

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

KOZAK KORNER

Friday, November 27, 2020

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DECEMBER 2020

Wednesday 2: Preschool/Elementary PTO Zoom Call

Thursday 3: Room Room Coffee Chat

Wednesday 9: Preschool/Elementary PTO Zoom Call

Thursday 10: Room Room Coffee Chat

Wednesday 16: Preschool/Elementary PTO Zoom Call

Thursday 17: Winter Performances and PTO Celebration

Friday 18: Term 2 School Fees Due

Monday 20 - January 7: Winter Break - No School



Dear Parents,

Please be kindly reminded that the Due Date for **Term 1** school fees was August 28th (**Term 2:** December 18th, 2020 and **Term 3:** April 2nd, 2021). We ask you to take care of outstanding balances at your earliest convenience.

Please contact Business Office in case you have any questions or concerns:
businessoffice@kyiv.qsi.org



Over the past month, students, parents and staff have been asked to complete surveys sharing their honest opinions about Kyiv International School and our programs. This valuable feedback is part of the school's reaccreditation process through MSA/CESS.

Accreditation is a self-evaluation process that schools and school systems voluntarily use to demonstrate they are meeting a defined set of research-based performance standards. The standards examine schools in a holistic way, supplementing student-testing data to provide a more complete measure of a school's performance and chart a strategic and realistic course for continuous school improvement.

We evaluate 12 standards in total including:

- Mission
- Governance and Leadership
- School Improvement Planning
- Finances
- Facilities
- School Organization and Staff
- Health and Safety
- Educational Program
- Assessment and Evidence of Student Learning
- Student Services
- Student Life and Student Activities
- Information Resources



During the professional development training that took place on November 26 and 27 - committees reviewed your feedback and used it to 'grade' ourselves.

We are excited to share these results with you during a special Zoom Room Coffee Chat on Thursday, December 3. Please join us as we discuss standards #1 through #4.

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

password: **coffeechat**



"Bring what you've got, and put it in the pot..."

By Mrs. Buck

Today was a fantastic day in the four-year-old Preschool Pod! Cooking with preschoolers can be such an adventure; there's always great joy and a huge mess at the same time. Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Shefner and Mrs. Buck experienced this adventure again, today.

The four-year-old students in all three classes were introduced to the old tale titled The Stone Soup. The Stone Soup is a European folk story in which hungry strangers convince the townspeople to each share a small amount of their food in order to make a meal that everyone enjoys. This story is a beautiful example of the value of sharing and working together.

In addition to listening to the story and acting out the story, the students also gathered produce from around their classroom. The students cleaned the produce, cut the vegetables, and added their contribution, along with the stone, to the pot.

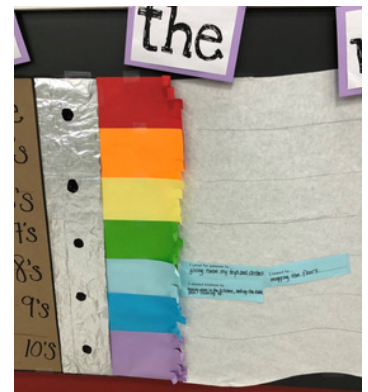
There is beauty in connecting the ideas of gratitude for what we have and blending the idea of generosity in giving and sharing. The life skills of gratitude and generosity are better "caught" than "taught." May we fill our lives with gratitude and generosity.





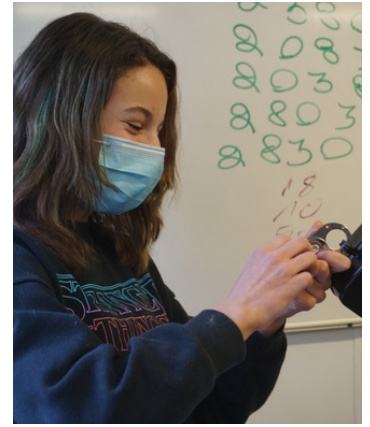
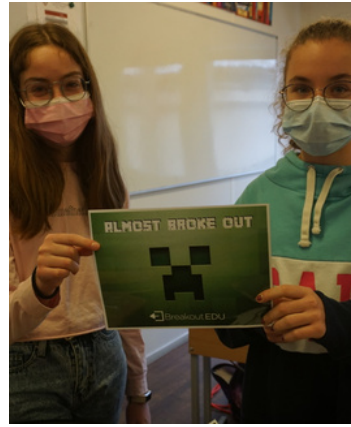
KIS is Painting the World with Kindness!

In October, we as a pre-school and elementary community expressed our concern for others by donating to our "Funds for Fangs" project. The project brought in a total of 26,043 uah! One way students gave was by showing concern for others and "earning" a donation give. Through our giving, we sponsored 30 children to receive routine dental care through the work of Loads of Love, an organization that supports the needs of orphans and the elderly around Ukraine. A display was placed in the lobby to help students visualize their giving. While each pumpkin represented 100uah, the graph was quickly overloaded with pumpkins!



As the fall colors begin to fade and the world turns a bit whiter, let's add color to the world by painting it with kindness wherever we go. To celebrate our focus on Kindness and Politeness this month, students are sharing ways they (or a friend) have shown kindness to someone. During our time of online learning, both parents and students have sent in Seesaw messages with accounts of kindness to paint a visual swath across the reception desk. You can continue to do so by sending a notification to our School Counselor, Mrs Ohlinger, in your child's Seesaw class marked "SC- (child's grade)" or, for pre-school students, sending to your child's teacher. When we are physically in school, students can fill out colored kindness strips and turn them into their teacher. We will continue this until winter break.

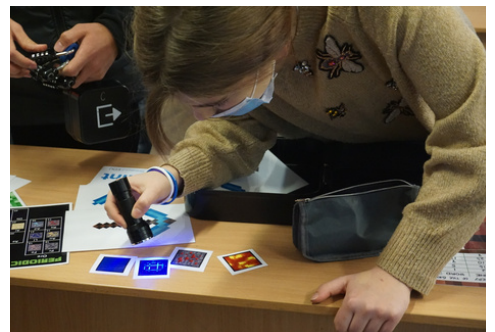
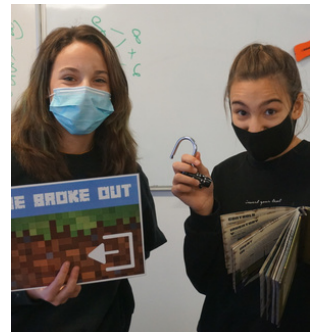
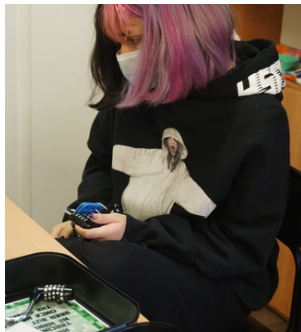
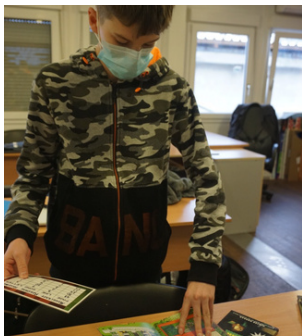
"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop



Breaking Out in MS Literacy

The 12 year old students in Mrs. Herndon's Literature classes found new ways to break out of their comfort zones by working collaboratively to solve puzzles, reveal codes, and unlock the boxes. The Minecraft-themed Breakout Box contained cross-curricular riddles that engaged the students in 4C Education (communication, collaboration, creative thinking, and creativity), set to the soundtrack of epic adventure music. Afterwards, students were asked to engage their SEL skills and reflect on what they learned about each other and themselves during the course of the breakout box, which puzzles were the most challenging for them and why, and what ideas they had for creating new boxes in the future.

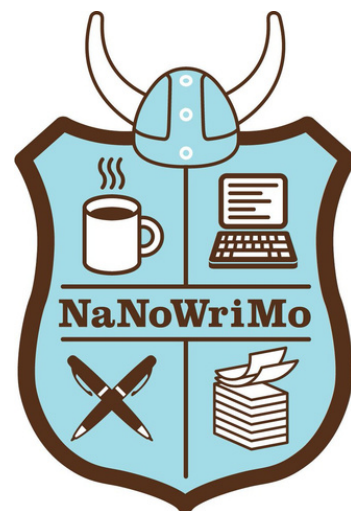
Ask your teacher about trying a Breakout Box in your classroom!



NaNoWriMo Update

KIS secondary students in Creative Writing class are well underway with their novels. Here is a list of word counts current as of Monday, November 23.

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) ends **December 1**, so this is with one week to go toward the goal of **50,000 words**.



9,905	13,250	19,345
20,875	21,571	23,459
24,600	36,418	38,012

The following students, in alphabetical order (not by word count), participating in NaNoWriMo are:

Aila Aliieva, Antony Butler, Migal Groenewald, Sasha Mashtepa, Tim Romanyuk, Yegor Semenov, Anna Shikhimova, and Dan Volkov.

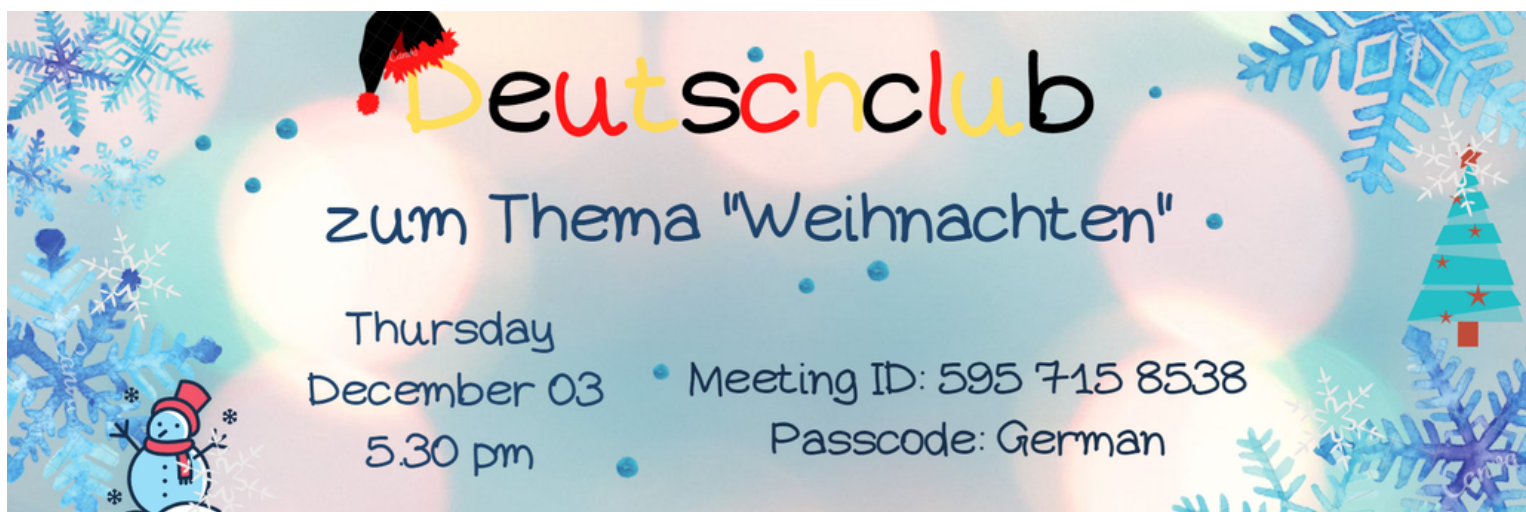
Mr. Legan is also attempting to write a novel alongside these fine young writers.

**BOSTON
UNIVERSITY**

Boston University Virtual Visit

Tuesday, December 1st, 2020
Time: 14:00

Please register beforehand
using this link



GERMAN CLUB

We continue organizing Language Clubs on Zoom. If you speak German, and would like to practice this language a little bit more, welcome to the German Club on Thursday, December 3rd, at 5.30 pm.

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Liebe Freunde (even Beste Freunde ☺)!

Santa Claus is coming to screen – if you join our Deutschclub special “Weihnachten” on Thursday, 3rd of December.

Especially this end of year you might need a cosy Weihnachtsstimmung (Christmas mood not just for the Christians but only for middle and high school students) with some

- traditions and quizzes (did you know who is the good and the bad guy in this story?)
- tinsel and glitter
- Hänsel and Gretel
- Weihnachtssterne and Rauschgoldengel (was ist das? ein Goldrauschengel?)
- fun and songs (Weihnachtsrap und lustig, lustig, tralalalala, bald ist Niklasabend da)

So, Nikolaus, Weihnachtsmann, das Christkind und die Engel will be waiting for all German speaking MS and HS students on Thursday night!



WINTER SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

SPEECH AND DEBATE

MATH COUNTS

BASKETBALL

SWIM TEAM

KNOWLEDGE BOWL



Winter Season opened on **Monday, November 23rd**. We are looking forward to participating in **Virtual Tournaments and Competitions**! We are taking precautions to keep out Kozak Nation safe and healthy during after school activities.

Please email Rachel Geary, Director of Athletic and Activities. If you have questions: rachel-geary@kyiv.qsi.org

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STUDENT INNOVATION GRANTS



“THERE’S A WAY TO DO IT BETTER – FIND IT.” THOMAS EDISON
YOU FIND IT, WE WILL FUND IT.

The Kyiv International School’s Advisory Board offers secondary students the opportunity to fund academic and extra-curricular projects that demonstrate leadership, creativity, inquiry, innovation, investigation, excellence, charity, and passion.

Applicant must present a thorough plan of their project and budget for the requested funds.

If you would like to apply then please do the following:

- Click here to complete **online application** form.
- Click here to download **application cover sheet**.
- Sign it and give to the Director of Instruction of your division.
- **Deadline for applications is December 1st, 2020!**



<div></div> <div>Week 1: 30.11.2020 - 04.11.2020 - A Temporary Lunch Menu 11:21 to 14:00</div>									
MONDAY	A Temporary Lunch Menu for 7 - 18+ y.o.				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.
	MENU 1	MENU 2	MENU 3	VEGETARIAN MENU			VEGETARIAN MENU 5-6y.o.	MEAT MENU	
	Chicken Brochette	Roastbeef	Milanese Fish	Noricheese Sticks			Vegetarian "Fish" Sticks	Roasted Chicken	
	Steamed Rice	Potatoes	Potatoes	Steamed Rice			Steamed Rice	Steamed Rice	
	Vegetables Salad / Fresh Vegetables / Grilled Vegetables						Cabbage Salad	Cabbage Salad	
	Four Seasons Soup						Four Seasons Soup		
	Bread						Bread		
	Green tea with Lemon / Water						Green tea with Lemon / Water		
Vanilla Sponge Cake				Vanilla Sponge Cake					
TUESDAY	Chicken Crepes With Bechamel Sauce	Beef Cutlet	Fish Cutlet "Brigantine"	Humus	Toast with cheese	American Pancakes	Humus	Beef Cutlet	Cheesecake
	Green Peas + Corn	Baked Potatoes	Baked Potatoes	Veggi Sticks			Fusilli	Fusilli	
	Vegetables Salad / Fresh Vegetables / Grilled Vegetables						Vegetable Sticks	Vegetable Sticks	
	Lentil Soup						Lentil Soup		
	Bread						Bread		
	Fruit Tea / Water						Fruit Tea		
	Cinnamon Roll						Cinnamon Roll		
WEDNESDAY	Chicken with Orange Sauce	Borekas	Fish With Teriyaki Sauce	Lentil & Veggie Nuggets	Semolina with Milk	Swiss Cookies	Lentil & Veggie Nuggets	Goulash	Gerber Puree
	Rice		Mung Bean Noodles	Mung Bean Noodles			Buckwheat	Buckwheat	
	Corn / Fresh Vegetables / Grilled Vegetables						Carrots + Corn	Carrots + Corn	
	Clear Chicken Soup / Vegetarian Soup						Clear Chicken Soup / Vegetarian Soup		
	Bread						Bread		
	Fruit Tea / Water						Water		
	Pear						Pear		
THURSDAY	Roasted Turkey Breast	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fish with Special Sauce	Ratatouille	Nioki	Toast with Jam	Ratatouille	Roasted Turkey Breast	Mini Bun with Cheese
	Buckwheat		Cous Cous	Cous Cous			Cous Cous	Cous Cous	
	Vegetables Salad / Fresh Vegetables / Cauliflower						Cucumbers	Cucumbers	
	Pumpkin Cream Soup						Pumpkin Cream Soup		
	Bread						Bread		
	Compote / Water						Strawberry Tea		
	Praline						Praline		
FRIDAY	Chicken Nuggets	Sausage	Wisconsin Fish	Paneer	Buckwheat with Milk	Apple Pie	Panir	Chicken Nuggets	Vanilla Muffin
	Penne	Mashed Potatoes	Kinoa With Vegetables	Kinoa With Vegetables			Mashed Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	
	Broccoli/ Tomatoes Salad / Fresh Vegetables						Broccoli	Broccoli	
	Borsch / Buckwheat Soup						Buckwheat Soup		
	Bread						Bread		
	Lemonade / Water						Lemonade		
	Merengues						Muffin		



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2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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



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Professional Development Days
 (No School)

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