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WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!



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Message from the Editor

Welcome to the first edition of the ABS Times for the 2021-2022 academic year and welcome back to in-person schooling! After over a year of online school, we are happy to be back in-person with the proper health and safety precautions. During this first quarter, we have had to adjust to the different precautions, but, fortunately, our students and staff members are more than happy to comply to regulations to ensure the safety of everyone at ABS. The transition from online to in-person learning was challenging at first, but both teachers and students are clearly benefitting from the move to in-person schooling. Students are able to see their friends and classmates on a daily basis and meet their current and former teachers in person for the first time since the onset of the pandemic. It is an exciting time to be here at ABS. We would like to extend a special welcome to all new students, parents, and guardians at ABS; we hope you fall in love with this school as much as the rest of us have! There are great things in store for everyone a part of the ABS family and we are glad that you are now a part of our family. This edition covers events that happened during our first quarter here at ABS as well as the transition from online to in-person schooling. We have student-written articles about topics at ABS that interested them, events and our incredible staff. Thank you to all the parents and guardians for your continued support of ABS and we look forward to seeing more of you throughout the school year. Enjoy this first edition of the ABS Times and may Allah continue to bless Kuwait.

Message from the ABS Journalism Team

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- Support and guidance throughout the whole process!
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Pricing & packages:

Sessions	Price
10 sessions	500 KWD
16 sessions	800 KWD
20 sessions	1000 KWD

You may purchase a package at the ABS Accounts desk, starting from Sunday, September 26. After purchasing, you and your student will have the chance to select an advisor to work with and set your schedule.

Each package includes

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Your student may speak to their ABS HS Counselor for more information or details.

You may also email kcap@abs.edu.kw for any questions or concerns.



All sessions are conducted at The Oxford Learning Center in Al Shaab Area. Scan QR code for the location.

KG Super Stars

Every Thursday, the KG Department has a Superstar Assembly. One special student is chosen from each class for excellence in academics, behavior, or citizenship. The students wear a regal cape and crown, and are honored with a certificate, story and special surprise!

October 7th 2021



Hussain Buhamad
PreK



Laila Dashti
KG1A



Fatma Al-Ghanim
KG1B



Mijbil Al-Bader
KG1C



Loulwah Al-Ghanem
KG2A



Fatimah Al-Habab
KG2B



Fay Al-Awadhi
KG2D



October 14th 2021



Azzam Al-Kandari
Prek



Ghala Al-Hamdan
KG1A



Abdulrahman AL-Ansari
KG1B



Zainab Al-Qezwini
KG1C



Jameelah Al-Jabri
KG2A



Zainah Al-Lahdan
KG2B



Jana Al-Refaei
KG2C



Sula Al-Rasheed
KG2D



CONGRATULATIONS KG SUPERSTARS

KG Super Stars

In order to teach our students positive behavior and to develop their social and emotional skills, the Kindergarten Department held two virtual assemblies in October to celebrate our KG Superstars. Children were encouraged to sing and dance with their teachers and peers in their classrooms while parents were invited to attend the assemblies. We were all so excited to share this happy moment.

October 20th 2021



Fouziya Al-Anjari
Prek



Jorge Guzman
KG1A



Maha Al-Mutairi
KG1B



Homoud Al-Askar
KG1C



OCTOBER 20, 2021



Jassim Al-Sarraj
KG2A



Tala Al-Fadhel
KG2B



Omar Jasem
KG2C



Maria Hassan
KG2D



October 28th 2021



Asmaa Al-Dhamer
PreK



Salman Al-Ghanim
KG1A



Mohammad Abdullah
KG1B



Jenan Al-Kandari
KG1C



OCTOBER 28, 2021



Azeezah Al-Munawer
KG2A



Saba Al-Adwani
KG2B



Hana Al-Taleb
KG2C



Dalal Al-Awadhi
KG2D



CONGRATULATIONS KG SUPERSTARS

Commendations - Elementary & MSHS

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 others. These individuals are honored by being named the students, teachers, or staff members of the respective month. We appreciate these outstanding individuals and want to recognize them once again for everything they do for us and for ABS. The 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



Mohammad Al-Hemli
Grade 1A
Student of the Month
October



Awwad Al-Dhoayan
Grade 2A
Student of the Month
October



Dalal Al-Shuraidah
Grade 3A
Student of the Month
October



Zahra Al-Balhan
Grade 4A
Student of the Month
October



Ali Al-Mazeedi
Grade 5D
Student of the Month
October

Students of the Month - Middle School



Mohamed Abdulrahman
Grade 6BA
Student of the Month
September



Khalid Al-Osaimi
Grade 7BB
Student of the Month
September



Nawaf Al-Mutairi
Grade 8BC
Student of the Month
September



Muneera Al-Sumait
Grade 6GA
Student of the Month
September



Sarah Al-Noumas
Grade 7GB
Student of the Month
September



Aseel Al-Ajmi
Grade 8GA
Student of the Month
September



Othman Al-Failakawi
Grade 6BB
Student of the Month
October



Talal Al-Duwaisan
Grade 7BA
Student of the Month
October



Ali Abdulhadi
Grade 8BB
Student of the Month
October



Reem Al-Terkait
Grade 6GB
Student of the Month
October



Jenan Al-Saqran
Grade 7GB
Student of the Month
October



Loulwah Khater
Grade 8GA
Student of the Month
October



Commendations - HS Students

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 - High School



Galyah Jamal
Grade 9GA
Student of the Month
September



Fatma Al-Ajmi
Grade 10GA
Student of the Month
September



Tejaan Al-Sabah
Grade 11GA
Student of the Month
September



Mariam Al-Noumas
Grade 12GA
Student of the Month
September



Barak Al-Alban
Grade 9BA
Student of the Month
September



Ahmed Ashkanani
Grade 10BA
Student of the Month
September



Abdulaziz Al-Shamali
Grade 11BA
Student of the Month
September



Hamad Al-Rokhayes
Grade 12BA
Student of the Month
September



Kinda Al-Enezi
Grade 9GA
Student of the Month
October



Ghala Al-Osaimi
Grade 10GB
Student of the Month
October



Najad Al-Mutairi
Grade 11GA
Student of the Month
October



Aisha Al-Hajery
Grade 12GB
Student of the Month
October



Mohammad Al-Harbi
Grade 9BA
Student of the Month
October



Abdulaziz Al-Houlan
Grade 10BA
Student of the Month
October



Yousef Al-Nakkas
Grade 11BB
Student of the Month
October



Abdulrahman Al-Oudah
Grade 12BA
Student of the Month
October



Commendations - Staff

Staff of the Month - Elementary



Hafsa Al-Baliyh
Arabic Teacher of the month
September



Nadiya Ahmed
Teacher of the month
October



Rawan Gharbiya
Arabic teacher of the month
October

Staff of the Month - MSHS



Ayanna Zimmermon
Teacher of the month
September



Edward Kelkis
Staff of the month
September



Elsayed Hussien
Arabic teacher of the month
September



Muniba Omer
TA of the month
October



Caitlin Widman
Teacher of the month
October



Mahmoud Sharif
Arabic teacher of the month
October



Staff of the Month - KG



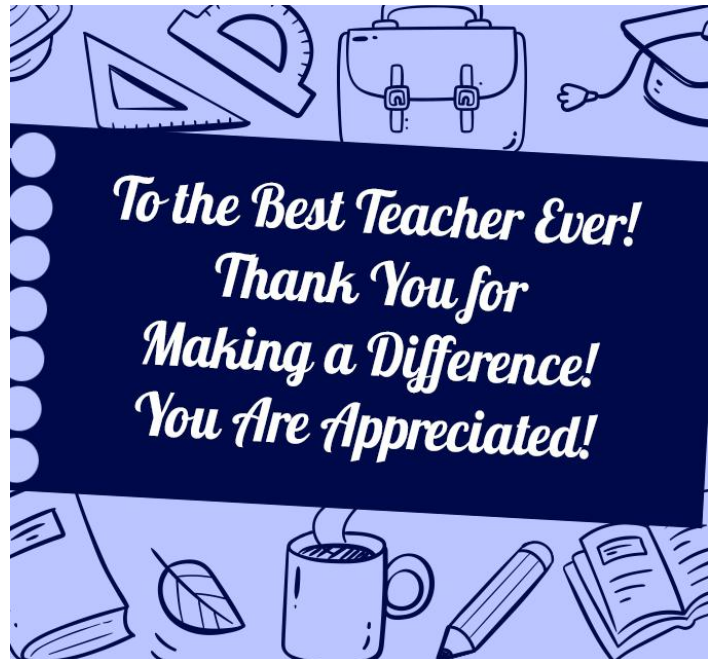
Shaimaa Ahmed
Teacher of the month
September



Mitanshi Kadnekar
TA of the month
October

The 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 school year possible!



KG Events

ABS Open House

The Kindergarten Department was proud to hold an Open House Day on September 2nd where parents and their children had the opportunity to meet their teachers and educational staff, as well as visit their classrooms and have a general idea about the curriculum and educational plans for the school year. We believe that keeping parents informed and inviting them to be a part of the educational process will certainly have a significant and enduring influence on our success and continuous progress.



KG Favorite Color Day

Our students and teachers in the Kindergarten Department celebrated the joy of colors by organizing the Favorite Color Day on the 30th of September. KG students and their class teachers came dressed up in their favorite colors. The classrooms were decorated with different rainbow colors and children were thrilled to engage in fun and interactive activities to make for an interesting and memorable day.



KG Events

KG Height and Weight Screening

Some children can be anxious when they feel sick or injured and need to visit the school nurse so a classroom visit from the nurse to demonstrate what she is doing can help to overcome this problem. For this reason, the KG Department arranged a series of school nurse visits to all KG classes between the 3rd and the 5th of October where the nurse checked children's height and weight and communicated with them to establish a friendly and trusting relationship.



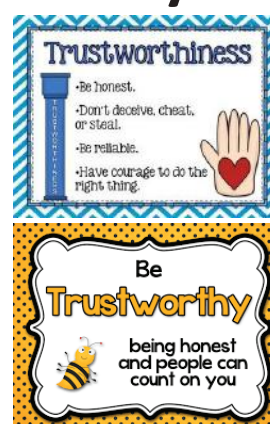
ABS Curriculum Night

It was our pleasure to host the KG Curriculum Night on October 13th where parents were invited to meet the teachers that educate, grade and mentor their children. This day was a very informative session, teachers presented information on academic expectations, classroom management, homework, standardized assessment and class policies. We were so happy to start the conversation with parents about their children's journey towards higher cognitive, social, emotional and language development.



KG2 Character Education Assembly

Our KG2 students and teachers attended a virtual Zoom Assembly on October 4th to begin their yearlong education in Character development. During these assemblies and subsequent classroom lessons, students are asked to reflect on the qualities that make for a strong, reliable character. The first "pillar" we focused on was TRUSTWORTHINESS. Students had a short presentation, answered some questions about what it means to be trustworthy, and watched a short video that demonstrated the importance of trust. Next month, we will learn about respect!



Elementary Vibes

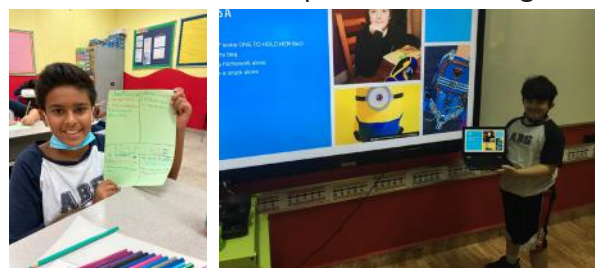
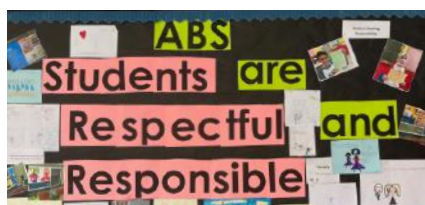
Buddy Program

The Elementary Buddy Program welcomes and helps acclimate new students to the environment at ABS by pairing new students with a kind and caring student in their class. All new students in grades 2-5 were paired with a suitable buddy in their class. This program ensured that all new students had a new friend to eat lunch with and to play with at recess as they became familiar with the school environment. Buddies were also introduced to the school administration and had the school rules explained to them by their new class friend. The program took place during the first weeks of this school. Certificates were handed out to all the new and returning students who participated in the program. To our new students and families, welcome again to ABS. We are so grateful you have joined us!



Character Education Program

This program focuses on powerfully shaping the culture of the school and the personal character of the students, especially after COVID. As educators we do believe that students' success involves demonstrating both academic achievement (performance character) and personal integrity (moral character). Test scores are an important criterion to measure academic progress, however students' success must also be measured in different areas, as it is not uncommon to find students who may perform well academically, but may be involved in a variety of negative behaviors such as cheating, bullying, etc. As a result, our school has implemented the Character Education Program to achieve school success in helping students develop both performance and moral character. The topics that are discussed in Q1 are: the importance of being responsible, dependable, respectful, and resolving conflicts.



Elementary Vibes

Student Council Program

Student Council is an opportunity for a student:

- To be a leader and role model for school pride
- To contribute in planning school events including the Anti-Bullying Campaign, the Carnival and other extracurricular activities.

The following pictures were taken while students began preparing for the 2021-2022 Student Council Campaign.



Color Day

On September 30th, Elementary students and staff enjoyed the first Spirit Day of the 2021-2022 school year- Color Day! While exploring the impact of color, students were able to come dressed in their favorite colors. It was a colorful day!



Elementary Vibes

HeadStart Program

Some elementary students started their reading early. They checked out a book from the library with teacher guidance.



Curriculum Night

ABS had a successful curriculum night on October 13, 2021! The event was a fantastic opportunity for parents to see and experience classrooms for themselves and to better understand grade level curricula, STEM activities, and McGraw Hill resources. Parents were shown details about laptop expectations, the Science Fair, Arabic lessons, and additional tips to support their learners including clear expectations of student class participation. Technology tables were also set up to spotlight some of our students' creations. The event was of great help in providing parents with more knowledge for a successful school year.



Curriculum Night Article by : Rawa Al-Shallal

The American Baccalaureate School's educators encourage all parents to attend the Curriculum night event. At this open discussion, parents get to learn tremendous things, which is why attending curriculum night is exponentially worthwhile. Curriculum night is an event that occurs every year, it's a chance for parents to stay up to date with their child's learning. It's an educational open house, that takes place across all grade levels. Parents had the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher and have a quick conversation so that a solid working connection can be established right away. Parents get to see presentations done by teachers explaining an outline for each curriculum, which is a significant benefit in preparing students for a successful school year. Finally, COVID-19 health and safety precautions in the classroom and across the school are described in depth.



MAP Testing Over the Years Article by : Noor Al-Majed

Measure of academic progress (MAP) is a mandatory assessment at ABS that is used to determine a student's strengths and weaknesses. At ABS, we take 2-3 tests (Math, Reading and/or Language). The test is timed and displays around 40 to 53 questions, depending on the subject. The results of these tests help teachers and administrators determine students'. Hence, MAP testing plays a great role in most student's education since it shows their strengths and weaknesses and allows them to aim goals for improvement.



A few words of advice from high scorers for those pursuing higher MAP scores:

"Advice is to take your time, though be cautious of it, since we don't have much of...I also advise you to pay attention in class if you are pursuing a higher MAP score!" (Tejaan Al-Sabah)

"Don't overthink it" (Muluke Al-Mazeedi)

"Pay attention in class, focus on the details, and take your time" (Hessa Al-Deraan)

"The best thing one could do to widen their range of comprehension for math MAP tests would be practicing a wide array of problems and focusing on the ones least understood. As for English MAP tests, reading would be the best way to improve." (Mariam Al-Abduljalil)

MSHS Corner

Pink Day - Women's Cancer Awareness Day

Pink Day at ABS is an effort to raise awareness through education. The MSHS Department wore pink in support of the millions of women past and present fighting cancer, and in the hope that we can one day find a cure. All proceeds collected will be donated.



Supporting the Fighters. Admiring the Survivors. Honoring the Taken and Never Giving Up Hope.



Officer Election Results - MSHS Student Council

After more than 260 casted votes, the following students were elected to the 2021/2022 HS Student Council:

Student Body President



Abdullah Al-Ghanim
12BA

Treasurer



Monsour Al-Subaie
12BA

Treasurer



Salman Al-Suwaidi
9BA



Grade 12 Vice Presidents



Hoor Al-Qouba
12GB



Ahmad Bohaimed
12BA

Grade 11 Vice Presidents



Muluqe Al-Mazeedi
11GA



Abdullah Al-Nouri
11BB

Grade 10 Vice Presidents



Rouqayya Al-Farah
10GB



Mutlaq Al-Otaibi
10BC

Grade 9 Vice Presidents



Nawal Al-Qanai
9GA



Mubarak Al-Sarawi
9BC

Student Articles

COVID-19 Regulations At ABS

COVID-19 cases and ICU patients have been decreasing in Kuwait. This allowed many places, such as malls, playgrounds, restaurants, and schools to reopen for most of the country's population. The American Baccalaureate School of Kuwait (ABS) has been planning for the longest time to welcome its students back to school on September 26th, 2021, while complying with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education's guidelines and requests. Students have been enjoying seeing their friends and coming back to life before the virus. A few students were interviewed after being back at school and were asked by Journalism students about the current school life. Most students find in-person schooling preferable to online because they can see their friends and have more beneficial communication and learning. When asked which they prefer, the majority chose in-person school because it makes them happier, understand and learn better, and they can communicate with teachers and their friends directly. Teachers from all departments were asked similar questions and came up with similar answers. Many teachers find in-person schooling more beneficial because of different technological issues with online schooling. Nonetheless, many teachers believed that there was an advantage to online school which was the continuation of learning and that technology evolved and proved its importance in the future education. As the HOD of English said, "it was like a glimpse to the future".



Article by : Noor Al-Majed

The PSATs: A Cocoon to Adulthood

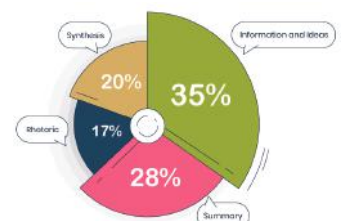
On October 13th, ABS hosted its annual Super Wednesday. Students in grades 9-11 were required to take part in the PSATs (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test). The PSAT is a practice version of the SAT, which is an aptitude test that many universities worldwide require high school graduates to complete for admission, specifically in the USA. High achievers on the PSATs are also often offered scholarships. That's why ABS ensures that high school students familiarize themselves with such assessments, and that students are well-informed of the college application process. This year's sophomores couldn't partake in Super Wednesday last year due to COVID circumstances. So, this year, both the freshmen and sophomores are taking the PSAT for the first time. When asked about how they were feeling, many said they were nervous and stressed, as it is their first. One student said, "It's not the real deal, but it feels so real, and the timing might not serve us well." Another student mentioned, "It's terrifying because it feels like we're getting older and almost graduating." An additional emotion that the majority expressed was fear, mostly of the unknown and how they aren't so used to the testing routine. They also noted that their evolution as individuals academically was exciting, but scary and nerve-wracking alike.

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Article by : Muluke Al-Mazeedi



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Nevertheless, all the administration and staff, including juniors and seniors, made sure to comfort the freshmen and sophomores, giving them all the moral support possible. They all shared pieces of wisdom with them and gave them pushes of motivation. A junior said, "We've all been there, it's totally normal. If you go into it with optimism and make sure you're well rested, physically, and mentally, it'll all work out perfectly. Believe in yourselves, you got this!" Eventually, the testing day passed by smoothly and successfully, and the students collectively thought that it wasn't as bad as they thought it would be. The ABS staff is looking forward to reviewing student scores and administering more successful PSATs in the future.

Student Articles

The Human Pillars of ABS Article by : Muluke Al-Mazeedi

When a student thinks of their time at ABS, there are specific teachers who immediately come to mind. That is the case with many ABS students, because these teachers are such pillars of our educational careers and have witnessed our growth ever since our earliest days. They built the ABS legacy; they are the heart of it all. Among those that come to mind are those teachers who every graduating class has shared an unforgettable experience with. They are the ones who have been around for years now, and one of them could be the person that defines your ABS experience.

Some of these pillars at ABS include the following faculty: Ms. Roxana Anisia, Ms. Eman Soliman, Ms. Eman Sobhi, Mr. Gregory Dunlop, Ms. Kayla Johnson, and Mr. Duncan MacMillan. When asked why they chose to remain at ABS their answers were mostly about the quality of the students. These pillars choose to remain at ABS because of the joy they get from teaching ABS students every day and year. Their dedication is evident by their responses to the question of what their happiest moments are here, to which they all said that their happiest moments are when students learn a concept they have been struggling with. These pillars of ABS find immense joy in the moment when a concept clicks in a student’s mind and their eyes light up with fascination. These pillars who have been at ABS for years have words of wisdom for the ABS community. Mr. Mian says: “nothing is impossible, everything is achievable. Everyone has the potential inside of them to become exceptional. Whenever I walked into a class, the first thing I’d say is all of you will have A’s by the end of the year. If you set a goal and work towards it, you can make it a reality. Even if some students don’t believe in themselves because of their different circumstances, we can create those similar circumstances that will allow them to excel.” Ms. Roxy says: “love yourself and build your confidence You have to create a balance between study and a healthy lifestyle. You also have to learn to not be so hard on yourself and forgive yourself for the mistakes you make.” Ms. Eman Soliman says: “focus on your goal and work towards it every single day.” Ms. Eman Sobhi says: “always stay true to Allah, and that way, you’ll never feel lost in life.” Mr. Greg says: “there’s no one piece of advice I could give to a student because everyone’s journey is different. However, the biggest tip is to always be yourself.” Ms. Kayla says: “keep going. Stuff happens, but life never stops. There’s a lesson in every loss.” Mr. Duncan says: “you are going to fail in life... stop being afraid. If you live your life in fear of failure, you’ll be living cautiously, which prevents you from achieving your fullest potential. You must pick an option. Either a) go for it with full reason and accept failure as a possibility, or b) live in fear of failure and live life only to 50%. It’s in your hands.”



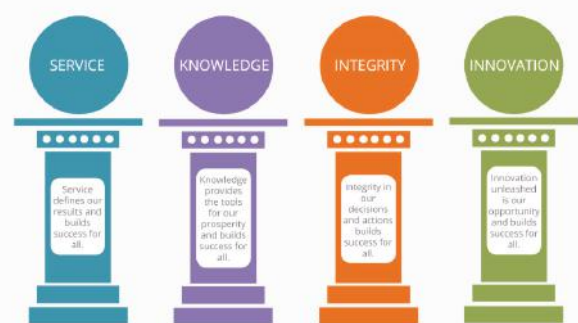
Mr. Duncan MacMillan



Ms. Kayla Johnson



Ms. Eman Soliman



Ms. Roxana Anisia



Mr. Gregory Dunlop



Ms. Eman Sobhi



Student's Future after ABS

Article by : Wahj Al-Duwaisan

Where are the students of ABS going?

Discussing university with the female students of ABS.



Every year, many students catch wind of a whole new life after twelve years of rigorous work as students at school. In those twelve years, they realize who they are, what they want, and their career paths. ABS has been able to offer students a chance to realize hard work and aspirations, but we never got to see where these students move onto until the last day of school, or in the yearbook. Everyone is eager to figure out what they will do and where they will go after ABS and to learn the same about their classmates.

A form was sent to students of ABS surrounding the topic of university and included students from the last two years and this current year (2020-2022). The form considered the topic of university, majors, and the topic of how ABS contributed to their answer to both of these things. Most that have responded are from this graduating class, and the runner up was the class of 2020. The results included a mix of going to university in the United Kingdom and staying in Kuwait. There are the occasional ones where they specify a place that isn't conventional, i.e., the UAE. In these responses, most have responded with engineering, but even without the form, many students from that year entered medicine. On the other hand, students in this graduating class have more a unique list of places. For example, student discussed wanting to study in Ireland, Bahrain, Europe, the United States, and the Arabian Gulf. Additionally, they also spoke on what they want to major in. Similarly, to the class of 2020, most students graduating in 2022 have engineering as their first choice major, and right after it would be medicine. Both graduating classes discussed the impact that ABS had in helping them reach a conclusion on where they want to go, what major they want to study, and the continued help in reaching their goals everyday.

Successful Shift from Online to Actual School

The widespread outbreak of the coronavirus has led to moving towards online classes by schools and colleges. ABS opened its gates once again, after almost two years of virtual learning, with enhanced safety precautions and procedures. They welcome their students with warm hearts and are more than ready to start the 2021–2022 school year. After almost two years of virtual learning, students showed up to school enthusiastic, and eager to start the new school year. Before all else, ABS made sure to hire a sanitizing team to sanitize the whole school completely. All staff members, from teachers to workers, are fully vaccinated, which reduces the spread of the virus. Most students are vaccinated and if not, they are required to do a PCR test on a weekly basis. When entering the gate, all students' temperatures are measured, and if it's higher than 37.7, the student gets sent home. Since many of these symptoms overlap with other conditions, ABS advises all students who feel any sign of illness to stay home, this without a doubt limits the spread of the virus. ABS reduced the number of students in each classroom and reduced the interaction between groups. All desks have been spread out with almost a meter between each. One-way traffic in all school hallways were created, with signs on the ground. ABS ensures that their students wear their masks at all times and are always providing them with extras. In conclusion, The American Baccalaureate School is happy to say that they are more than prepared to welcome students back on campus. They have done a wonderful job in creating an environment that ensures students' safety and education. Following these regulations can help parents feel assured that their child is as safe as possible during the pandemic. The pandemic won't stop the school from developing responsible and accountable young adults who are prepared to face the world head-on.

Article by : Rawa Al-Shallal

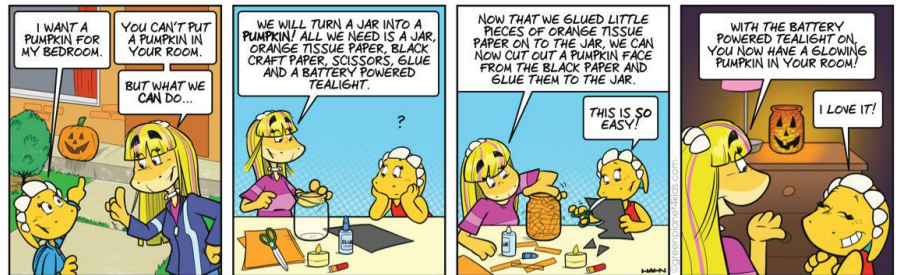
Special Event & Entertainment

Prophet's Birthday Celebration

ABS celebrated the occasion of Prophets' Birthday on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. This event is celebrated every year by Muslims around the world remembering the good deeds the Prophet taught to the Muslim people. Students participated in various celebratory activities through artwork that was creative well thought out. Elementary students participated in a Zoom Assembly with songs, pictures and even through some videos. Each presentation expressed their love for the Prophet and what he means to the Muslim community. Students know that the Prophet was a role model for our lives who taught us to be good and to have good ethics and treat people with kindness and sincerity.



Educational Comic



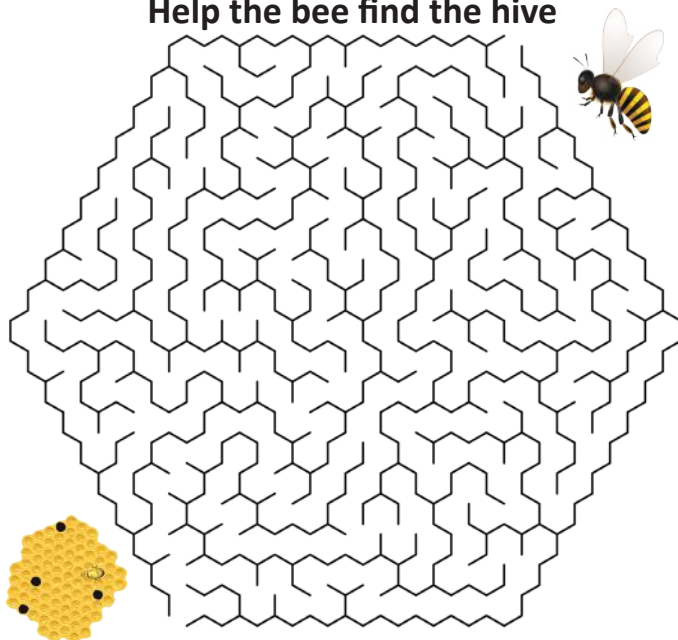
For more comics visit:

<https://greenplanet4kids.com/eco-family-comic-strip>



The Maze Challenge

Help the bee find the hive



Spot the difference

Find 10 differences



Deans', Coordinators' & Counselors' Section



"I'd like to take the opportunity to welcome all of you on campus. Students, you have wonderful opportunities ahead to make difference in your life and the lives of your peers. Achieving your goals will take commitment and a willingness to do work."

Sahar Nabtiti – Elementary Dean of Students



"The pandemic has spurred incredible changes for education institutions around the globe, and each institution must navigate the complexities and nuances of its multiple communities. Here at ABS, we are mindful of this, so as we transition back to school and in-person learning, we will need to shift our behaviors, interactions, and ways of moving through space. Communication will play a critical role in keeping all users healthy, helping people feel safe, facilitating new habits, setting a new precedent for interactions, and building a renewed sense of community. We face many unknowns this year, and reconnecting will take some effort but what is clear is we belong together, and we will find our way forward in community."

Sanaa Noor – MSHS Dean of Students



"Welcome back to ABS, all! I am excited to be working with both students and administrators this year in person. Even though it has been some time since we have been physically in classes, we have already gotten off to a great start. I look forward to meeting all of you personally."

Lorenzo Hamilton - MSHS Dean of Students



"Dear students, We have waited so long, to have you back in campus, Welcome back to a school year full of new adventures and challenges. Always bear in mind that you are valued, you are important, you will succeed, and we believe in you."

Dima Khaddage - Elementary Counselor



"Dear ABS Students, We are so excited to welcome you back on campus and commend you for your hard work and dedication to your academic success while attending online distance learning! You have lived through a unique and challenging experience that you will surely remember for a lifetime and we are here to assist you in any way possible to ensure a smooth transition to campus life. Remember that you are encouraged to take advantage of face-to-face classes to continue learning and preparing for your higher education as well as sports, clubs, and extracurricular opportunities offered here at ABS. Here's to a great 2021-2022 academic year!"

Diana Garcia - High School Counselor



"Welcome back to campus ABS! We have been working hard to make sure your return to campus is both safe and enjoyable for you after 1.5 years away. Sometimes the transition from online back to on campus can be rough as you try to return to normal. Your counseling team is here to help you in any way possible, whether it is time management, coursework, and other school related topics, or if you just want to talk, our doors are always open for you."

Ashley Jackson - High School Counselor



"The transition back to school and in-person learning this autumn is equally thrilling as it is uncertain. It can be challenging and exhilarating experience. Whether you are new to ABS or spent an entire first year learning remotely, it's safe to say that for many of you, being back on campus and in the classroom will be a new and rewarding experience. Of course, as with every new experience or change, challenges are to be expected and planned for. Here are a few tips to help you steer the transition to in-person learning:
1. Be prepared for class
2. Stay connected by checking ABS's social media
3. Ask for help"

Jamala Spencer - High School Counselor



"The transition back to on-campus learning may be difficult for some while others are ready to jump in headfirst. Whatever your feelings are towards coming back, please know that we are here to support you along the way. We hope that you will take advantage of all the opportunities available to you whether it is extracurricular activities such as sports, student council or other clubs, as well as any extra support from your teachers you may need with different subjects. We are ecstatic to have you all here!"

Arika Beverly - High School Counselor



"As we catch our breath from implementing remote learning, we are working hard to ensure that the big picture of our curriculum goals don't get lost! An outstanding education is not just what gets taught today. It's the cumulative effect of a coherent, sequenced, and knowledge-rich curriculum that broadens and deepens over time. ABS students and teachers have successfully returned to school campus with learning goals for each grade level to overcome any losses."

Marian Sami – Elementary Curriculum Coordinator



Administrators' Corner



"Transitioning back to on-campus learning Dear students , I am so delighted that we all came back to the normal on-campus learning this year .It is simply we need to be around again creating strong relationships among students ,teachers and admins .Actually when we brought students back in-person ,some adults were worried about wearing masks ,being physically apart . But you students ,you could roll with it just fine .Continue with the same high spirit . Good luck!"

Amal Al-Minawi - Senior Principal



"I cannot express enough how wonderful is to have our KG students back-to-school and on-campus! I really appreciate the support we received from our parents during the first few days of school as we worked through logistics and changes according to Ministry guidelines. I am thankful that it has been an incredibly smooth process. I look forward to continue working together with our ABS community throughout the school year!"

Jennifer Naser - KG Vice Principal



"Welcome back everyone! KG's transition to on-campus life has been long-awaited and I almost can't believe it's real. It is such a joy to see our students in person! I have been waiting for the day to hear our hallways full of Kindergarten voices, laughs, and games. What a wonderful year we have ahead! Good luck to all."

Rachelle Parsons - KG Coordinator



"It's a Whole New World! Many preparations have been made and procedures being conducted for students to safely return to campus. We feel encouraged that students earnestly want to be here at school. We succeeded in our shared plan to return to campus. Thank you to all stakeholders who made this possible. Continue the strong efforts and timely attendance to complete a two-year recovery plan for any lost learning. We have renewed goals for academic, emotional, and social growth."

Alicia Szydowski - Elementary Principal



"It has been a wonderful start to another school year at ABS, especially after the challenges that the last eighteen months have brought us, which would have affected us to varied degrees. Seeing the young people of the school return with such enthusiasm and hunger to learn has been extremely rewarding for all the teaching staff in the school. Through effective teaching and learning, it is vitally important that now, more than ever, we support them in understanding that there is a need for lots of challenging work, focus and to be resilient, to help close the gap in learning created by the pandemic."

Shereen Kroutz - Elementary Vice Principal



"We are thrilled to have students back on campus after over a year of online learning. We are so proud of our scholars for their demonstration of bravery and independence upon their return. We are confident that, in partnership with parents, our teachers will provide an education this year that supports and develops the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual well-beings of our learners."

Jacyln Guzman - Elementary Vice Principal



"Dear ABS families, We are so excited to have our students back on campus after a long period of on-line learning. We have successfully made our transition back to campus life and daily routine. Students are expected to make more effort this year to overcome the educational loss they suffered during online learning. Our teaching staff is working with students to make sure they get all the support they need. We are committed to provide best learning experience to all our students during this academic year with your continued support."

Mian Sadiq - Middle School Principal



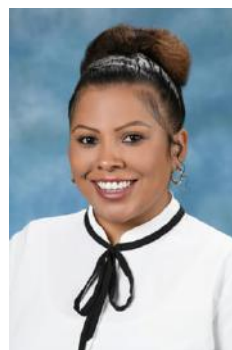
"Life is returning to a new normal at ABS. The ABS community safety and well-being is a priority and in line with the rules and regulations issued by the Ministry of Education. Policies and procedures were put in place so everyone on campus follows the best safety practices issued by the global health authorities including wearing masks, physical distancing, and temperature checking. Although restrictions have been put in place to guarantee safety, students will still be able to experience the hallmarks of school among which are meeting face-to-face, lab experiments, group work, athletic competitions, and entertaining activities."

Kayla Johnson - MS Vice Principal



"Dear ABS students, we welcome you back to an exciting year! The process of moving from online learning to face to face learning has been a smooth transition. Over the past couple of weeks, I have seen the excitement on students' faces as they interact with their teachers and with their friends on campus. As I observe classrooms, it is amazing to see the EFFORT put forth by our students and their drive to be the best. This year at ABS, we will face challenges, but with perseverance and positivity, we will overcome! Remember, believe in yourself and all that you are know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle!"

Todd Thompson - High School Principal



"The ABS campus is as vibrant as ever now that the students have returned; it has been an amazing start to the school year. The students have transitioned back to on-campus learning seamlessly, we are extremely proud of all their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm within the classroom. We totally understand that the teaching and learning has not been as rigorous over this past eighteen months due to the limitations of online learning, however, students and teachers have come back to school strong, focused, and ready for a challenge. We are excited for the year ahead and are here to support students in all ways possible."

Calicia Daniel - High School Vice Principal