 10 year old assembly**
  - 16: MS Awards Assembly - 13 yos**
  - 17: MS Awards Assembly - 12 yos**
  - 18: MS Awards Assembly - 11 yos**
  - 19: Drive through Farewell Parade**
  - 19: Last Day of School**
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**JUNE 19**  
**LAST DAY**  
**OF SCHOOL**

# DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



**KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

**LUKE WOODRUFF**

Dear KIS community,

I can't believe we have reached our last week of school. It has been quite a year. As we approach the closing of this school year, I have been reflecting on these past few months and would like to take a moment to share some of the decisions that have been made by the school.

In February, we all watched the spread of COVID-19 with anticipation. I remember clearly our return from the February break, as the number of cases in Italy began to increase and KIS began to implement temperature checks. The first sign of how this would impact our community was when CEESA made the difficult decision to cancel all winter competitions.

On March 11, the Kyiv City Administration decided to close on-site learning for educational institutions and we were forced to close the KIS campus beginning from March 12th. We quickly implemented our online learning plan and shifted our program to a virtual learning environment. At this time, quarantine was introduced until April 24th, but as we watched the pandemic expand globally, we all expected this date to be extended.

I have been so impressed with the response of KIS staff and our community, as we worked together to implement online learning. It was not without its bumps and turbulence, and I fully understand that it required more involvement and support from parents. We all became quick experts on Zoom and made adjustments along the way.

It wasn't long before most schools began to close their doors and move to online learning. This began global meetings concerning online learning, including weekly CEESA administrator collaboratives to share perspectives, policies, and each school's status. It has been amazing to see how well all CEESA schools aligned in their response and approach to the pandemic.

At the end of March, we sent out a survey to the community to receive some feedback concerning the changing of our Spring Break and implementing some Catch Your Breath days. We knew that school was bringing some normalcy and consistency to a difficult situation.

At the beginning of May, Ukraine extended the quarantine to May 22nd and presented the different stages of reopening. They also recommended that schools close for the remainder of the school year. KIS, QSI, and the Advisory Board made the decision to continue with online learning, in order to remove uncertainty for students, parents, and teachers for the future and plan accordingly. Even though we have observed the restrictions ease in the city, KIS, QSI, and the Advisory Board did not feel prepared to push for students to return to school in any way. The safety of our students, teachers, and community is our highest priority and we want to feel ready to reopen.

I will be sending out a KIS Informer to everyone concerning our reopening guidelines on Monday and will be hosting a coffee chat for any parents who would like to discuss our plans for August.

Sincerely,  
Luke Woodruff, Director

# UPDATES AND FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## **KIS Campus will remain closed through the end of the school year**

KIS administration, QSI headquarters, and the KIS Advisory Board have all agreed and made the difficult decision that KIS should keep the campus closed for the remainder of this school year and continue with our Online Learning Plan until our last scheduled school day (June 19th).

## **Returning Textbooks, Resources, and Collecting Personal Belongings**

You will see in this newsletter some instructions concerning how to return library books to the school. We have over 7,000 items checked out and we appreciate your cooperation in helping to return these items and collect personal items. KIS will send instructions on how you can access Destiny to know what you have checked out from the school.

## **Standardized Testing (MAP, SAT, PSAT, etc.)**

All standardized testing has been canceled for this term. We will organize fall testing for the 2020-21 school year.

## **Student Records and Reports**

If you need any student records from the school, please contact the divisional Director of Instruction, as well as our school's registrar, Ms. Natasha Bogush (**[natalia-boghush@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:natalia-boghush@kyiv.qsi.org)**). These documents may be emailed to you in digital form or prepared for you to pick up at the front gate.

## **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

## **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.



# 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> Password: coffeecchat

THIS WEEK IN THE ZOOM ROOM!

LUKE WOODRUFF  
WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 17, 10:00





# GRADUATION 2020

Congratulations once again  
to the students and parents  
of the Class of 2020!

You can stream the Graduation  
Ceremony on [YouTube](#) and view a  
photo album on [Facebook](#).





# GRADUATION 2020

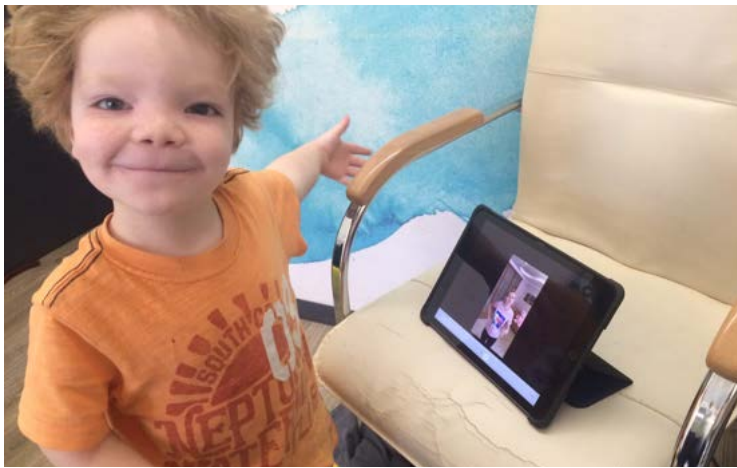




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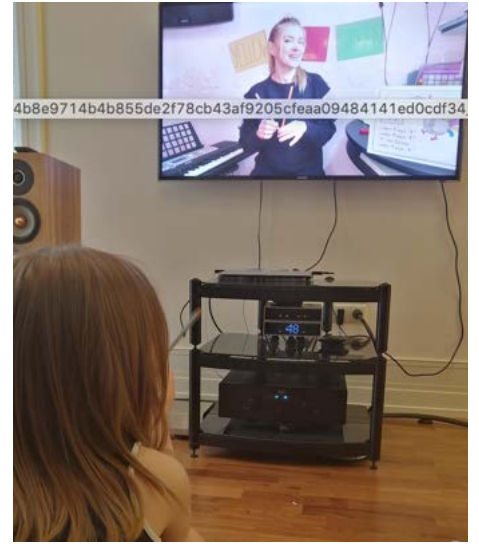
The 2 and 3 year old children are incredibly energetic and happy! No distance or boundaries matter when it comes to their favorite songs. They are thrilled to be a part of the music class and have the opportunity to learn about animals, nature, international traditions, and their friends through interactive rhythmic activities and entertaining songs. It is a pleasure to be able to see their happy faces and funky dance moves.

## 2-3 YEAR OLD MUSIC CLASS



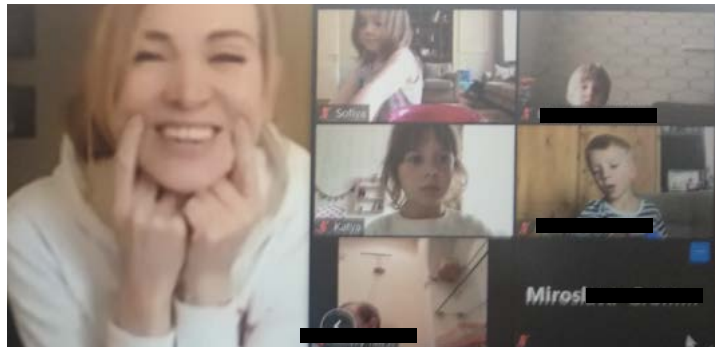


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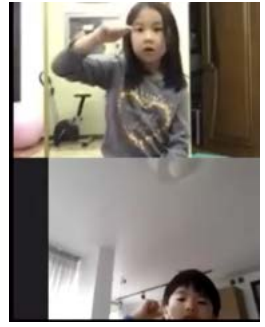
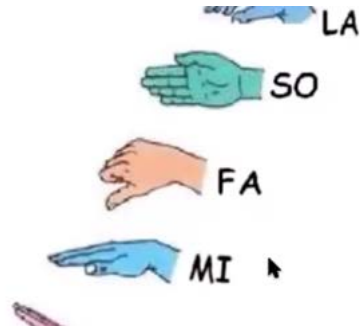
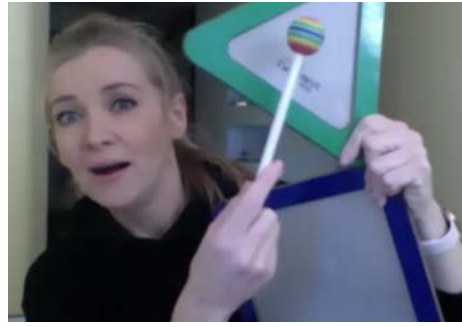
## 4 YEAR OLD MUSIC CLASS

The 4 year old class is enjoying their weekly music class! The children learned many new melodies, created their own music instruments, and sang Alphabet songs. They had special storytelling for each letter of the alphabet and were super excited before each next letter. We miss the students very much and are absolutely delighted to be able to see each other on Zoom.



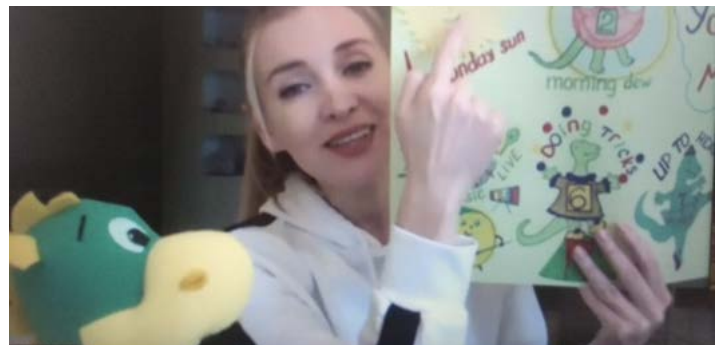


# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## 5 YEAR OLD MUSIC CLASS

The 5 year olds had an extraordinary year – they experimented with new instruments, learned music notes, discovered unique sounds, and mastered complex rhythmic motions. They successfully adapted to the new digital format and grasped new music skills through Zoom. Retaining their enthusiasm and energy, they learned about 100 songs this year. We are incredibly excited to see the children in the next academic year – they sure have all the music skills necessary for Elementary School.





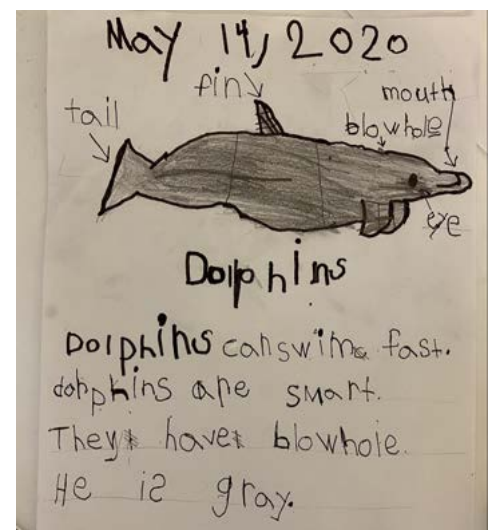
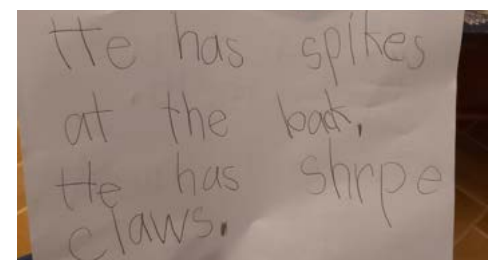
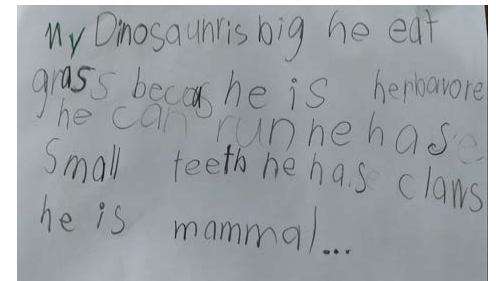
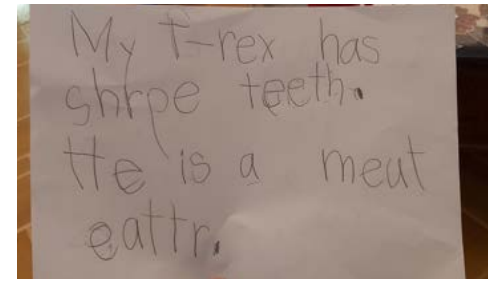
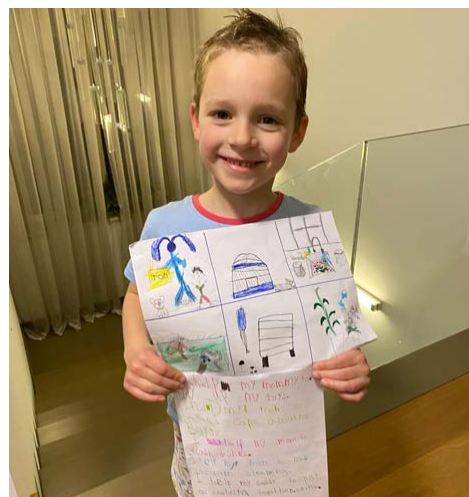
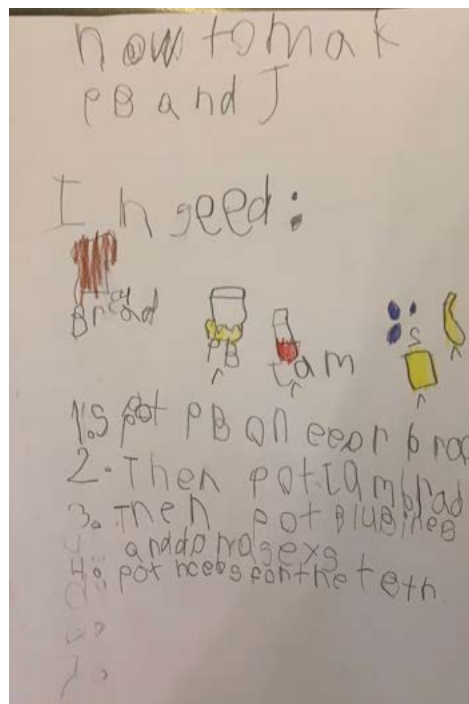
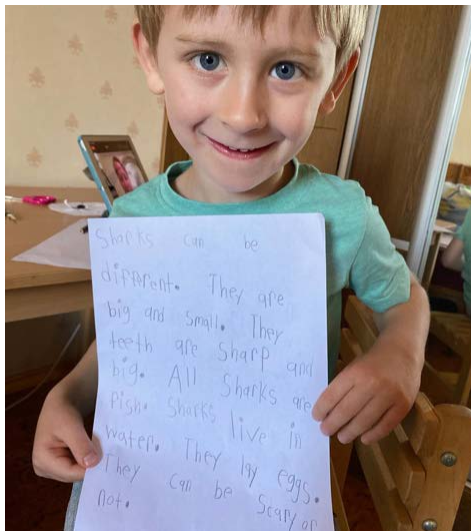


10 Year Old Assembly  
June 16th– 2PM

## THE JOY OF READING AND WRITING IN KINDERGARTEN

One of the most exciting and satisfying parts of teaching Kindergarten is watching children go from basic alphabet recognition to actually reading and writing their own stories. As mentioned in the article "Teaching Reading Is Rocket Science", by Louisa C. Moats, reading has been the most researched aspect of human cognition because it affects all other academic achievement and is associated with social, emotional, economic, and physical health. It is the most fundamental responsibility of every school. Of course, there is always a big range in individual literacy development in every student in Kindergarten, but my first priority is always to help children feel good about reading and writing. I'm so proud of each and every one of them! Just take a look at how much progress the 5-year-olds have made - from no writing to writing sentences!

By Gabriela Thompson





# LOE PLACEMENT 2020-21

This year is almost finished and a draft of Languages Other than English rosters has been already completed. This document is based on your current enrolment and progress in LOE class.

We strongly recommend to keep learning the language that you started. Only going deeper and deeper, you can discover its beauty and richness. However, there is a possibility to change your LOE choice, if it's really needed. In this case, the questionnaire below is for you.

For all the new students, starting by 6 y.o., who are not in Intensive English, and were not involved in the LOE program at K.I.S, this procedure is extremely important.

Please, contact Sergey Berezhny, LOE Coordinator, by e-mail ([sergey-berezhny@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:sergey-berezhny@kyiv.qsi.org)) and answer the following questions:

## 1) Which LOE class would you like to take the next school year?

- French native
- French non-native
- German native
- German non-native
- Russian native
- Russian non-native
- Spanish non-native
- Ukrainian native
- Ukrainian non-native

## 2) Did you learn this language previously?

- No
- Yes, for ... years

## 3) Do you have any certificates (DELTA, DELE, Goethe)?

- A1
- A2
- B1
- B2
- C1
- No



It's not urgent, and you can do it when you come back in August, but sooner is better. This information will help us to make your schedule. Thank you in advance and have a nice summer!



Kyiv International School is proud to announce the newest members of its chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS). Selection is based on the candidates' demonstration of the four pillars of NHS, Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. There will be an installation ceremony in September when we return to campus. Congratulations to these fine young students!

**Daniella Ciccione**

**Bogdan Golitsyn**

**Andriy Kolenov**

**Halyna Radchuk**

**Anatoliy Rudenko**

**Sofiia Surzhak**

**Dasha Yazdani Far**

**Nedda Zsembery**



**STUDENT LIFE**

**20  
20**

**KIS ART DEPARTMENT PRESENTS**

# **VIRTUAL ART SHOW**

**DON'T MISS OUR  
VIDEO ON YOUTUBE**

**FRIDAY  
JUNE 12**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ART  
MIDDLE SCHOOL ART  
SECONDARY SCHOOL ART**

# SECONDARY ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES AWARDS

Join us on Monday, **June 15th**  
**at 5 PM** to celebrate our Kozak  
Nation 2020 Athletics and  
Athletics in a virtual ceremony  
on [KIS YouTube](#)



## ELEMENTARY TALENT SHOW 2020

*Coming June 15th*

Please join us on **Monday morning, June 15th** for the  
KIS Elementary School Talent Show on our  
[KIS YouTube Channel](#)

**9 AM: 6-8 Year Olds**  
**10 AM: 9-10 Year Olds**

All the videos will be  
available Monday morning on  
FlipGrid.



# **DRIVE THROUGH FAREWELL PARADE**

**FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 1:00PM - 2:00PM \*RAIN OR SHINE\***



**Families! Come and say goodbye for the summer with an End of Year Parade! The teachers and staff will be lined up down the school drive to cheer you on! Friday, 19 June 1:00pm - 2:00pm \*rain or shine\***

**Families, please be ready to join the parade by lining up in a vehicle at the front gate. The front gate will open at 1:00 pm. Please drive slowly down the drive waving and saying Hello and Good Bye to your teachers!**

**Cars will continue to drive slow - and not stop- until after they have passed the back gate. Please remember to stay in your vehicles  
Keep hands to your self**



# SUMMER SCHOOL



Dear Parents,

I have been asked to consult with the school community to determine if there is interest in attending a summer school this year. The developments relating to the Coronavirus Pandemic, social distancing, and quarantining of the public in Kyiv and Country of Ukraine, have created a very different, new, and sensitive set of circumstances that will likely impact the manner in which we will be able to run a summer school program.

It is clear that the distance learning delivery of education is a viable option and may have to be the approach for the summer school this year. Since the situation we are subjected to changes with little lead time, it may be the only manner to operate a summer school program for now.

While the at home education is an option, there is a possibility that the government may allow the opening up of schools with significant restrictions in place to safe guard the students, and staff involved. If this is the situation then we would need to know if you as a parent would be agreeable to these new conditions, where the school complies with government standards, and allow your son or daughter to participate in an on campus summer school. Our back up plan would be to continue the current distance learning. We may be able to introduce a hybrid of the two formats where students are allowed on campus in small groups to interact with teachers and then do the remainder of their work in consultation with their teachers at home. I need to know your preferences by the deadline for S.S. applications by checking the appropriate box on the registration form, and then sending the application form to the school on or before June 1st, 2020.

The school is working on developing an on-line registration form that can be filled in and sent to the school electronically. Please watch for additional advertisements, information in the KK, e-mail, or the other information circulars from the school.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Bateman on behalf of the school admin team



# **Kyiv International School**

## **Summer School Application**

### **2020**

Kyiv International School's Summer Program is designed for those students who have not completed required units during the 2019-2020 school year. Participants will work with a qualified teacher to finish required assignments for unfinished units or will be expected to do all assigned work for a unit not yet begun. An end of the unit assessment is normally required to complete a unit and when a satisfactory grade is achieved the student will be awarded a passing grade of "B". Any units that a student would like to attempt to finish during summer school must be preapproved by the current teacher and the Director of Instruction, Mr. S. Legan, or Mr. J. Temple. Students who have completed less than 7 units in a subject are normally not allowed to attend summer school. Such courses are usually rescheduled in the next academic year. In extenuating circumstances, with the approval of a DI, a student may be allowed to attend SS with less than seven completed units. This decision will be made at the discretion of the individual DI's.

<b><u>Week 1</u></b>	June 22 – June 26
<b><u>Week 2</u></b>	June 29—July 3

The minimum registration fee is \$350 per week and students must prepay a \$60 non-refundable deposit along with this application. When work is satisfactorily completed and fees are paid grades will be posted on the school web site. **Summer school registration will close on Wednesday, May 25 th, 2020.**

When this application is received, summer school staff will begin collecting materials, books, teacher reports and unit information to optimize the summer school experience.

School rules are still in place during summer school and students found violating school rules will be removed from the program without refund.

Classes run from 9:00 am-3:00 pm each day and there will be no bus service. Students interested in lunch may order from local restaurants and have the food delivered to the school.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level (2019-2020) \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer School enrolment is being limited to 40 students per week to provide the optimum learning environment. Students will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The decision to limit enrolment is the responsibility of the Director of Instruction or the Summer School Administrator.**

#### **STUDENT AGREEMENT:**

1. I will be on time to class.
2. I will do my best to learn, complete units and contribute to a positive classroom environment.
3. I understand that physical confrontation, harassment, defiance of authority or vandalism will be grounds for immediate dismissal from summer school.
4. I agree to respect the buildings and grounds and contribute to a trash-free environment.
5. Plagiarism or cheating may result in the removal of the offending student from Summer School without a refund.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

#### **PARENT AGREEMENT:**

1. I will support my student in meeting the expectations for summer school.
2. I understand enrollment is based on teacher and space availability.
3. I understand and support the student behavior expectations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature



# Kyiv International School

## Summer School Registration and Grade Card

### Summer 2020

This form must be filled in by the student and the appropriate teacher.

Please see the reverse side/next page for a list of courses being offered.

Students must have at least seven units completed in a course to qualify for summer school. Less than seven units completed will mean the student has to reschedule the course next year.

Course Name	Current Teacher	Unit	Teacher Signature	Director Signature	Date Mastered
<i>Example: Literature 1</i>	<i>Mr. Smith</i>	<i>E4: Poetry</i>			
				<b>Registration Fee Not Refundable</b>	\$60
				<b>Summer School Fee \$350 per week</b>	\$350 or \$700
				<b>Total Charges</b>	



# **Kyiv International School**

## **Courses being offered for Summer Session June 2020**

Week 1: June 22 to June 26, and Week 2: June 29 to July 3, 2020

Please check the appropriate boxes for the age level and the course/s you would like to take during Summer School.

### **ELEMENTARY**

10 Year Old Program  
Mathematics  
Language Arts  
Cultural Studies  
Science

### **SECONDARY PROGRAM**

Secondary 1  
Algebra  
Writing 1  
Literature 1  
World Geography  
Physical Science

All lab work must be completed prior to summer school

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

11 Year Old Program  
Mathematics Course 1  
Writing  
Literature  
Cultural Studies  
Science

Secondary 2  
Geometry  
Writing 2  
Literature 2  
Modern World History  
Biology

All lab work must be completed prior to summer school

12 Year Old Program  
Mathematics Course 2  
Writing  
Literature  
Cultural Studies  
Science

Misc. Secondary courses  
Health  
US History

13 Year Old Program  
Mathematics Course 3  
Writing  
Literature  
Cultural Studies  
Science

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_