

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# KOZAK KORNER

Friday, September 18, 2020

Newsletter Issue #7



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# JASMINE CHARITY DRIVE

*For the Plyskivskiy Internat for developmentally challenged children, Vinnitska Oblast.*



Please join us in helping the teenagers of this orphanage - most of them have no parents to love and look after them, and also they require special medical treatment and care for their condition.

Government funding is low, local sponsors help them with improvement of their living conditions, food and medicines, and with the contribution of our KIS community we can make their everyday life a bit more joyful and comfortable.



## HOW TO HELP

Make a **financial donation** to fund the purchase of specialized mattresses, physiotherapy equipment and disposable face masks.

Donate **winter hats** for boys and girls aged 12 to 18 year olds.

Donate **sports shoes** for girls (sizes 36 - 40) and boys (sized 39 - 43).

Donate **arts and crafts sets** - coloring books, beads, stickers, weaving, knitting, simple woodwork sets, puzzles, paint by colors and similar items.

Leave your financial donations at the front reception with Toma, High School with Marianna and Middle School with Maria and indicate that it is for the Jasmine Charity Drive.

Donated items can be placed in boxes marked "**Jasmine Charity Drive**" at the front reception, middle school and secondary school offices.

**Deadline for donations is Friday, October 9, 2020.**

Initiated by and in the memory of Jasmine Narula.

**#KISCARES**





## SEPTEMBER 2020

Thursday, 24: Middle School STUCO Elections

Thursday 24: Zoom Coffee Chat Middle School Parents

## OCTOBER 2020

Thursday 1: Zoom Coffee Chat Secondary School Parents

### Red/Black and A/B Group Schedule for Middle School and Secondary School

Kyiv International School -- (Blended-Learning) Red/Black Calendar for Quintile 1														
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## STAY ENGAGED. BE INFORMED.

At Kyiv International School, we pride ourselves on being the center of a diverse, dynamic and inclusive community. **Kozak Connect** is how our campus community stays engaged and informed with the latest news and events happening at Kyiv International School.

The **Kozak Connect** platform includes the school's Event Calendar; the Kozak Korner newsletter; the Director's Message; KIS Informer emails; and our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube.

Members of our campus community can also subscribe to curated broadcasts via our peer to peer Telegram channel.

**Friday, September 18, 2020**

Dear KIS Community,

Well, here we are. Our preparations for this school year began back in May, as we looked at all of our programs through the lens of COVID and considered how it may impact our schedules, space, capacity, resources. There has been so much effort to put a good plan in place and be prepared. Having said that, all our efforts were never to avoid COVID ever impacting our school. Our main goals with our preparations this year have been to prevent any spread within the school and isolate small groups of students that allow us to have as many students on campus for as long as possible.

## **YOU HAVE BEEN AWESOME!**

I want to thank the KIS community. We knew that there would need to be a sense of community responsibility in order to deal with this year. Thank you so much for communicating with our COVID Response Team and school administration regarding any concerns.

## **DEALING WITH ILLNESS AT HOME**

We all know that the cold season is coming, and that children and adults will continue to get sick with other things. It is important to monitor your child's health, while also recognizing that we will still have other illnesses that will go around. We may treat these as we normally have in the past. As children get sick and then healthy, they may return to school. We appreciate how prudent and careful you have been. If you are every concerned or have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the Health Group ([health@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:health@kyiv.qsi.org)).

## **RUMORS, SHAME, AND FEAR**

More than anything, we want the narrative of this school year to be one of support and concern. I have heard from several people the fear of being the one who gets sick and how that may impact the class or community. Though I do think there is value in having this mindset drive COVID safety and consideration, we also need to know that everyone around us and in our community is accepting and understanding. We need to be safe, be prudent, and be aware, but we also need to know we are within a community that is tolerant, compassionate, and understanding. Having accurate information has been essential for us to monitor this unique situation, so again, we thank you for communicating so well with the school.

## **LATE NIGHTS**

As you know, the notification came out quite late on Tuesday evening. As many of the test results seem to be received in the evening, it is possible that some of these notifications to the community will also happen later at night.

I cannot express how grateful I am to everyone. This week, I would like to highlight just how amazing our students, your children, have been. I have watched with awe at their adaptability, flexibility, and willingness to adjust. Thank you so much!



Luke Woodruff  
Director  
Kyiv International School



## Healthy & Safety at KIS

The healthy and safety of our campus community is our top priority. Access the links below to learn more about the guidelines and policies we've introduced during the 2020-2021 school year.

Parents should regularly check for **KIS Informer** emails for the latest news and updates.

- Community Responsibility
- Suspected and Confirmed Cases of COVID
- COVID Reporting Procedures Flowchart
- 2020-2021 School Protocol Video
- Parking, Traffic, Drop Off and Pick Up Guidelines
- Pick Up/Drop Off Scheme
- Campus Security & ID's
- Parents/Visitors Parking Lot Guidelines

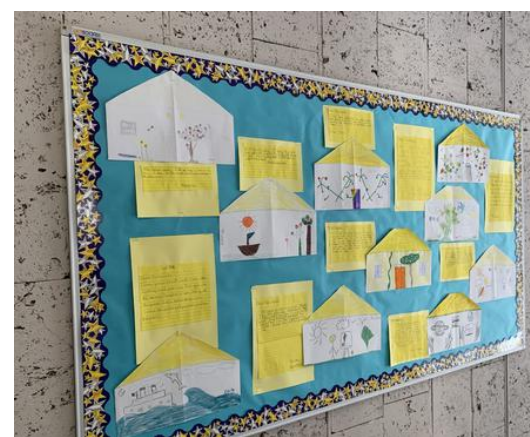
**If you are a member of the campus community, please report any COVID-19 related healthy concerns to the school immediately by emailing [health@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:health@kyiv.qsi.org).**



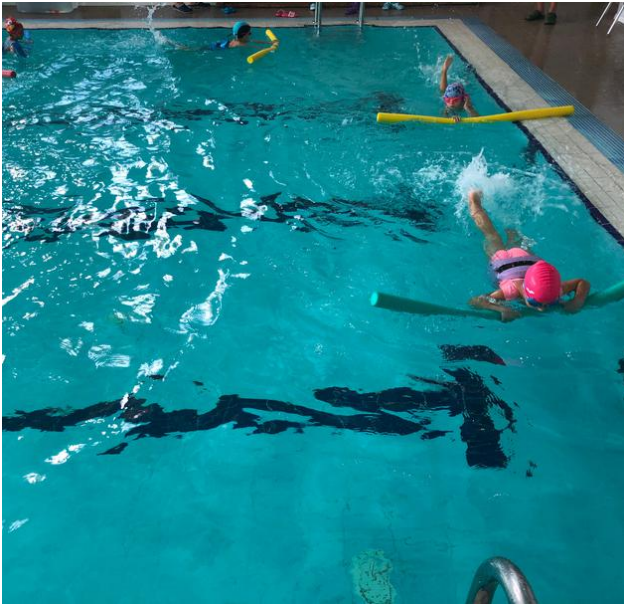


## Onsite-Online-doesn't matter we are Rockin' and Rollin'

Wow, what a start to the year! We are still going strong onsite and online! The walls of our school are a constant reminder to our students that they are awesome and part of a supportive campus community. Kozak Safe and Strong!!







# SWIMMING

On Wednesday, September 9 the swimming season 2020-2021 has started for KIS Elementary students ages 5-10 year old.

Swimming class is a place for students to learn new swimming skills, they're overcoming challenges and learning to grow and improve.

Throughout swimming lessons, kids will develop a routine of safety and swimming fun that reinforces what they've already learned and sets them up for continued confidence in the water. First-time students will learn how to get comfortable in the water before moving on to back floats, rollovers, submersions, and more.

In KIS swimming pool we do take all the precautions to make lessons safe for our students. We set up a labeling system to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and shared objects each time they are used. Also, we test water quality parameters in accordance with state rules and regulations.

During lap swimming we monitor that there is enough distance between each student swimming. Each group has not more than 8 students and they have swimming lesson every other week.

Look for emails from your homeroom teachers about who will swim when.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [olga-shliakhovska@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:olga-shliakhovska@kyiv.qsi.org).







## 11-YEAR-OLD HUNTERS AND GATHERERS DESIGNING TOOLS FOR A HUNT

This past week, Mr. Burke's 11-year-old Cultural Studies class teamed up with the school's Technology and Maker Space expert - Mr. Rech.

The class made various early people tools including traditional spears and an atlatl, which is a throwing spear. They were able to make these ancient hunting weapons during one lesson.

After the class designed and constructed their tools, they were able to try them out. A bucket of apples in water represented fish and a pumpkin and watermelon represented buffalo. After the class finished their hunt, they had a class discussion on what was successful, what needed improvement and what they learned during this activity.

One student quoted "Hunter-and gathers had very difficult life" and another student stated "this was the first time I ever used a drill".

A special thanks to Mr. Rech for organizing this fun activity. The kids had a fantastic time and can't wait for their next project!





## HEALTH AND SAFETY IN WELLNESS CLASS

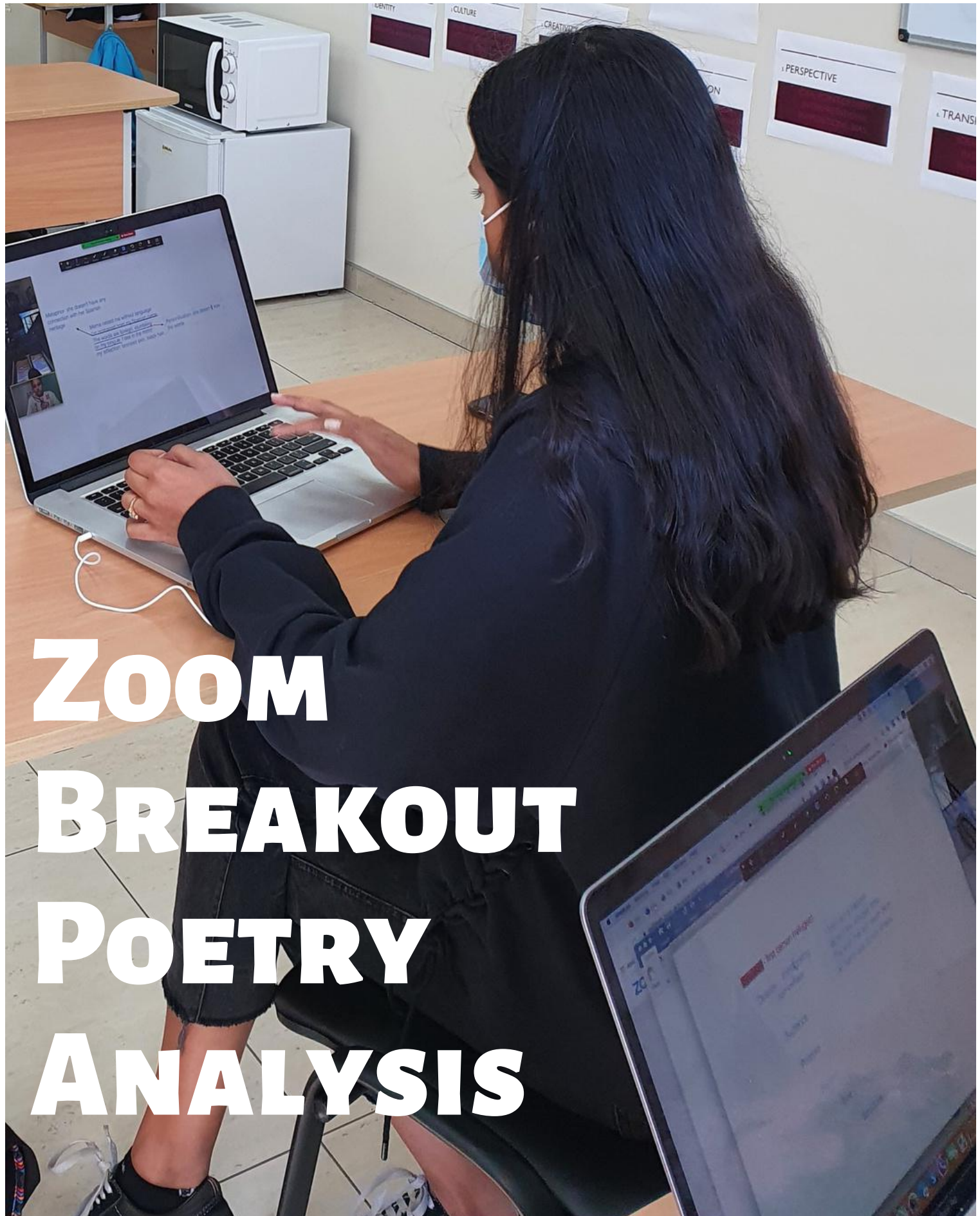
For our Wellness class we have been learning about the 5 health-related fitness components: (1) Cardiovascular, (2) Strength, (3) Muscular Endurance, (4) Flexibility, and (5) Body Fatness.

In class, both from home via Zoom meeting and at school, we learn about the theory of these important components for overall physical health. We also learn about the importance of being responsible and safe by cleaning up and disinfecting equipment that we may have used. For example, after biking for cardio students take responsibility to disinfect the bike handles and seats.

Other activities we did for cardiovascular and muscular endurance are jogging around the track, jumping ropes, and power ropes workout.

While being healthy and safe students are also enjoying a good workout!





# ZOOM BREAKOUT POETRY ANALYSIS

Secondary students in Mr. Butler's Literature class are using Zoom breakout rooms to collaborate on their poetry analysis, adding annotations to the text simultaneously and communicating about the poem's content, structure, and meaning.



# WELCOME TO LOE!

This year is special for all of us. We have to face our realities, to find new possibilities within the blended learning, to be flexible and tolerant.

The LOE classes are in Zoom from the first days of school. It was not so easy at the beginning - problems with Internet and Zoom connection, with devices and material, confusion of classes and teachers... However, we could resolve them, and now, when the LOE teachers are isolated, it helps a lot.

**We would like only to remind about the importance of using HEADPHONES and MUTING/UNMUTING. In the same classroom there are students with different LOE choices, and they may be distracted.**



More than 500 students have been enrolled in LOE classes. They are learning French, German, Russian (native and non-native programs), Ukrainian (native) and Spanish (non-native).

If you haven't made yet your choice, please, contact Mr. Berezhny, LOE Coordinator ([sergey-berezhny@kyiv.qsi.org](mailto:sergey-berezhny@kyiv.qsi.org)), and he will help you with.

Some groups are fully complete, but there are other options, and maybe, the next year, you will prefer to keep learning this language.

**Soon the first Unit will be mastered. You cannot switch LOE classes anymore, it was possible only during the first week.**

# Group Interaction

## WORK COOPERATIVELY

Although the methods we use to interact with one another may look a bit different this school year, the principles we follow (kindness, respect, inclusion etc...) remain the same.

As we focus this month on the Success Orientation of Group Interaction, our elementary students are having thoughtful discussions about what it takes to work cooperatively, peacefully and respectfully with one another.

Out of necessity, due to a schedule change, our 9 y/o online class had to zoom in with their in-person classmates for the lesson.

But what a joy it was to have the class "together" (at least as best as is possible) to talk about how we can be a well-functioning "little family" this school year.







## **WHO'S WHO IN THE LEARNING SUPPORT CENTER**

### **WE WILL BE SHARING INFORMATION ABOUT OUR TEACHERS FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS!**

Hello! I am Corene Anderson and I am the Learning Support Coordinator at KIS. This is my 2nd year at KIS and my 5th with QSI.

Before QSI, I was teaching in Austin, TX for 7 years. Teaching overseas has given me such a broader perspective of teaching different cultures. Living overseas has provided me with so many different opportunities and adventures that I never would have experienced if I stayed in the US.

My biggest passion with teaching is believing that all students can learn. Sometimes, we just need to find different ways to approach the ways we deliver our instruction.

I love sharing best practices and collaborating with others. It is a great feeling to be able to be a great resource for my team and my school. Nothing compares to the feeling that I get when I see a student reach their goals.

In my spare time I enjoy reading, playing games, and snuggling with my cats. I also enjoy traveling and love to plan scuba diving adventures. I have been diving in 4 different countries and have over 100 dives under my belt.

My biggest stress reliever is cooking and over the summer I cooked around with world. Trying different recipes and experimenting with spices and ingredients was a lot of fun!

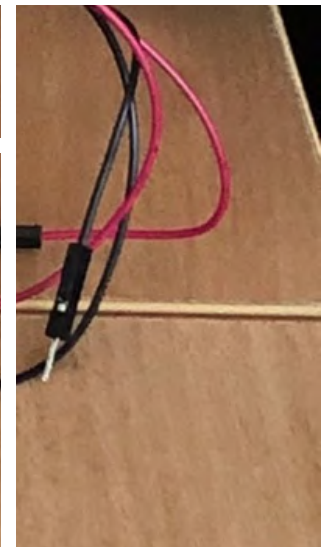
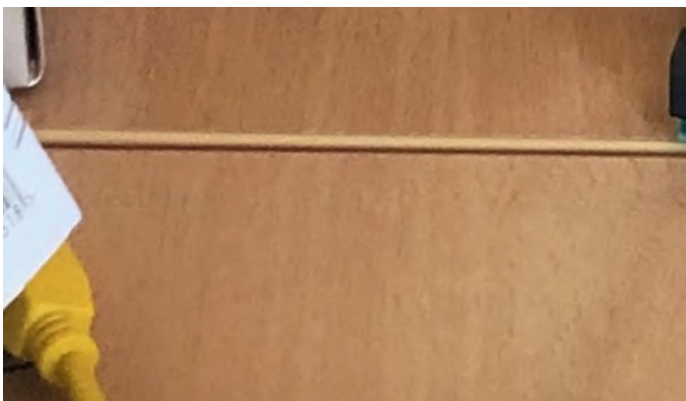
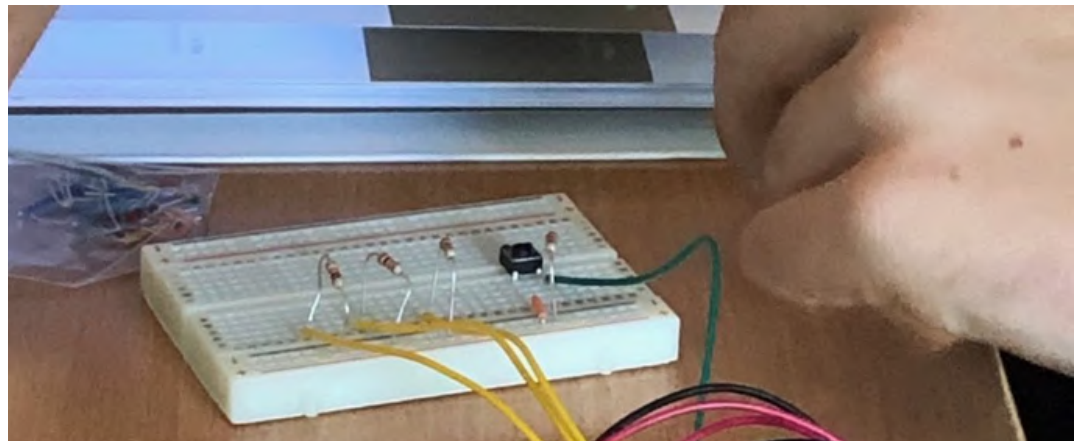
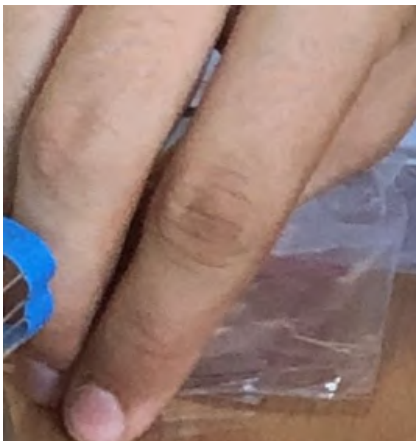
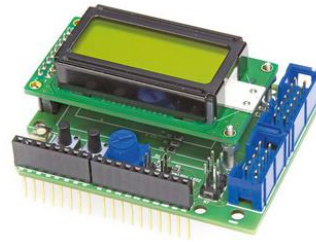
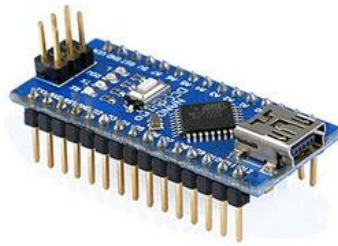
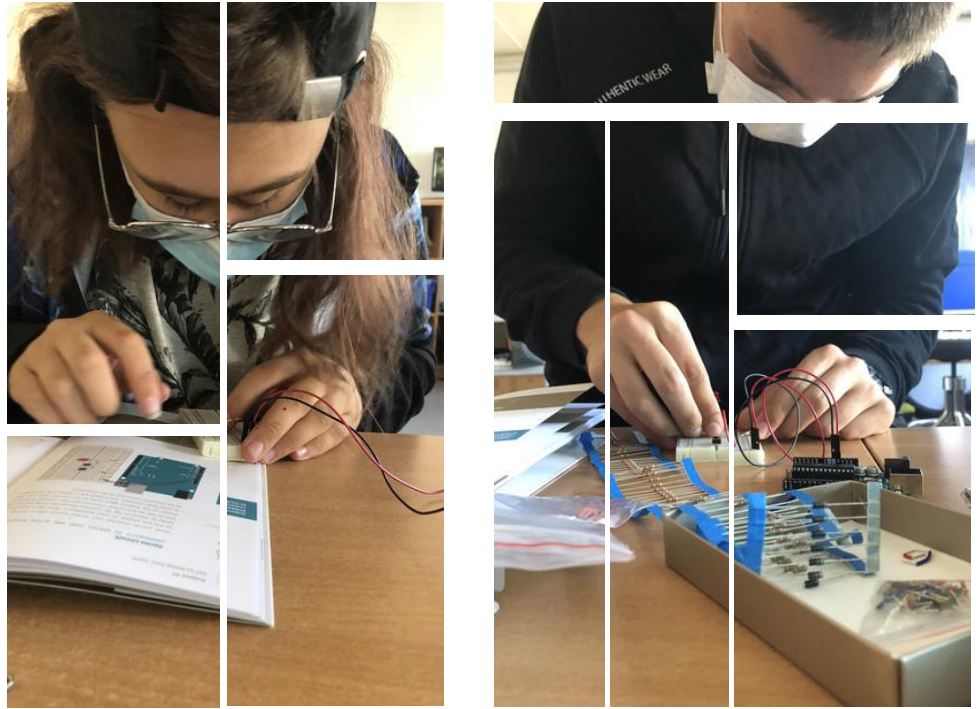


# ARDUINO

## #STEAM in the Classroom

The Arduino Education utilizes cutting edge technology to help students develop hands-on engineering skills.

The program progresses students through increasingly challenging STEAM activities using a range of electronics including programmable boards, sensors, mechanical parts, and simple open-source software.





**KIS KOZACTORS WANT YOU TO KNOW**

# IT'S BEGUN

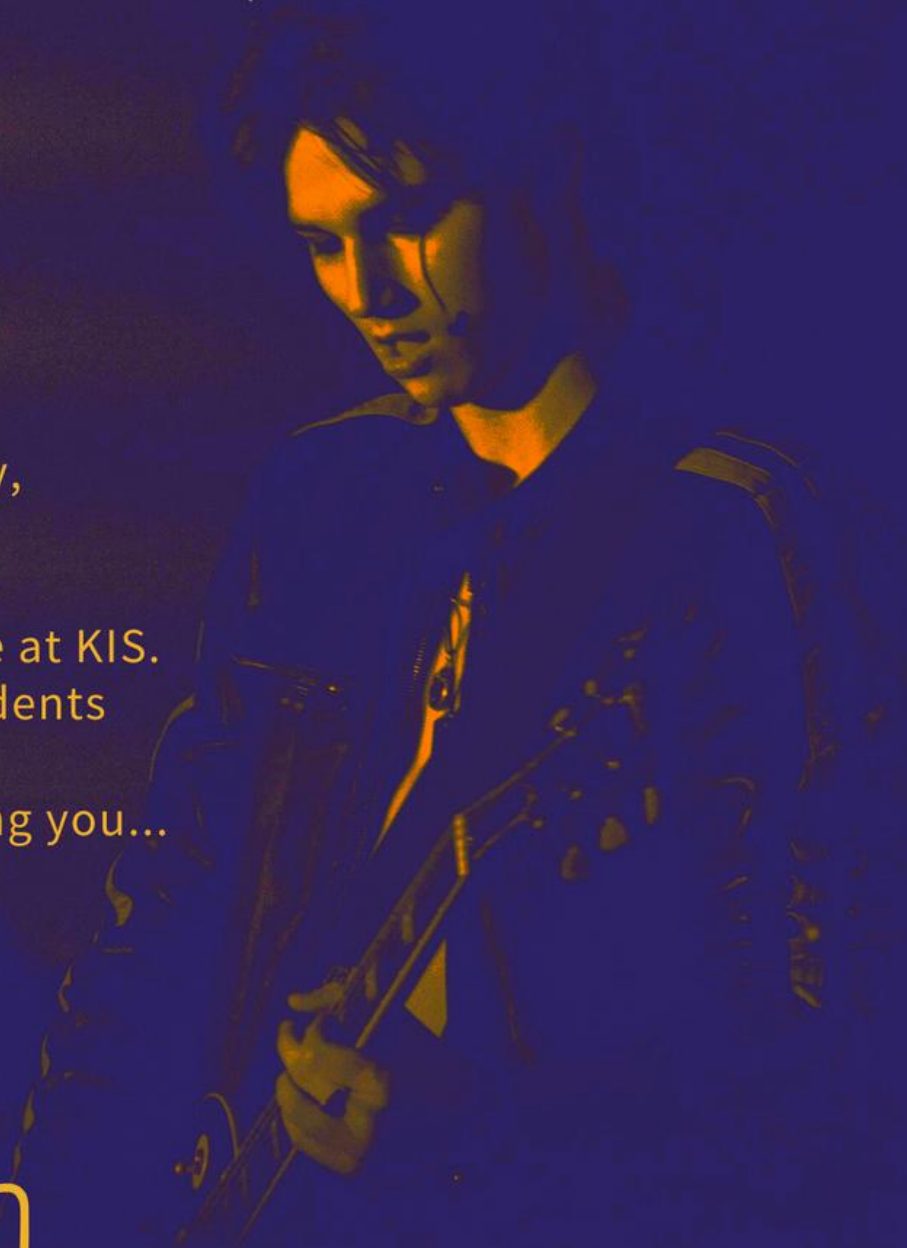
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One part video mocumentary,  
One part rock video  
It is entirely original  
and it is now being built here at KIS.  
More than 35 Secondary Students  
Four Teachers  
Already working hard to bring you...  
Big laughs, some tears,  
a whole lotta great music,  
and Chekhov.

It is...

## Misdirection

Save the Date ...It's gonna be great

Coming soon...  
Hopefully DECEMBER  
We will keep you posted







## ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

The Fall 2020 Season has begun! Football, cross country, robotics and drama all started this week for students in Middle School and Secondary.

A huge shout out to the coaches who are facilitating these practices. We have great student participation and it is looking to be a fun season.





## MATHCOUNTS 2020

### MEMORIES OF OUR ADVENTURE BEFORE THE PANDEMIC CLOSEDOWN. - Mr. Bateman

Visions for what life could be and hopefully will be again someday. These photos were taken at the MathCounts competition that our KIS team attended during the late winter/early spring last school year.

One of the most enjoyable sights for me is the obvious absence of masks and the freedom to be close to each other. The inside pictures were taken in the Warsaw school and the individual pictures were taken outside on our sightseeing tour.

These portrait pictures were taken on a trip to the old town in Warsaw. The temperature was hovering around freezing so the kids were all bundled up with their hoodies on.

I call these pictures HOODIES.





# #KOZAKNATION

Students and staff collaborated to produce these amazing, socially-distanced class photos, photography Cohort A and Cohort B and putting the two halves together! While they may be divided by day, they are united in so many other ways! This represents the whole of our amazing Kozak Nation!



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

✓ IF YOUR KIDS HAVE FREE TIME THIS FALL  
SCHOOL BREAK, BUT DON'T WANT TO SPEND ALL  
DAY INDOORS



✓ IF YOU WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE MORE INDEPENDENT  
AND HANDLE EVERYDAY SITUATIONS IN KYIV

▼ CHECK OUT LANGUAGE DAY CAMP FOR EXPAT KIDS&TEENS  
(WE FOLLOW ALL ANTI-COVID PRECAUTIONS!)

[WWW.LANGUAGELAB.IN.UA](http://WWW.LANGUAGELAB.IN.UA)



### SURVIVAL KYIV: KIDS&TEENS EDITION

SPECIAL RUSSIAN or UKRAINIAN  
COURSE FOR BEGINNERS



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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