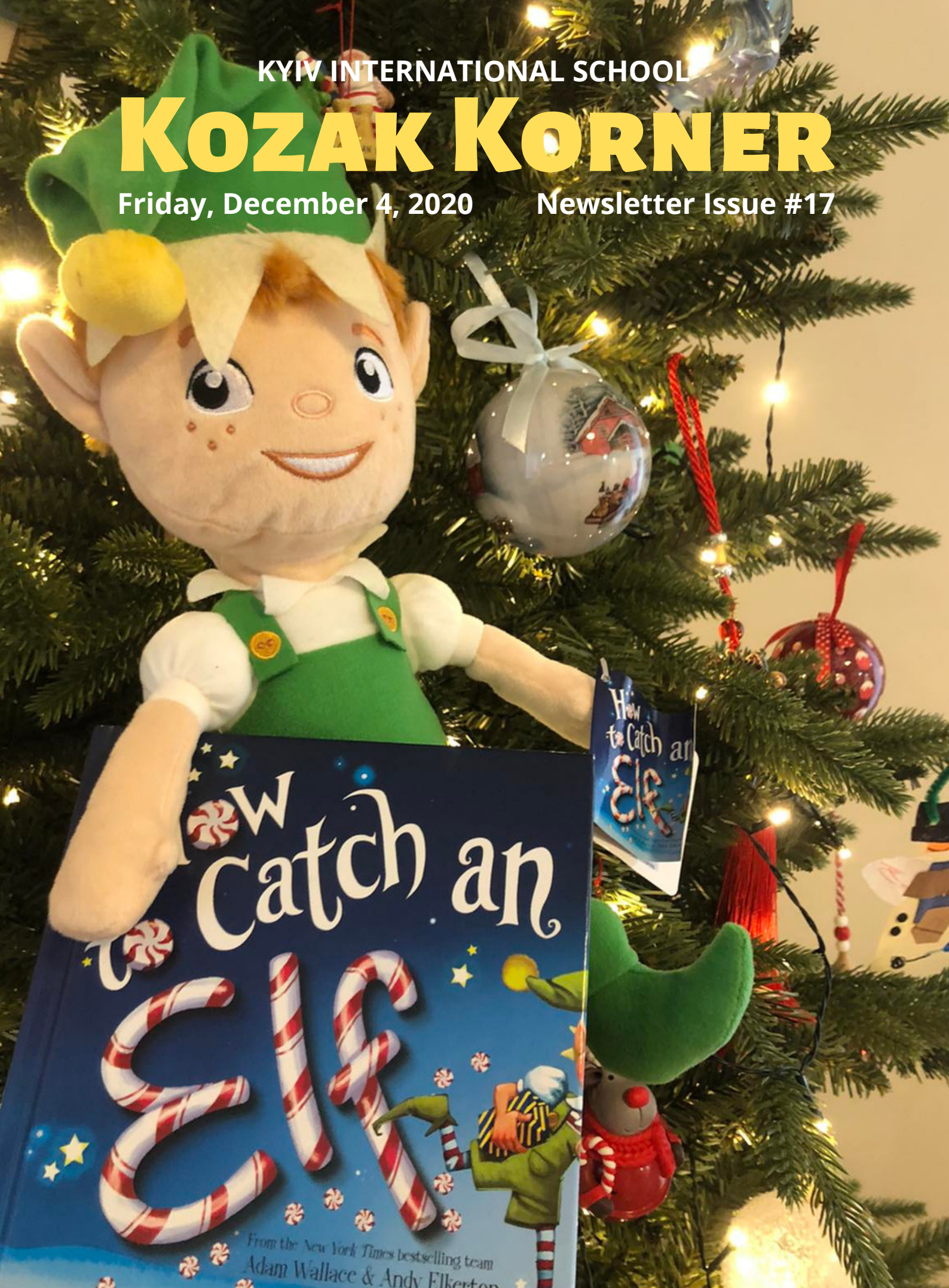


KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

KOZAK KORNER

Friday, December 4, 2020

Newsletter Issue #17





DECEMBER 2020

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



School Fees

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

Join Us For PTO
Preschool/Elementary

HOLIDAY



Festival

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17TH - FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST

PTO ZOOM BREAKOUT ROOMS

Kyiv Time

TIME MAY VARY DEPENDING ON THE SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES PATTERN
LOOK FOR THE INDIVIDUAL POSTERS!



Festive Holiday Fundraiser Ideas! / December 7th – January 1st

Holiday Selfie Zone! / December 7th - December 18th

Winter Performances! / Thursday, December 17th

Milk & Cookies Holiday Stories / Thursday, December 17th

Cocoa & Cookies Holiday Stories / Thursday, December 17th

HOLIDAY BINGO NIGHT! - Monday, December 28th

Holiday PAJAMA PARTY!

Adventure on the NORTH POLE EXPRESS - Tuesday, December 29th

DONUTS with SANTA! - Wednesday, December 30th

COOKIES for a Cause! / Wednesday, December 30th

Christmas Carols / Thursday, December 31st

Contact PTO Elementary Liaison at +380(50)353-89-56 with any questions or to sign up to volunteer or contribute to the Zoom Breakout Rooms ideas for this event!



US Marines and NHS in collaboration with the PTO



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

December 7th - December 18th

Helping Kids @ The Father's House Orphanage

**Please Bring a Brand New Toy Unwrapped
or Kids Brand New Clothes with a tag
to the Following Stations:**

Preschool/Elementary Office
students only

Main Entrance/ Front Guard Check
students & parents

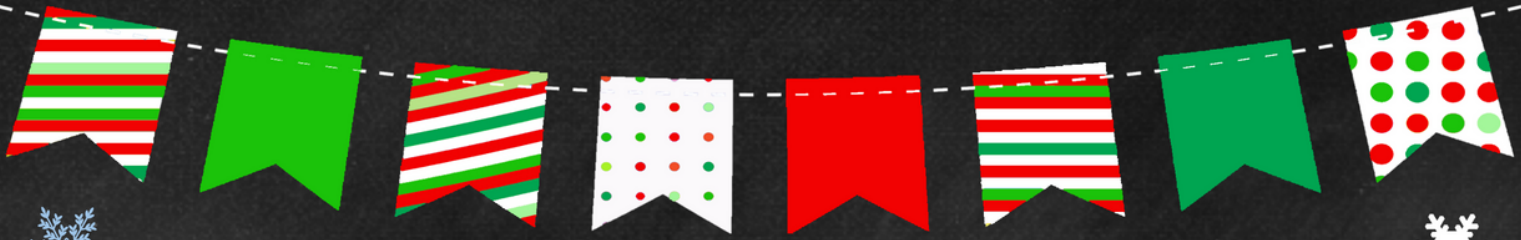
Main Reception/ Front Desk
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Middle School Office/ Front Desk
students only

Secondary school/ Front Desk
students only

**Toys Will Be Distributed
to Kids at the Annual
Christmas Party**





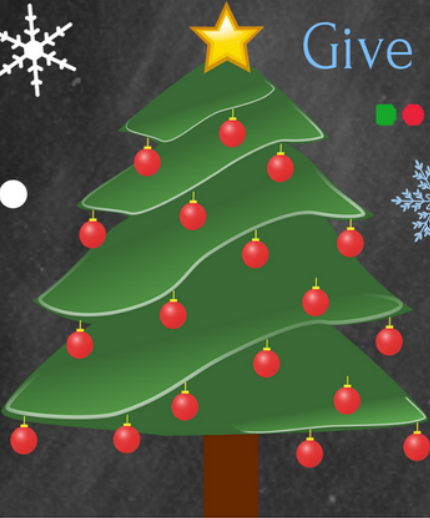
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HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE



December 7th - December 18th



Give The Gift of Literacy and Reading to Kids!



**Please Bring a Brand New Book
Unwrapped to the Following Stations:**

**A Book Is A Gift
That You Can
Open Over &
Over Again!**

Preschool/Elementary Office

students only

Main Entrance / Front Guard Check

parents & students

Main Reception / Front Desk

students only

Middle School Office / Front Desk

students only

Secondary school / Front Desk

students only



**Books Will Be Distributed to Kids from
the Father's House Orphanage at the Annual Christmas Party**

HOLIDAY SELFIE ZONE

DECEMBER 7th - DECEMBER 18th

8:10 AM - 3:35 PM



HAVE YOU TAKEN
YOUR PHOTO YET?

777 HOLIDAY LANE - SCHOOL LOBBY

HOLIDAY MUSIC

AND An "INSTA" MERCY from THE ELVES TOO!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Organized by the School PTO

For more info contact PTO Elementary Liaison at +380(50)353-89-56



**MSA stands for Middle States Association Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools.**

MSA aspires to improve the quality of education in the United States and around the world by assisting schools to achieve excellence through the process of accreditation, affirming to the public a member school's trustworthiness and commitment to continuous improvement, and providing the network and resources for the promotion of proven practices. 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



Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools

In November we sent out surveys to parents, staff, and students that asked questions about how our school is meeting the standards. Then, KIS staff continued to work in committees to extrapolate the data from those surveys. We worked together to discuss the strengths and weaknesses that our school was showing within the standards. We started to create action plans to move forward.

Parents, we invite you to join in these conversations during a Zoom Room Coffee Chat on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 10am.

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

password: **coffeechat**

We also invite you to join one of the Committees.

If interested, please email Corene Anderson at corene-anderson@kyiv.qsi.org.

To learn more about MSA, visit their website: www.msa-cess.org.



KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

COVID REPORTING PROCEDURES

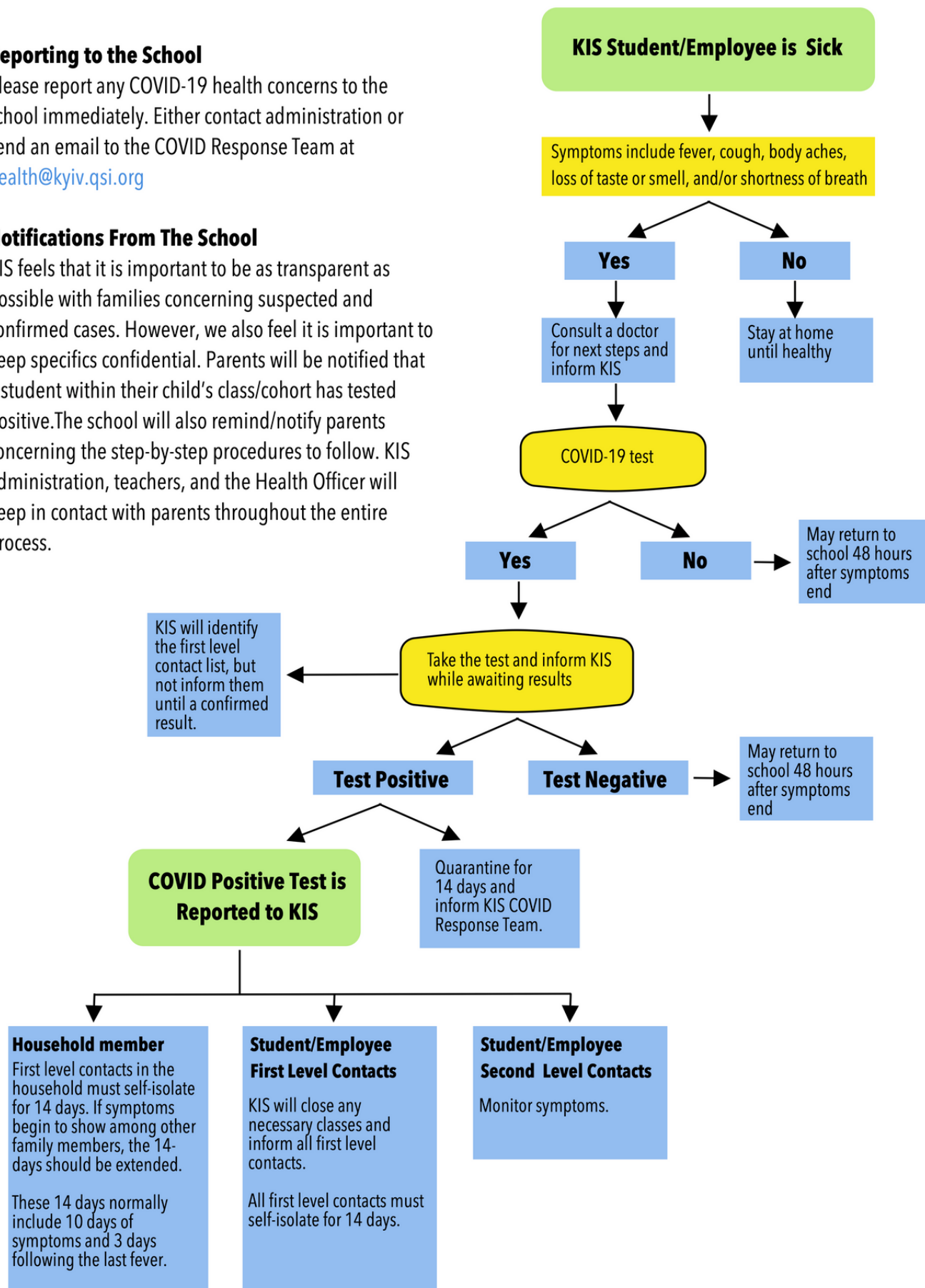
FLOWCHART

Reporting to the School

Please report any COVID-19 health concerns to the school immediately. Either contact administration or send an email to the COVID Response Team at health@kyiv.qsi.org

Notifications From The School

KIS feels that it is important to be as transparent as possible with families concerning suspected and confirmed cases. However, we also feel it is important to keep specifics confidential. Parents will be notified that a student within their child's class/cohort has tested positive. The school will also remind/notify parents concerning the step-by-step procedures to follow. KIS administration, teachers, and the Health Officer will keep in contact with parents throughout the entire process.





FESTIVE WINTER SONGS

KIS preschool and early elementary students were incredibly excited this week because of snow right at the beginning of winter.

They sang songs about snowmen, mittens, jingle bells, and the festive winter season. The children sang "I Love Winter" and cheerfully expressed their holiday spirit with the song, "Let's Celebrate". The festive songs certainly got us into a jolly, holiday mood, ready for the winter celebrations.



this the season for...

ELF TRAPS



In the Middle School, we wear our KOZAK STRONG t-shirts to remind ourselves that TOGETHER,

WE ARE **KOZAK** STRONG!



#kozakstrong

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ANATOLIY RUDENKO

SECONDARY IV

"Every challenge is an opportunity to grow as an individual"



LET'S GET PERSONAL

RANDOM QUESTIONS ANSWERED

A word to describe me- Outgoing. I try to take every opportunity that I can that could help me grow as an individual.

When I was younger, I participated in sports dance and art. I received many medals in both, such as 2nd place in Ukraine in a sport ballet dance contest and 1st place in Ukraine in an art contest.

My go-to activity to relieve stress is playing basketball. Sometimes I go out and play basketball by myself whenever I feel overwhelmed by something, whether it be about school or about something else.

In 20 years, I see myself as hopefully having my own company relating to the IT business, specifically computer programming and machine programming.



RUDENKO TALKS ABOUT HIS KIS EXPERIENCES

Best HS experience: "The Football Trip to Tel Aviv. I enjoyed this trip due the opportunity that we had to explore the country of Israel together with our football team and play football against the local school, clubs, and a club from another country."

Best part about school: "is the opportunity to study courses that I am interested in. The worst part is that sometimes, in the IB program, the work load is quite large."

Ideal Class: "Any class where the teacher is passionate about teaching the subject and where I have my friends and people who I enjoy spending time with, as well as students who are also interested in the subject. My perfect class at KIS is IB Higher Level Math."

Siblings at School: "It is quite confusing having my brother in the HS with me. I am used to him being either in elementary school and middle school, but seeing him every day in the HS building seems strange to me. I am used to him being smaller and younger, but now, with him studying in the HS with me, it seems strange."



This year has been a unique and challenging one for the secondary student council. With new safety protocols and the division of cohorts, the stuco members have had to step up their game to keep the Kozak spirit high. From online "Among Us" tournaments to hoodie designing competitions, the student council has tried to incorporate new events with the idea of creating a strong community at the centre of it all. Right now, stuco members are putting up winter decorations in the secondary building, giving out hot chocolate, and organizing candy grams for the student body to end the quintile in a fun and festive spirit. Even with the limitations of the pandemic, student council is finding new ways to engage students, get creative, and make an exciting year for everyone!





FRENCH CLUB

The next week, HS and MS francophones will have the first session of French Club, on **Thursday 10th, at 5.30 pm**. This event will take place on Zoom (all details are in the invitation). Please, join us, if you speak French, and want to practice this beautiful language.

We will talk about the end of the year holidays (les fêtes de la fin de l'année), share some interesting stories that happened to us at that period of time in the past, watch fun videos, sing our favorite songs, learn a good recipe... See you there!

Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année 2021!





The Benefits of Audiobooks

You may have thought audiobooks were just for students or adults who had trouble with reading, or for people who are too lazy to pick up a book. In fact, there are multiple benefits to audiobooks, and you may find that audiobooks may be the key to your student loving books.

Audiobooks may be a welcome alternative

Perhaps your student struggles with reading. They may be in a novel study for class and the act of reading the book is causing negative responses. Audiobooks may be a way for your student to connect with the book and enjoy the book without having to struggle with sounding out the words.

Audiobooks can help improve your comprehension and vocabulary

Listening to the narrator will increase the mind's ability to comprehend what is happening in the story because the student is not so focused on sounding out words. Being able to hear higher-level vocabulary will increase the listener's understanding of these words.

Can help improve pronunciation and fluency

Listening to audiobooks can increase your fluency and pronunciation. You will be able to hear the narrator pronounce the different words. You will be able to hear the pauses, stresses, and speed which is crucial for fluency.

Builds critical listening skills

To fully understand an audiobook, the listener must listen attentively. With practice, your student will build their critical thinking and judgment.

Improve focus, attention span, memory

When listening to an audiobook, you need to stay focused to understand what is happening. Combining the audiobooks with following along in the book will help maintain this focus. Students will not tire as easily while listening to an audiobook.

Audiobooks may help our brains better imagine the story

The narrator can help to enhance the flow and feel of the story. This will help the listener to create images in their mind and imagine what characters look like and what they are doing. This will help the listener to better understand the plot and character development.

We highly recommend supplementing your student's library books with audiobooks!

Here are some great websites to sign up and start enjoying audiobooks:



National Art Honor Society

The National Art Honor Society "recognizes high school students who demonstrate an outstanding ability and interest in art and promotes the highest standards in art scholarship, character, and service by bringing art education to the attention of the school and community."

At Kyiv International School, NAHS has been meeting via zoom once a week and at school during Kozak 30 on Mondays and Tuesdays.

They are currently working to collect donations for charity and holding a raffle for this.





Socially Distant Choir

Contact Ms. Geary,
Mr. A or Mrs. A
for details.

Looking for
Singers!

Pick a Part!
Learn It!
Record Yourself!
Email it Over!



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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