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Final Report Card Distribution

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Message from the editor

"Welcome to the third and final edition of the ABS Times for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. It has been a year unlike any other. No one could have anticipated that we'd be a year and a half online, but we've done it. This year has brought on so many changes, so many differences, and so many uncertainties. Yet, there has still been moments of joy, learning, and growth. We are so proud of everything that you've done to make it to the end of this year.

As we close out this year and look ahead to the Summer Break, we hope that you take some time to appreciate how you've grown this year. As we prepare to have you back in school in September (inshallah), we hope that you bring the excellence, patience, and diligence that you've displayed all year.

To the Class of 2021, congratulations! As you all move on to different paths, universities, and goals, just know that through it all, we are so proud of you for enduring an unprecedented senior year. We look forward to hearing all about your wonderful accomplishments in the future!

This edition of the ABS Times contains our usual coverage of events that have occurred on ABS's campus during these past several weeks. In addition, we have also added extended staff interviews, student articles, and overall experiences of online events.

Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who continue to help support the ABS Times and ABS community as a whole. Enjoy the final edition, and may Allah continue to bless Kuwait.

Spotlight

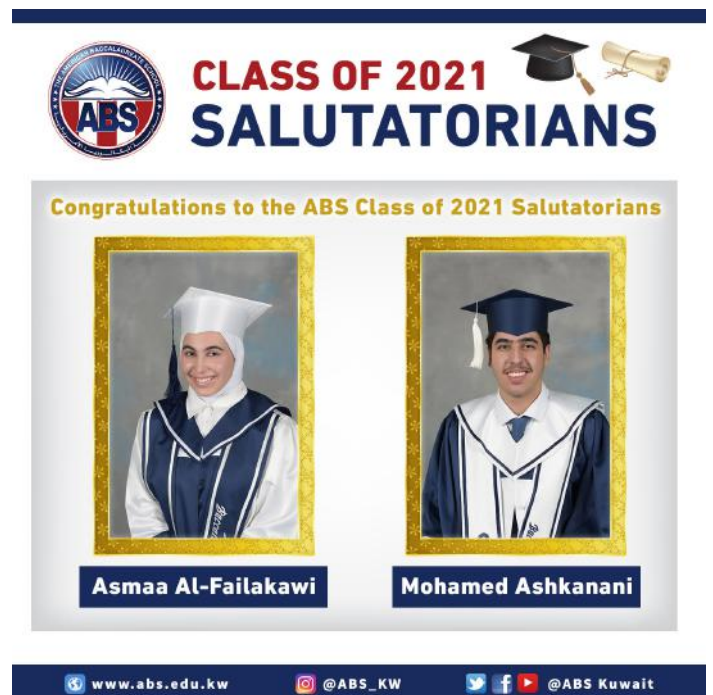
CoderZ Challenge

For the last month, three ABS students, Ali Al-Mazeedi 8BA, Ali Al-Mutairi 8BB, Ahmad Al-Matar 8BB have been actively participating in CoderZ challenge. This is an international Coding/Robotics competition for middle school students that aims to unleash student creativity through the challenges that involve robotics, problem-solving, and STEAM education. This year, thirteen teams from different countries (UAE, Armenia, Georgia, Russia, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, and Palestine) were competing. During the competition, ABS was shining bright as we gained the **SECOND** place! We are so proud of this great accomplishment for our students, and we would like to take this time to say "Congratulations".



Female Diversity Award

ABS has earned the College Board AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award for achieving high female representation in AP Computer Science Principles for the 2020-2021 school year. We are proud of our students enrolled in our Advanced Placement Classes here at ABS.



Teachers Corner

Online School Poem

This one is for the teachers in Kuwait
The first of March is a special date
It marks one year of lessons on Zoom
It marks one year of an empty classroom

Initial excitement of a "week off school"
Reality soon hit with the government's rule
Then we hoped for a September resumption
Looking back now, what a silly assumption

Whether Google Classroom or Microsoft Teams
We're still telling kids to stop sharing memes
Last year's students missed a proper goodbye
This year's students didn't get a proper hi

New classroom rules have come to us all
This is what happens with a video call
"Mute yourself" or "Share your screen"
No more "Mr., what do you mean?"

We miss the smiles and the chatty sound
It's sad to see the empty playground
But our students bring us pride each day
We admire you as you navigate your way

I hope I won't write a similar poem next year
Unfortunately, the future isn't so clear
But we keep moving forward as best we can
To all my students, I'm your biggest fan



Written By
Mr. Daragh Meredith

Teacher Interviews

By: Foutouh Al-Bader, Zaina Al-Omar, Yousef Al-Qassar



Ms. Sara Ashraf

Q. Why did you decide to become a teacher?

A. Ever since I was a little girl, I dreamt of being a teacher/instructor. I always had the talent of explaining lessons to my classmates who would gather around me before tests and I would help them with their revision.

Q. What made you choose this school?

A. I had the opportunity to design my own course, the Advanced Applied Engineering. I really like the work environment. For me, it is a respectful place to work in.

Q. What made you want to teach "Advanced Engineering and Math?"

A. I am originally an Engineer, so both courses are the core of my studies. Applied Engineering is an interesting course to teach as it is a new course, I have never heard of any school in Kuwait that offers such a project-based course, and I have a lot of experience designing this course as I used to teach similar things in college.



Mr. Imad
Darwiche

Q. Do you believe you have an advantage over newer teachers since you've been here for so long?

A. Of course, I can say that I met many teachers and I think I have a good impact on some of them.

Q. How does it feel to be the HOD of such an important subject?

A. It is a great responsibility for any HOD since his job is to make sure that all the teachers in the department are on their tasks and submitting their work on time.

Q. What are the advantages and disadvantages that come with being HOD?

A. Being a HOD is an opportunity to discover various problems that teachers and students face since we have different personalities. The disadvantage is that sometimes you feel like there is not enough time to finish your work.



Mr. Mohamed
Soliman

Q. Did you work at any other school in Kuwait before ABS?

A. I worked at a Bilingual school before working at ABS and I am privileged to be a part of the ABS Family.

Q. Where are you from and how many years have you been in Kuwait?

A. I'm from America; I was born and raised in New Jersey, that's where I call home since all my friends and family are there. I have been in Kuwait for a little over a year now.

Q. Do you have any advice for all of your students?

A. The best advice I can give my students is, don't feel like you need to have everything all figured out. As a teenager, I used to think that I would have everything figured out by the time I finished school or college at least. But believe it or not, I still don't feel as if I have everything figured out, and I don't think I ever will. Life is a continual journey of learning and maturing, learn to enjoy the journey!

Commendations - Elementary

Exceptional Members of the ABS Family

Here at the American Baccalaureate School, we believe in showing our appreciation for hard work and doing an exceptional job. Each month, both the students and the staff are recognized for going above and beyond as role models for what exceptional members of the ABS family should be. These individuals are honored by being named the students, teachers, or staff members of the respective month. Here at the ABS Times, we appreciate these outstanding individuals and want to recognize them once again for everything they do for us and for ABS. Take a look at the pictures, and next time you see one of these wonderful Wildcats, tell them how much you appreciate them and congratulate them for being student of the month.

Students of the Month - Elementary



Bader Al-Adwani
Grade 1A
Student of the Month
March



Saad Al-Rasheed
Grade 2A
Student of the Month
March



Aljoud Al-Beeshi
Grade 3A
Student of the Month
March



Fahad Al-Lafi
Grade 4A
Student of the Month
March



Aljazi Al-Mutairi
Grade 5C
Student of the Month
March



Suhaib Al-Roomi
Grade 1E
Student of the Month
April



Badreya Al-Thuwaikh
Grade 2B
Student of the Month
April



Deema Al-Mutairi
Grade 3B
Student of the Month
April



Hamad Meshari
Grade 4E
Student of the Month
April



Layan Dawood
Grade 5E
Student of the Month
April



Amer Sadeqi
Grade 1B
Student of the Month
May



Nada Al-Nusif
Grade 2C
Student of the Month
May



Aisha Al-Monaifi
Grade 3C
Student of the Month
May



Dhari Al-Deyain
Grade 4B
Student of the Month
May



David Haddad
Grade 5A
Student of the Month
May

Great job!

Congratulations!



Commendations - MSHS

What a rollercoaster of a year it has been! Given all the setbacks, students have exceeded all expectations! In particular, the Students of the Month have gone above and beyond than just their studies alone, and have been model students throughout the entire year.

Each month, our teachers vote for a magnitude of students. As a team, it is so difficult to decide as we have so many truly amazing students. This year, we had so many votes, we had to increase the number of students selected each month! Keep on shining and being fantastic role models, we are proud of each and every one of you!

Students of the Month - Middle School



Jenan Al-Saqran
Grade 6GB
Student of the Month
March



Moonuy Al-Enezi
Grade 7GA
Student of the Month
March



Sara Al-Enezi
Grade 8GB
Student of the Month
March



Barrak Al-Osaimi
Grade 6BC
Student of the Month
March



Hamad Al-Oudah
Grade 7BC
Student of the Month
March



Dhari Al-Aradah
Grade 8BA
Student of the Month
March



Lulwa Al-Kazemi
Grade 6GA
Student of the Month
April



Jana Al-Refaei
Grade 7GB
Student of the Month
April



Zainah Al-Awadi
Grade 8GA
Student of the Month
April



Deyain Al-Deyain
Grade 6BB
Student of the Month
April



Abdulmohsen Behbehani
Grade 7BC
Student of the Month
April



Ahmad Al-Matar
Grade 8BB
Student of the Month
April



Nourah Al-Ghanem
Grade 6GB
Student of the Month
May



Noor Al-Masoud
Grade 7GA
Student of the Month
May



Noura Al-Sumait
Grade 8GB
Student of the Month
May



Abdulaziz Al-Khalidi
Grade 6BC
Student of the Month
May



Muath Al Omar
Grade 7BA
Student of the Month
May



Mohammad Al-Harbi
Grade 8BA
Student of the Month
May

Students of the Month - High School



Sabeekah Al-Babtain
Grade 9GB
Student of the Month
March



Loulwa Al-Rashed
Grade 10GB
Student of the Month
March



Shaha Buresli
Grade 11GA
Student of the Month
March



Sarah Swayed
Grade 12GB
Student of the Month
March

Commendations - MSHS



Abdullah Al-Meseb
Grade 9BC
Student of the Month
March



Hussain Redha
Grade 10BA
Student of the Month
March



Jasem Al-Shehab
Grade 11BC
Student of the Month
March



Sultan Al-Sharji
Grade 12BB
Student of the Month
March



Suaad Al-Fulaij
Grade 9GA
Student of the Month
April



Dhay Al-Rifai
Grade 10GA
Student of the Month
April



Jana Al-Matouq
Grade 11GB
Student of the Month
April



Asmaa AlFailakawi
Grade 12GA
Student of the Month
April



Abdulaziz Al-Awadh
Grade 9BA
Student of the Month
April



Shamlan Al-Khaldi
Grade 10BB
Student of the Month
April



Shaheen Al-Abdulsalam
Grade 11BA
Student of the Month
April



Omar Al-Awadi
Grade 12BA
Student of the Month
April



Latifah Al-Tabtabai
Grade 9GA
Student of the Month
May



Raghad Al-Shereedah
Grade 10GA
Student of the Month
May



Mariam Al-Noumas
Grade 11GA
Student of the Month
May



Jana Al-Modaian
Grade 12GB
Student of the Month
May



Abdulaziz Al-Houlan
Grade 9BA
Student of the Month
May



Zaid Al-Shaijy
Grade 10BA
Student of the Month
May



Naser Sadeqi
Grade 11BA
Student of the Month
May



Abdulaziz Al-Muraikhi
Grade 12BA
Student of the Month
May

Commendations - Staff

Staff of the Month - Elementary



Sarah Dooley
Teacher of the Month
March



Lina Shamseddine
Arabic Teacher of the
Month - March



Haleema Chand
Teaching Assistant of
the Month - March



Mailka Benjamin
Teacher of the Month
April



Azza Al Jandali
Arabic Teacher of the
Month - April



Zainab Vora
Teaching Assistant of
the Month - April



Arika Beverly
Teacher of the Month
May



Heba Jamal
Arabic Staff of the
Month - May



Varalakshmi Sammeta
Teaching Assistant of
the Month - May

Staff of the Month - MSHS



Mohamed Hashim
Staff of the Month
March



Abdulatif Al-Shazly
Arabic Staff of the Month
March



Mamdouh Ali
Staff of the Month
April



Abdullah Eltoukhey
Arabic Staff of the Month
April



Mahmoud Elnady
Staff of the Month
May



Mohamed Saad
Arabic Staff of the Month
May

Staff of the Month - KG



Doaa Kilani
Teacher of the Month
March



Rachelle Parsons
Staff of the Month
April



Edona Neziri
Teacher of the Month
May

The 2020-2021 school year has been an historical one; none of us foreseen this coming, yet we have adapted seamlessly. The success achieved this year could not have been accomplished without the dedication of our teachers. We are extremely proud of all of our staff.

In particular we would like to spotlight the staff who have gone above and beyond in setting exemplary standards for students and staff alike. We appreciate you! Your work and dedication are invaluable. Thank you for making the 2020-2021 school year possible!

KG Super Stars

KG1 - March 4th



Mohammad Al-Sultan
KG1A



Ahmad Al-Buraidi
KG1C



Laura Al-Rashidi
KG1D

KG2 - March 3rd



Mohammed Al-Anjari
KG2A



Ghaneemah Al-Asousi
KG2B



Suad Al-Ajmi
KG2C



Shaikhah Al-Khurafi
KG2D

KG1 - March 9th



Sula Al-Rasheed
KG1A



Amal Bin Rezq
KG1C



Bader Al-Dosari
KG1D

KG2 - March 10th



Salman Al-Arbeed
KG2A



Hessah Al-Azemi
KG2B



Muhammad Al-Kandari
KG2C



Abdullah Al-Abdullah
KG2D

KG1 - March 18th



Loulwah Al-Ghanem
KG1A



Sanad Al-Waalan
KG1C



Hind Al-Osaimi
KG1D

KG2 - March 17th



Adnan Al-Marei
KG2A



Haya Al-Saeed
KG2B



Nhayyan Al-Otaibi
KG2C



Bassam Al-Daihani
KG2D

KG1 - March 25th



Abdulkareem Al-Monaifi
KG1A



Fay Al-Awadhi
KG1C



Fares Mohammad
KG1D

KG2 - March 24th



Sarah Al-Busairi
KG2A



Fajer Al-Jabri
KG2B



Hamad Al-Rabiah
KG2C



Mohrah Al-Rasheedi
KG2D

KG1 - April 1st



Yousef Khajah
KG1A



Ajwan Al-Sabah
KG1C



Suad Al-Resheedy
KG1D

KG2 - March 31st



Ahmad Al-Marei
KG2A



Rasheed Al-Jassar
KG2B



Alnajlaa Al-Arbeed
KG2C



Raghad Al-Rasheedi
KG2D

KG Super Stars & Events

KG1 - April 15th



Ali Al-Batni
KG1A



Loulwah Al-Osaimi
KG1C



Othman Al-Roomi
KG1D



Naser Al-Juraiwi
KG2A



Sohaib Saleh
KG2B



Abdulrahim Koujan
KG2C



Abdullah Al-Nomas
KG2D

KG2 - April 14th

KG1 - April 22nd



Omar Jasem
KG1A



Thamer Al-Rasheed
KG1C



Taibah Al-Noumas
KG1D



Nawal Al-Wazzan
KG2A



Nezar Al-Terkait
KG2B



Ahmad Al-Nejadah
KG2C

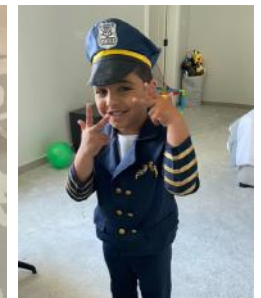


Abdulaziz Al-Enezi
KG2D

KG2 - April 22nd

STEM Career Days

The Kindergarten Department celebrated STEM Career Day for KG2 on March 8th and for KG1 on March 9th. Students were encouraged to wear a STEM related costume of their choice during the assembly and online classes. We had many doctors, teachers, scientists and engineers! Our students' futures are bright!



KG Events

KG Mother's Day Assemblies

In honor of our wonderful KG Mothers, the Kindergarten Department celebrated Mother's Day for KG2 on March 17th and for KG1 on March 18th during our regular morning assembly. We invited all KG moms to join us as we expressed our heartfelt thanks for their unwavering strength, devotion, inspiration that they give each and every day. We hope all of our KG moms had the best and most well-deserved mother's day!



Scientific Center Virtual Field Trip – Ocean Habitat

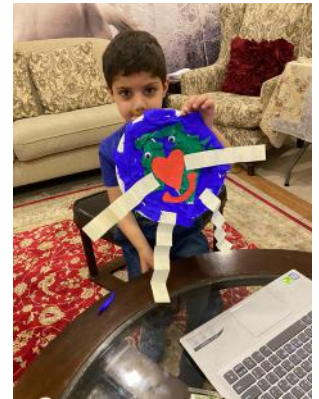
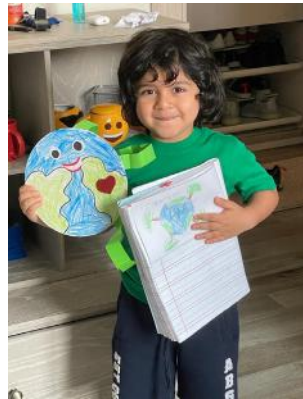
Our KG students attended a virtual field trip with The Scientific Center for KG2 on March 8th and for KG1 on March 9th. They learned about ocean habitats and had the opportunity learn about different sea creatures and marine life. It was oceans of fun!



KG Events

Earth Day Assembly

The KG Department celebrated Earth Day on Thursday, April 22nd during the morning assembly. The students listened to a special Earth Day song together about ways to keep the world beautiful, they were encouraged to wear blue and green to commemorate the day and they all made wonderful Earth Day themed crafts in their online classes.



Girgian Day

The KG Department celebrated Girgian with a special Girgian themed assembly for KG2 on Wednesday, April 28th and for KG1 on Thursday, April 29th. The KG students were encouraged to wear their festive Girgian attire to commemorate this fun holiday.



KG Events

KG Spring Term Assessments

The KG Department conducted their Spring Term Assessments from May 2nd to May 11th for all KG1 and KG2 students. Assessments were administered on-campus according to a special appointment. We were so happy to see our students and are so proud of their accomplishments this school year!



KG2 Class of 2021

Congratulations Graduates

The KG department would like to give a huge congratulations to the 2021 KG2 Graduates. ABS is extremely proud of each and every one of you; the progression this year has been immense. Students have grown so much and we cannot wait to see great things from them in their future endeavors in Elementary School. Our graduation was a momentous event. Although it was not in person, it was just as special and heartwarming.

Graduates of KG2A

- Abdullah Boodai
- Adnan Al-Marei
- Adwan Al-Adwani
- Ahmad Al-Marei
- Alanoud Al-Roudhan
- Khaled Al-Hajery
- Khaled Al-Othman
- Khaled Al-Zaid
- Mohammed Al-Anjari
- Mona Al-Anjari
- Najd Al-Osaimi
- Naser Al-Juraiwi
- Nawal Al-Wazzan
- Nawar Al-Henaidi
- Salman Al-Arbeed
- Sarah Al-Busairi
- Shaikha Al-Mudhaf
- Yousef Al-Kandari



Graduates of KG2B

- Abdulaziz Zaman
- Abdulmohsen Zaman
- Aeshah Al-Howais
- Bader Al-Shetteli
- Bibi Al-Shemali
- Duaij Al-Own
- Fajer Al-Jabri
- Ghaneemah Al-Asousi
- Haya Al-Saeed
- Hessah Al-Azemi
- Nezar Al-Terkait
- Rasheed Al-Jassar
- Saud Al-Ajmi
- Sohaib Saleh
- Yaqoub Mataqi
- Yousef Rashed



Graduates of KG2C

- Abdullah Al-Hamdan
- Abdulrahim Koujan
- Ahmad Al-Nejadah
- Ali Jasem
- Aliah Abdulghafour
- Alnajlaa Al-Arbeed
- Deema Al-Ajmi
- Fatmah Al-Sabah
- Hamad Al-Rabiah
- Mosaab Al-Enezi
- Muhammad Al-Kandari
- Nhayyan Al-Otaibi
- Nourah Al-Otaibi
- Omar Al-Rashed
- Roukaia Abdelrahim
- Suad Al-Ajmi
- Sulaiman Al-Failakawi



Graduates of KG2D

- Abdalrahman Hassan
- Abdulaziz Al-Enezi
- Abdullah Al-Abdullah
- Abdullah Al-Nomas
- Ahmad Al-Saeed
- Alghala Esbaitah
- Bassam Al-Daihani
- Dalal Al-Abdulsalam
- Kareem Galal
- Mohammad Al-Majed
- Mohammad Al-Sahoo
- Mohrah Al-Rasheedi
- Raghad Al-Rasheedi
- Reem Al-Nassar
- Saud Al-Otaibi
- Shaikhah Al-Khurafi
- Sulaiman Al-Fahad



Elementary Vibes

On-Campus Assessments

Grade 1-5 students were invited back on campus for additional assessments which will help our leadership team prepare for the upcoming school year. Students and teachers have missed having school on campus. Seeing students on campus gives us a glimmer of hope for what is to come in the upcoming school year. We hope for a return to normalcy!



Assessment Achievers

Students were invited back to campus for testing including round 3 MAP. Strict procedures, including temperature screening, wearing masks, and social distancing were followed to ensure the safety of all students and faculty. We are so proud of all our students and the growth they have achieved this challenging year.

Grade - 1



Bader Al-Adwani
Grade 1A



Ali Bahzad
Grade 1B



Amer Al-Osaimi
Grade 1C



Fatimah Al-Qezwini
Grade 1D

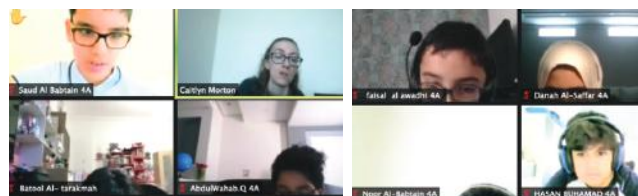


Suhaib Al-Roomi
Grade 1E



Class Spotlight - Safari

The 2020-2021 school year has been a wild adventure to say the least. Students and teachers have had to adapt. And while the journey has been long and hard, it has also been filled with rewards. Online learning will never replace the experience in a live classroom, but it can take you anywhere. On a Tuesday morning at 10:30, 4A students were able to zoom to Kenya and go on a safari. Ms. Caitlyn “stemmed up” an ELA lesson on character traits and adjectives, and instructed students to create advertisements for their own Kenyan Safari. Online learning has pushed students and teachers to utilize tools that may have been left unexplored.



Elementary Vibes

Top MAP Achievers

MAP High Achievers (Grades 2-5) Reading



Amnah Abdullah
Grade 2A



Ghala Al-Sewaiseh
Grade 3E



Feras Boukhamsin
Grade 4D



Reem Al-Terkait
Grade 5C

MAP High Achievers (Grades 2-5) Math



Mohammed Al-Rashoud
Grade 2D



Zahrah Al-Bahan
Grade 3A



Ali Al-Mazeedi
Grade 4D



Mohamed Abdulrahman
Grade 5A

MAP High Achievers (Grades 2-5) Language



Mohammad Al-Failakawi
Grade 2A



Sayed Hashim Behbehani
Grade 3E



Ghala Al-Sewaiseh
Grade 3E



Nour Al-Babtain
Grade 4A



Faeqah Al-Refaei
Grade 5

CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR BOOK FAIR GIVEAWAY WINNER
@ALMUTAIRIRANIA

Rania Al-Mutairi
Grade 6GB

**RAMADAN
COMPETITION
WINNERS:**

- GRADE 1:** REEM AL SAMHAN, AMER AL OSAIMI, SUHAIB AL ROOMI, HAMAD AL BARRAK, AL JAWHARA AL ENEZI, SAAD AL RASHEED
- GRADE 2:** SANA AL TALEB, MARZOUQ AL HUMOUD, ABDULMALEK AL AENEZI
- GRADE 3:** SADEEM AL OSAIMAI, TAIBAH AL ANJARI, LULWA AL ANEZI, JAWA KATTAN, SAOUD ESMAEEL, ABDULLAH AL DHWEEHY
- GRADE 4:** DANAH AL SAFFAR, MANAL AL NOUMAS, RAYAN AL SUWAIDI, DHARI AL DEYAIN, 4E CLASS
- GRADE 5:** RUTAN AL HAMAD, DAVID HADDAD, MUNEEERA AL SUMAIT

Elementary Vibes - Grade 5 Spotlight

Grade 5 - Looking Back and Looking Ahead!

Congratulations to our Rising Grade 6 Students! We are so proud of all you've accomplished while in Elementary school. Here are a few memories from your time in Elementary. We wish you all the best in the years to come! We trust in our motto, that you are "learners today, leaders tomorrow!"



What was your favorite memory in Elementary?

"Learning new things and making new friends!" - Shaikhah Ben Awadh
 "The STEM day!" - Mohammed Jasem
 "Sports Day!" - Alzain Al-Dayen



What was your favorite class?

"Music, Math, and Art!" - Layan Al-Mashaan
 "Science and PE!" - Amnah Al-Asfour
 "5E this year, and 2C!" - Maryam Al-Saied



What are you most excited for in Middle School?

"To see the cafeteria, to meet new teachers, and to have new friends. But I will miss the Elementary teachers and principals." - Abdulmohsen Al-Kandari
 "Pretty much everything!" - Faris El-Meligi
 "I'm excited to learn new things!" - Reem Al Terkait



What advice would you give to younger students in Elementary?

"If you want to follow your dreams, you have to work for your dreams." - Mohamed Abdulrahman
 "Never give up, and try your best, no matter what anyone else says about you!" - Suad Al-Nusif
 "Have fun when you are studying!" - Ahmed Al-Marshed
 "Never give up and always believe in yourself!" - Manar Al-Enezi

Elementary Vibes

Messages from Grade 5

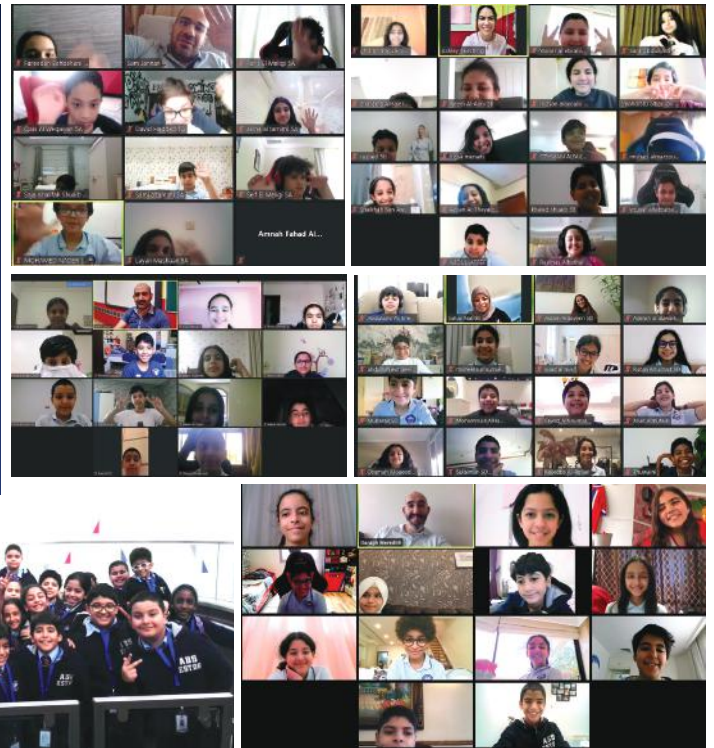
"I would like to thank everyone that helped me in my life of learning at ABS." - Shaikhah Ben Awadh

"I would like to thank all my teachers!" - Sami Al-Tamimi

"Thank you, teachers, for helping me understand the questions I don't understand." - Fareedah Behbehani

"Thanks to my family and teachers. If I didn't have them in my life, I would be lost." - Abdulmohsen Al-Enezi

"I would like to thank my family for believing in me and encouraging me!" - Yaqoub Al-Yaqout



Student Council Appreciation

Thank you to our wonderful Elementary Student Council volunteers. We are so proud of your achievements this year.

Messages from Student Council



I am proud of what we have done this year in Student Council. I am looking forward to coming up with new ideas for the elementary students. I hope this year's Student Council members were good role models for the elementary students.
- **Manal Al-Noumas - 4E**



I was so happy I got in Student Council because I never was in it before. In my first meeting, I was so excited to talk about what we should do to help the school. I love Student Council so much. It is so fun.
- **Faris El-Meligi - 5A**



I think being a member of the Student Council is nice. This is my first time ever being in the Student Council. Thank you.
- **Seif El-Meligi - 5A**



It was a pleasure to be a member of ABS Student Council 2020-2021. I am lucky to have this opportunity for many reasons. Student Council taught me to be responsible and confident. Also, I made new friends from different grades. The thing I most enjoyed was the teamwork! I am really excited to join again next year!
- **Zainah Al-Taleb - 4C**



I want to share how my experience to be one of this organization is. I may say, I am lucky to be a member of Student Council, because it's been a first week of meeting before I got in. They accepted me late because I sent my letter of application late too. I am happy to be a Student Council member because it makes me boost myself confidence, I meet some students in different classes and work with them well. I also developed my social skills. Student Council helped me a lot to become not just good leader but a better leader.
- **Layan Al-Enezi - 4C**



Even though my experience was during online school, I really enjoyed student council. Student Council is super fun, and it was very nice experiencing it
- **Aishah Al-Tamimi - 5A**

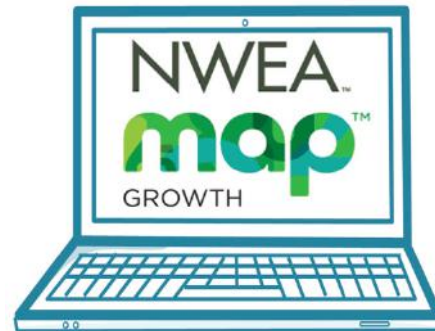


MSHS Corner

MAP Testing

By: Shaha Buresli 11GA

MAP Testing is one of the most accurate ways to measure a student's academic growth. ABS encouraged students to come on campus for two of the three rounds. The Fall round was done online as the pandemic was at its peak. However, for the winter and spring round, students were able to take it on campus, if they felt comfortable doing so. ABS made sure that a vast amount of safety precautions were put in place for those students who did come. The spring round was held on campus at the beginning of April. Students were spread over multiple locations on campus to ensure social distancing requirements were adhered too and a limited number of students came to campus for each session. Safety precautions were strictly followed by staff and students to ensure everyone was safe. The students who came to campus received academic rewards for their efforts.



Successful SAT Administration at ABS

By: Hessa Al-Deraan 11GA

The SAT is a standardized test widely used for college admissions in the United States. ABS regularly host SAT administrations throughout the year and are currently the only SAT testing center that is open in Kuwait. Students from all around Kuwait come to ABS to take the SAT. It is mandatory that ABS students take this standardized test for their College Seminar class as it helps them transition into planning for their future colleges. With the pandemic, ABS has taken extreme safety precautions with the conducting and hosting of this test. To elaborate, students must adhere to social distancing practices, masks must be worn at all times, and there are stations for hand sanitizer and tissues in each testing room and nurses are on site for the duration of the test to assist and take temperatures. In terms of the testing rooms, one proctor is in each classroom filled with at most 9 students, each desk is separated by a minimum of two meters. However, in larger areas such as the Big Gym and the Cafeterias, there are more students and more proctors who are equally spaced apart. Furthermore, visible signs were placed throughout the campus to help students find their way through the campus. Overall, the SAT testing day was a successful one as students and staff adhered to all the policies. Below are pictures of ABS students who successfully took the SAT in March.



AP Exams

By: Ahmed Al-Qabandi 12BA

Starting on Tuesday, the 4th of May, AP Exams commenced for AP students. AP Exams lasted until the 17th of May for students depending on the particular subject. AP exams are tests students have to undertake for the specific reason to determine whether students are ready for university. The AP exams in ABS are for: Tech, Calculus, Literature, Language, and Chemistry. AP exams will help the teachers and students gauge students' capabilities.

All the AP exams started at 8am and ended at the specific time that the teachers provided. The exams took place in the Big Gym, much like previous years, but with added changes. Given the spread of Covid-19, students had to comply with a particular set of rules to keep safe. Students and the desks that they provided were socially distanced, six feet apart, to ensure safety. Furthermore, students and faculty wore masks at all times.



Ramadan at ABS By: Abdulaziz Al-Muraikhi 12BA

Ramadan is Islam's holiest month in which Muslims fast throughout the day as a symbol of compassion to the poor. In addition, Ramadan is the time for people to display their devotion and love to God through prayer and reading the Quran. ABS accommodates the importance of Ramadan into its curriculum during this month. Firstly, students get to start later in the morning at 10:00am and classes finish at 2:00pm. This allows students to have more time to sleep and rest since most of the time is spent with family and performing night prayers. Thus, ABS respects its students' values as most of them are Muslims by decreasing the timing of each class.

Furthermore, ABS makes sure that non-Muslim teachers show respect to the fasting students by not eating or drinking in front of them. In addition, teachers are expected to decrease the amount of work they give to their students during Ramadan. Thus, the workload is lessened, which gives students enough time to practice their Ramadan rituals seamlessly. Although, classes are shorter during these days, students are still expected to maintain their academic standards by studying for and completing quizzes and tests. Thus, students still learn to finish the required curriculum but also receive spare time to enjoy this blessed time of year.



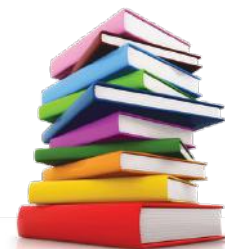
A Bookworm's Heaven: The Spring Book Fair

By: Mariam Al-Noumas 11GA

The Spring Book Fair is held every year at the American Baccalaureate School. This year it took place through Sunday, 28th March to Thursday, 1st April and was conducted by Spectra Wide Bookstore. Unlike other years, the book fair was virtual due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As students could not physically attend, they created a wish list of books they liked through a Spectra Wide Bookstore link.

In normal circumstances, the Book Fair would have a theme. For example, the last theme was Outer Space and the Galaxy, however, due to it being online this year, this posed some difficulty. It was a new experience to have the book sale be online, but the students enjoyed it very much. They had time during their English zoom classes to browse a catalogue of books for a range of age levels that are suitable for students K-12.



Orientation Assemblies By: Abdullah Al-Rasheed 11BA

On the days of April 11-13 ABS held Orientation Assemblies to help students rising to a significant year. It took place at 1pm during the fourth period. The assembly was made to help the 5th graders learn about middle school, the 8th graders to learn about high school and 11th graders to learn about their senior year. These assemblies are very helpful and effective. ABS brought in parents as well to help them understand what their child will be facing next year. All the expectations for the year to come was given to the students as well as students who experienced what these students are about too.

The assembly was made by Ms. Diana, Principals, and Student Volunteers whom all volunteered to help the rising students. They gave out the information to both students and parents. The goal of this assembly was to ease the transition of these students. Also, to avoid any problems students might face later. Overall, the Orientation Assemblies were made to benefit the students involved and teaches them what to expect.

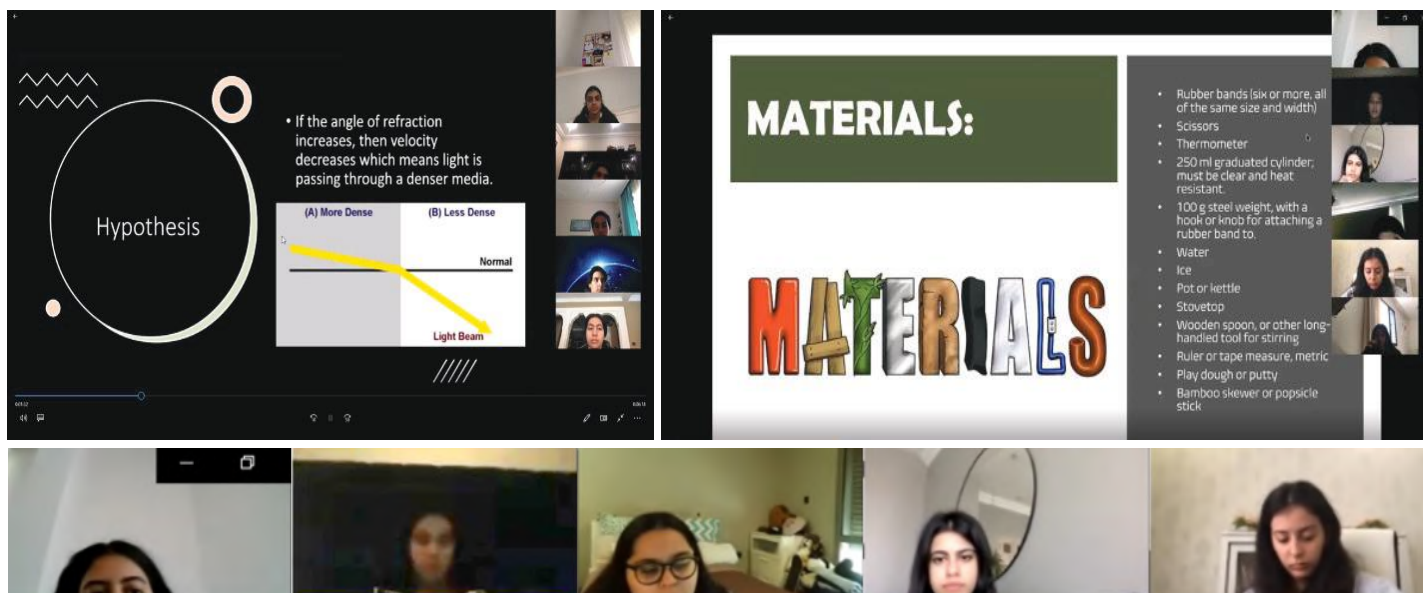


MSHS Corner

MSHS Science Fair

By: Shareefa Al-Sabah 11GB

Science fair is a competitive event whereby every student is responsible to make projects. These projects get displayed to visitors in order to share knowledge and interesting facts. This will in turn help both students and visitors (normally visitors are the parents) to expand their knowledge bounds. Due to the pandemic, the Science Fair competition was conducted online this year. There was a huge difference between the online Science Fair in comparison to the usual on-campus one. When on campus, there is a feeling of exhilaration throughout the entire campus and students are able to seek interactive guidance from teachers. Posters are displayed on the walls; students are excited to decorate their classes based on the given theme. Mostly, the theme of the projects is decided by respective teachers and students work hard eagerly trying to win the competition. Usually, on the Science Fair day, parents and other visitors visit the school and it is the responsibility of each student to give a demonstration of their projects. During the project displaying, other students visit different classes to gain knowledge and they make a note of what they have learned. Teachers are selected as judges and it is their responsibility to analyze and decide the best project, and that student will be rewarded for his hard work. The Science Fair competition this year were virtual presentations given by the students. Based on the content and the presentation skills, students were rewarded. Although it was less interactive, it was just as exciting and competitive. We enjoyed viewing each other's projects and we learnt just as much as any other year.



NHS Tutoring Scheme

Students from the National Honor Society have been working as volunteers to support Elementary students attending after-school online classes in both English and Maths. Under the guidance of Ms. Dima and Mr. Mahad from the Elementary Department 11 students were assigned to classes and supported sessions throughout the Semester. The students thoroughly enjoyed being able to spend time working with the younger students in school and being able to help them with their studies.

From the NHS students involved, we would like to give special mentions to Hoor Al-Quoba and Muluke Al-Mazeedi who completed over 6 hours of volunteering, Latifah Al-Kharafi who completed 7 1/2 hours and Alzain Al-Salem who managed to complete an amazing 12 hours of volunteering.



Hoor Al-Quoba
Grade 11GB



Muluke Al-Mazeedi
Grade 10GA



Latifah Al-Kharafi
Grade 10GB



Alzain Al-Salem
Grade 10GB

MSHS Corner & Event Spotlight

Seniors Graduating Class of 2021

ABS is so proud of all your achievements. You have truly excelled; especially considering the challenges you've had of enduring such an unconventional year. We wish you luck in your future endeavors and successes and look forward to seeing your extraordinary future accomplishments.

Congratulations Graduates



Final Parent Coffee - Special Guests & Speakers

For this very special occasion, we were pleased to invite Dr. Duna Al-Mashaan and Dr. Bibi Al-Amiri to be our special guests and speakers. Both women gave vital information about the topic "What do you need to support your child's mental and emotional health to prepare them for normal back to school life". The presentation was conducted in the ABS Boys Cafeteria, alongside the School Director Ms. Areej Al-Ghanim and the Principals where they discussed in detail next year's academic plans to support ABS students.



Dr. Bibi Al-Amiri

American Board in Adult, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. Trained at Harvard



Ms. Areej Al-Ghanim

ABS General Director



Ms. Amal Al-Minawi
ABS Senior Principal



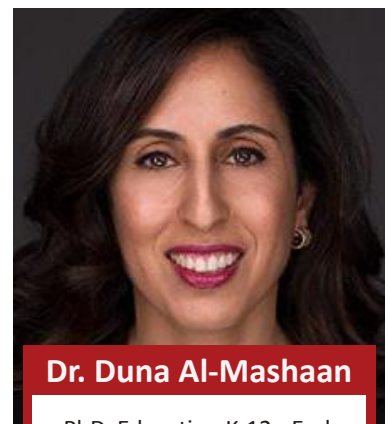
Mr. Mian Sadiq
MSHS Principal



Ms. Alicia Szydlowski
Elementary Principal



Ms. Jennifer Naser
KG Vice Principal



Dr. Duna Al-Mashaan

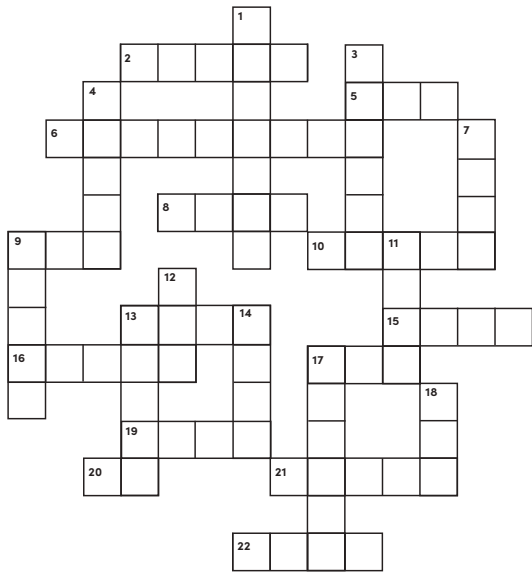
PhD, Education K-12 - Early Childhood - Montessori

Thank You!

Entertainment

Antonyms Crossword Puzzle

Antonym is another word for opposite. To complete this crossword puzzle, write the antonyms of the words provided in the clues.



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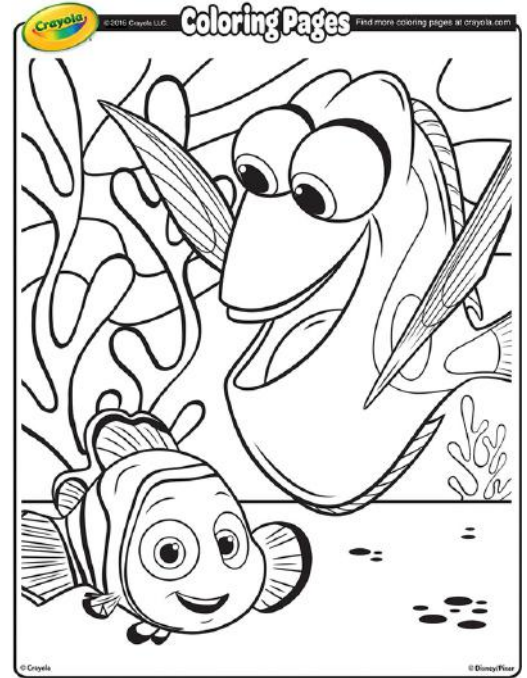
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- 5 on
- 6 same
- 8 mean
- 9 dry
- 10 full
- 13 slow
- 15 follow
- 16 long
- 17 none
- 19 play
- 20 out
- 21 late
- 22 first

DOWN

- 1 wrong
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- 11 push
- 12 thin
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- 17 never
- 18 night

Good Luck

Fun with Colors

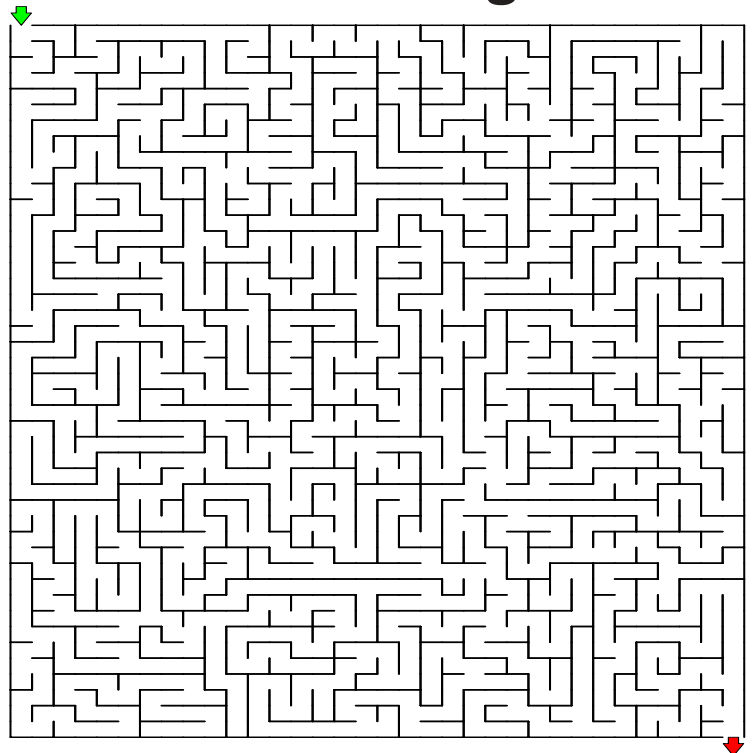


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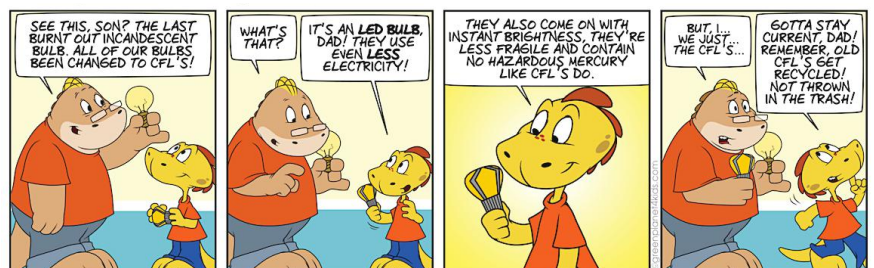


The Maze Challenge



Educational Comic

the **EC** family by *Bob Adam*



Deans' / Counselors' Section & Advertisements



"As it is time to end this unprecedented school year, I want to congratulate each student for putting in maximum effort and being able to adapt to extreme circumstances. No matter what happens, be proud of yourself and your achievements. We are proud of you, and we will be here when you get back to school next year. Until then, stay healthy, safe, invest in your time and be kind. Enjoy your summer and come back with enjoyable memories."

Dima Khaddage - Elementary Counselor



"What a challenging school year this has been for all of us, from lockdowns to zoom classes, to virtual field trips and graduation ceremonies. We are proud of each and every one of you for stepping up and giving your paramount efforts while adapting to the new norm of online learning."

I wish all of our ABS students a wonderful and restful summer break filled with laughter and joy in the company of your loved ones. We look forward to seeing all of you live up to your potential next school year."

Mahad Hussien - Elementary Dean of Students



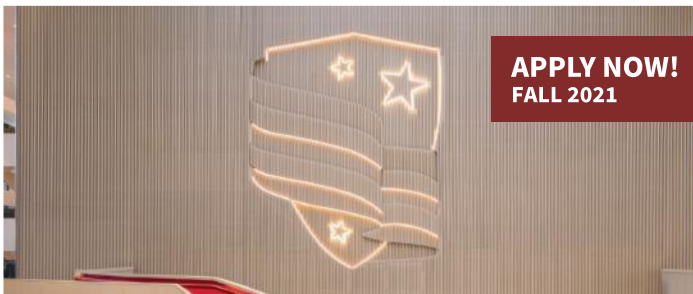
"The 2021 academic year was uncharted territory, but with a great team of teachers and staff and good use of technology, we were able to make it a productive year of learning for our students, who are our number one priority. I am looking forward to some long-awaited travel back home to Tampa, Florida for some fun in the sun with my family and friends before returning to Kuwait rested and ready to continue working with Kuwaiti youth. Have a wonderful and safe summer everyone!"

Diana Garcia - HS College Counselor



"Should I call this an unexpected year or would that be a vast understatement? I can now look back at the beginning of this school year and ask, "Where did the time go," because summer is rapidly approaching! I hope this summer is very peaceful and revitalizing to everyone, so we can return to campus with a great enthusiasm to learn, to focus in the classroom but most of all to have a great year back on campus. Everyone, please enjoy the summer because it is well deserved. E-learning has been a task, but we accomplished our goals and concurred the year!"

Arlisha Bailey – MSHS Dean of Students



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Administrators' Corner



"Congratulations to class 2021, you were a great class! My wish for all of you is to forget about what you missed due to this global disease which canceled many school interesting activities and focus on all the great experiences that await you. Just remember that you are ABS students who were raised and trained well to face challenges to gain success in the end. All ABS staff members right behind you every step the way. Best of luck and success to all of you. Keep in mind that (The door of success is marked "push" and "pull".) Congratulations again"

Amal Al-Minawi - Senior Principal



"It has been an amazing and unforgettable school year; one that will leave an indelible footprint on all of our lives. This year has been a true testament of patience and perseverance. It has highlighted how we can overcome all obstacles in our path. On behalf of the KG Department, I would like to wish all of our students, especially our ABS seniors, the best as they close this chapter of their lives and continue on their journey to success! In the words of Steve Jobs, "have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow know what you truly want to become."

Jennifer Naser – KG Vice Principal



"Congratulations to all ABS students, families and faculty for a successful online year. A special hoorah for our graduating Seniors, Class of 2021! I leave you with some words of wisdom from the late Apple creator, Steve Jobs: "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. Everything else is secondary."

Rachelle Parsons – KG Coordinator, MS Vice Principal



"What an eventful year this has been! We missed physically watching you interact and grow; but were thrilled to watch you learn online. Fortunately, with the use of technology, STEM and online resources, everything has been available for you in a new way. We are at the end of formal learning of the school year. The most crucial factors to success have been your efforts, guidance by teachers, and support of your families. You have exemplified our ABS motto: Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow. Thank you to all these stakeholders. Continued learning this summer is crucial to regain time lost. Always do your best."

Alicia Sydlowski - Elementary Principal



"I hope you and your families have all had a wonderful Eid. Although 2020-2021 has been a very busy year with many changes, mostly challenging ones, it has also been an exciting time, as change has become the new norm. Here at ABS, we have a great leadership team which thrives on change, diversity, and progress. As I look back at what you the students have achieved and how far you have all come, I want to congratulate all in achieving great things this past year. Have a lovely restful summer vacation."

Shereen Kroutz - Elementary Vice Principal



" We've made it to the end of an historical year. We are beyond proud of our students and teachers for their strength and resilience. Thank you families for your continued partnership and support. Best wishes to the class of 2021! Dream big and lead well! Go forward with confidence and hope for your future. "

Jackie Guzman - Elementary Vice Principal



"I am proud and honored to say that I am fortunate to be member of ABS family. The drive, passion and determination; underpinned by skill, knowledge and empathy, despite the ever changing circumstances we are confronted with, is one of a kind. The year has been full of challenges. Thank you all for adjusting to this different journey in your educational careers. You are all incredibly dedicated and hardworking members of this family. May you all have a safe and fun-filled summer break. Until the next school year!"

Mian Sadiq - MSHS Principal



"We are coming to the end of the 2021 academic school year marked by unconventional learning. Nonetheless, digital education has helped us continue learning from home, but well we know that nothing can replace the power of the classroom. I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer. Until next school year, wishing you love, laughter, and learning."

Kayla Johnson - MS Vice Principal



"Even whilst working online our students have continued to impress. They have excelled in so many ways it is impossible to list them all. Student achievements have not only been in their academic studies. I am especially proud of the students who have managed to continue to give their effort to volunteering, both in school and out, and to extra-curricular activities. The additional support as parents that you have given to help us to support your children to achieve during this online year is greatly appreciated as always."

John McGrath - HS Vice Principal



"Congratulations to all students for completing such an unorthodox school year! You have adapted seamlessly, and we are extremely proud of the way you have conducted yourself in these undetermined and ever-changing circumstances. I hope you all have a well-deserved and restful summer break. Hopefully, we can have a fantastic upcoming school year with us all on campus together. A special congratulations to the class of 2020-2021 who have a huge pool of talent and are destined to deliver great things in the future!"

Calicia Daniel - HS Vice Principal