

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

# KOZAK KORNER

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## OCTOBER 2020

**Tuesday 27:** Evacuation Drills

**Wednesday 28:** Secondary I PSAT Exams/Class Day

**Thursday 29:** Secondary II PSAT Exams/Class Day

**Saturday 31:** Virtual Cross Country Race

## NOVEMBER 2020

**Monday 2:** Secondary III Class Day

**Tuesday 3:** Secondary IV Class Day

**Thursday 26 - Friday 27:** Staff PD. No School.

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

October					November				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
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26 (a)	27 (b)	28 (a)	29 (b)	30 (a)	30 (a)				

December				
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Dear Parents,

During the months of September and October, your 6-13 year old child took several MAP® Growth™ tests from NWEA® on a computer or tablet- if they were onsite.

MAP Growth scores help teachers check student performance by measuring achievement and growth for Reading and Mathematics.



Teachers use results to tailor classroom lessons and set goals for students.

MAP Growth tests are unique, and it adapts to your child's responses to measure your child's skill level. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier.

These results will provide a more complete picture of what your child knows and is ready to learn—whether it is on, above, or below their age level.

Since MAP Growth tests provide immediate and accurate information about your child's learning, it's easy for teachers to identify students with similar scores that are generally ready for instruction in similar skills and topics, and then plan instruction accordingly.

MAP Growth reports also provide typical growth data for students who are in the same age level, subject and have the same starting performance level.

Following each testing period, you will receive a Student or Family Report on the Parent Moodle site showing a summary of how your child is performing academically.

We are truly excited to focus on your child's individual growth and achievement.

For more information about MAP Growth, visit [NWEA.org/familytoolkit](https://nwea.org/familytoolkit).

Sincerely,



**Cheri Carpenter**

Preschool and Elementary Director of Instruction

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## Educator Profile

*Mackenzie Peters is new to Kyiv International School and from day one - she has been teaching like a boss ("boss" is a cool way of saying "she is excellent").*

Hello!

My name is Mackenzie Peters and I am originally from Boise, Idaho. My favorite game to play with students at the beginning of the school year is two truths and a lie...I wonder if you can guess the lie? (you will have to ask me in person to find out the answer!)

1. I've camped on the Afghan/Tajik border.
2. I'm featured singing in a Russian rap song.
3. I went bungee jumping for my birthday three years ago.

I graduated with my B.A. in Elementary and Special Education from Boise State University in 2018 and have taught everything from third grade to high school special education.

My first international education experience occurred at QSI Tbilisi, where I worked at their summer camp. I spent the last two years teaching 9, 10, and 11-year-old students at QSI Dushanbe and transferred to KIS this year.

As an educator, I love partnering with families to create a space in which students can grow in their independence, ownership of learning, and self-efficacy. I truly view myself as a facilitator of learning and am passionate about ensuring students leave the classroom each day with their minds a bit more open to the world around them.

In addition to teaching face to face this year, I am also the online teacher for our 9-year-old division. We've found quite a bit of success through creating norms that really help students feel like even though they are at home, we are in school, and between 8:00 – 15:30, we have our school brain on.

Furthermore, we work diligently to cultivate community, get to know one another and work together despite the barrier of the screen.

Outside of school, I tend to keep myself quite busy; I am currently working on my thesis for my masters focused on educational leadership. When I'm not doing schoolwork of some sort, you can usually find me hiking, camping, reading a book in a coffee shop, or exploring a new place.

I am thoroughly enjoying Kyiv, as there is so much to see!







What's your favorite book? Do you have one? I bet you do. I think we probably all have a thing we've read over the years that stayed with us. Mine, you

***P.S. Maybe we can get the favorite books of our parents and teachers up on the wall next year...?***



## SAVE THE DATES

Next week, there will be some changes to the schedule as our Secondary I and II students take the PSAT exams.

The PSAT is an important opportunity for students to assess their own academic progress as well as help them identify areas for improvement and practice.



While the PSAT exams do not impact college admissions decisions, the exams are considered a National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

### **Wednesday, October 28th, 2020 – PSAT 8/9 – Secondary 1's**

**Who:** All S1 students will report to campus for testing. All other age levels will stay home for online learning.

\*PSAT exams are NOT available for online only students.

\*Students will remain in their cohorts and be socially distanced through the exams.

### **Thursday, October 29th, 2020 – PSAT – Secondary 2's**

**Who:** All S2 students will report to campus for testing. All other age levels will stay home for online learning.

\*If you are an S3 student with a US Passport and would like to be considered for National Merit, please email Mrs. Rech for a seat for this exam. You must sit this exam during your S3 year to be considered for National Merit Scholarships.

## CLASS DAYS:

Since we have to test entire classes on specific dates we have decided to give each class “their own” day at school. Each class will have a specific set of activities planned based on their year in school for that entire day.

If it is not your “Class Day” at school you will do your lessons online via zoom. More information about specific activities for each class will be released soon.



### **Save the Date for Class Days!**

**Wednesday, October 28th – Secondary 1 Class Day**

**Thursday, October 29th – Secondary 2 Class Day**

**Monday, November 2nd – Secondary 3 Class Day**

**Tuesday, November 3rd – Secondary 4 Class Day**



## The best **KIS** linguists 2020

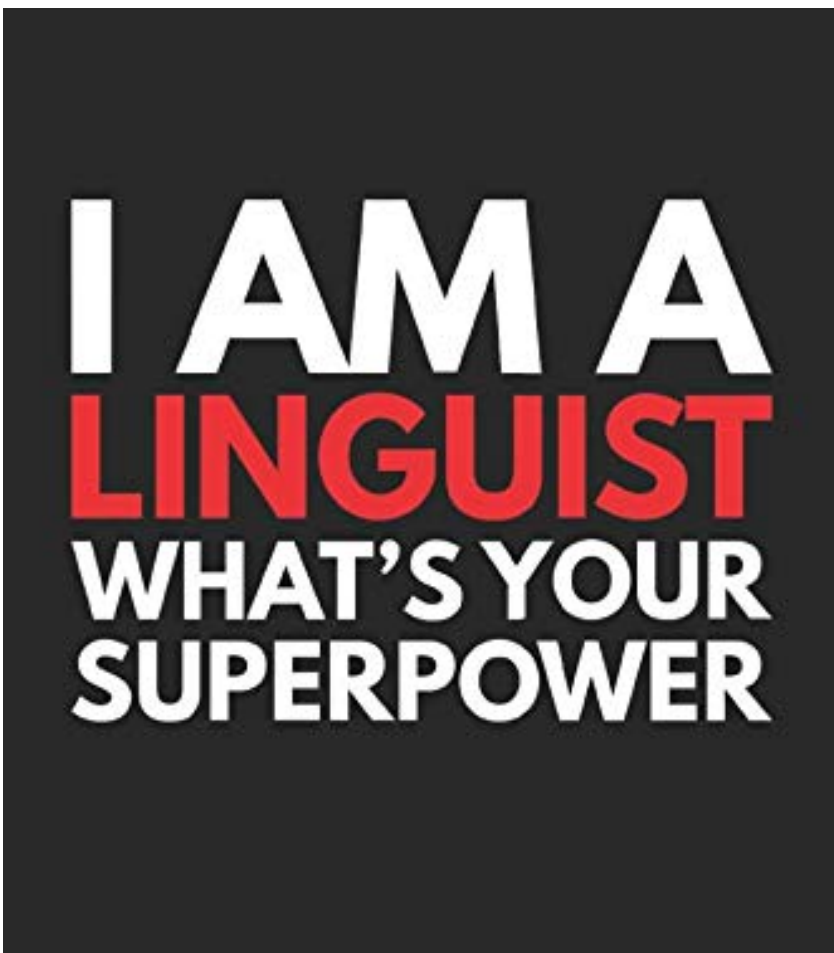
Thank for having completed our survey.

Wow, there are so many linguists at KIS! Sure, you would like to know who speaks the most of languages, and we are proud to announce the names:

**Student** - Joshua Fialko (5 languages: Ukrainian, Russian, English, French, Chinese);

**Teacher** - Olga Petryna (7 languages: Russian, Ukrainian, Spanish, English, Polish, French, German);

**Parents** - Tai Buie (7 languages +: Korean, Japanese, English, Spanish, French, German, Vietnamese + started learning Russian) and Lucia Massacesi (7 languages: Italian, English, Spanish, Romanian, Russian, Ukrainian, Arabic).



Congratulations! Let's continue discovering new languages, new cultures, new countries... More languages we speak, richer we are!

## **DELF exams**

Despite all the restrictions, the external French exams (DELF) were not cancelled. We can't participate in as a group, like before the quarantine, but you still can do it individually.

Some Elementary students registered for the May examination session, took their exams in September. The distancing and sanitizing rules were respected, and the event was well organized.

Now, MS and HS students (12-17 y.o.) have a chance to try - the DELF Junior registration is open (6-20 October). The exams will take place in November:

**Monday 9th:** A1 - at 2 pm / A2 - at 4pm,

**Tuesday 10th:** B1 - at 2 pm / B2 - at 4 pm.

You should sign up online. The fees (that didn't change) have to be paid by a bank transfer.

Please, contact the French Institute for more details:

**Institut français d'Ukraine,**

84, rue Gontchara

[delfdalf.kiev@gmail.com](mailto:delfdalf.kiev@gmail.com) / 044 482 23 71

<http://www.ciep.fr/delf-junior/>



## Spanish class

This story happened to me before the break.

I'm a Spanish teacher, and I have a group of 8-year-old students. They had already studied Spanish the last year. For me, it is very exciting to teach these children, they are very creative and hardworking.

One day, during our lesson, one of them, an extremely smart boy said in perfect Spanish "Otra vez" that means "again".

I asked to go over the verbs, he replied "Otra vez", to conjugate the verbs - "Otra vez"...

After several days, I thought that he already knew the topic, or my lessons were boring for him.

Worried about this situation, I started varying and differentiating, added more fun activities, games and songs, tried to improve my teaching.

And, finally, he raised his hand, interrupted the lesson and asked me: "Señora Alba: what means "Otra vez"?"





## WELCOME BACK AFTER THE FALL BREAK!

Parents, with this school year it is more imperative to be a part of your student's learning and to help them be successful at home.

Here are some tips to help your student at home:

- Set up a daily family routine, including healthy eating and sleeping habits
- Provide a place and time at home for homework - Keep this place organized
- Check on assignments, homework and projects.
- Talk each day with your child about his/her activities
- Promote literacy by reading to your child and by reading yourself
- Limit and monitor TV watching, gaming, social media and computer time
- Express high expectations and standards for your child's learning
- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Participate in decisions that affect your child's education
- Tap into community resources with visits to a library, museum, zoo or theater and encourage participation in after-school clubs, sports and art activities

**Engaged parents are a key factor** in helping students and schools succeed. With families, schools and communities working together as partners, student achievement is enhanced and children are better prepared to do well in school.

Let's work together to be the best we can for our students!





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

Hello!

My name is Tetiana Rutkovska and I am a Learning Support Teacher at KIS. This is my 4th year at KIS.

I am a CELTA certified English teacher with a degree in English philology and 15 years of experience. Before QSI, I worked as an English teacher at a secondary school, English courses, and at an Educational Center.

I've been teaching all levels from absolute beginners to all the way to advanced learners for both kids and adults. Since graduating from the university, I haven't stopped improving my teaching skills. That's why I constantly participate in various workshops and seminars for teachers as well as to upgrade my English language by taking international exams, such as CAE and IELTS. Live and learn! J

I love teaching because sharing knowledge with my students is very rewarding. Teachers do more than teach, and I hope my impact extends far beyond my classroom.

I am a big fan of cooking and soap making. I also enjoy hiking in the mountains with my wonderful husband and two kids!



# SIGNUPS FOR OUR WINTER SEASON WILL BEGIN ON OCTOBER 26TH AND CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 6TH

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SECONDARY PARENTS

## REGISTER NOW

#kozaknation #kyivisred

## for Winter Sports and Activities

Signups for our Winter Season will begin on OCTOBER 26th and close on NOVEMBER 6th. After NOVEMBER 6th you will NOT be able to sign up for any of the winter sports or activities. Because we need to carefully consider safety precautions and protocols to facilitate our sports and activities, no exceptions can be made this season. We want ALL our secondary and middle school students to have an opportunity to participate, so PLEASE do not miss the registration deadline!

### WINTER SEASON SPORTS and ACTIVITIES

#### Middle School



**Speech and Debate**



**Math Counts**



**Basketball**



**Swim Team**

#### Secondary



**Speech and Debate**



**Knowledge Bowl**



**Basketball**



**Swim Team**

For the activities (Speech and Debate, Knowledge Bowl and Math Counts) there will be virtual competitions. It is most likely that our winter sports will practice and train to improve skills, have fun and keep fit. At this point in time, it isn't possible to predict whether there will be games or tournaments, but it seems fairly unlikely.



**Rachel Geary**

Athletics Director/Activities Coordinator

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# CROSS COUNTRY VIRTUAL RACE



We are excited to announce the Kozaks Cross Country Team are participating in the AAS Virtual Pumpkin Run on **October 31st!**

**#kozaknation #kyivisred**



## PTO FUNDRAISER

This year we are continuing our tradition of holding a silent auction for the beloved KIS project "Caring for birds around us".

You can view the different bird feeders painted by our secondary students.

These will be auctioned off.

Later we will post every 3 days 3 bird feeders and everyone will have the chance to participate in the auction.

The profits from the auction will go towards purchasing more bird feeders and bird houses, as well as bird food for the winter months.

By participating in this auction, you will help continue this art project for the next academic year for KIS secondary students as well as raise awareness towards the importance of caring for birds in the cities.



# 2020-21 PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS ARE A REALLY BIG EVENT IN THE LIFE OF A PRESCHOOL OR ELEMENTARY STUDENT. THE BIRTHDAY MOMENT YOU HAVE AT SCHOOL IS ALWAYS A HAPPY TIME. SO...HOW DO WE DO THAT IN THE MIDDLE OF A PANDEMIC? WE GET HELP FROM KFN! **KFN WILL BE THE ONLY ACCEPTED VENDOR FOR KIS CLASS BIRTHDAYS THIS YEAR!**

PLEASE CONTACT KFN AND YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER 3 DAYS BEFORE YOU NEED CUPCAKES DELIVERED TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM. WORK WITH THEM TO PICK THE PERFECT SWEET TREAT. KFN IS HERE TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR BIRTHDAY NEEDS!!

**[OXANA@KFNCATERING.SCHOOL](mailto:OXANA@KFNCATERING.SCHOOL)**





<div>  <b>Week 3: 26.10.2020 - 30.10.2020 - A Temporary Lunch Menu 11:21 to 14:00</b> </div>				
	A Temporary Lunch Menu for 7 - 18+ y.o.			
	MENU 1	MENU 2	MENU 3	VEGETARIAN MENU
	Chicken BBQ Penne	Wiener schnitzel Buckwheat/Potatoes	Roasted Fish Fillet Potatoes	Chickpea Stew Penne
MONDAY	Vegetables Salad / Fresh Vegetables / Grilled Vegetables			
	Minestrone Soup			
	Bread			
	Green tea with Lemon / Water			
	Sweet heart bun			
TUESDAY	Chicken Wings Steam Rice	Empanadas Salsa	Fish Cutlet "Brigantine" Spinach Rice	Pancakes With Cabbage Spinach Rice
	Vegetables Salad / Fresh Vegetables / Grilled Vegetables			
	Pea Soup			
	Bread			
	Fruit Tea / Water			
	Strudel			
WEDNESDAY	Chicken crouton Lollipops Pasta	Plov Beef	Salmon Broccoli Mix	Tofu Steak Broccoli Mix
	Corn / Fresh Vegetables / Grilled Vegetables			
	Fish Soup / Home-made Noodle Soup			
	Bread			
	Fruit Tea / Water			
	Grapes			
THURSDAY	Turkey Cutlet Couscous	Tacos chicken/beef	Indian Fish Croquette Kinoa With Vegetables	Paneer Baked Pumpkin With Seeds
	Vegetables Salad / Fresh Vegetables / Cauliflower			
	Cream Soup			
	Bread			
	Compote / Water			
	Crepes			
FRIDAY	Lasagna	Criollo Beef Mashed Potatoes	Fish Cutlet With Spinach Green Beans	Green Spinach & Oats Cutlet Green Beans
	Broccoli/ Tomatoes Salad / Fresh Vegetables			
	Borsch / Vegetable Soup			
	Bread			
	Lemonade / Water			
	Jelly			

Breakfast 2-3-4y.o.	Breakfast 5-6y.o.	LUNCH 2-6y.o. (dessert only for 5-6y.o.)		2'd Snack 2-4y.o.
		VEGETARIAN MENU 5-6y.o.	MEAT MENU	
Cottage Cheese Cream	Cottage Cheese Cream	Chickpea Stew	Roasted Chicken	Sweet heart bun
Fruit	Fruit	Penne	Penne	Fruit
Compote	Compote	Tomatoes	Tomatoes	Milk*
		Minestrone Soup		
		Bread		
		Green Tea with Lemon		
		Sweet heart bun		
Rice with Milk	Cheesecake	Pancakes With Cabbage	Beef Cutlet	Strudel
Fruit & Berries	Fruit	Spinach Rice	Steamed Potatoes	Actimel
Toast with Butter	Cherry Tea	Vegetable Sticks	Vegetable Sticks	
Cherry Tea		Pea Soup		
		Bread		
		Fruit Tea		
		Strudel		
Yogurt with Fun Topping	Yogurt with Fun Topping	Tofu Steak	Stewed Veal	Gerber Puree
Fruit	Fruit	Broccoli Mix	Buckwheat	Cracker
Fennel Tea	Fennel Tea	Carrots + Corn	Carrots + Corn	Water
		Home-made Noodle Soup		
		Bread		
		Water		
		Grapes		
Omlet	Omlet	Paneer	Turkey Cutlet	Crepes
Vegetable Sticks	Vegetable Sticks	Baked Pumpkin With Seeds	Couscous	Jam
Multigrain Bread	Multigrain Bread	Cucumbers	Cucumbers	Apple
Compote	Compote	Cream Soup		
		Bread		
		Strawberry Tea		
		Crepes		
Carrot Pie	Carrot Pie	Green Spinach & Oats Cutlet	Meat Balls	Cottage Cheese pancakes
Milk	Milk	Mashed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Fruit
Banana	Banana	Green Beans	Broccoli	Camomile Tea
		Borsch / Vegetable Soup		
		Bread		
		Lemonade		
		Jelly		

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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