



THE ABA WEEKLY

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ABA THIS WEEK

School Day: Start and end times will remain the same for this school year. Adjustments will be made to the school day for the 2022/2023 school year, as previously communicated.

Drop-off & pick-up: Please refer to the table for the routes for each designated section and their locations.

ZONE	SECTION	DROP-OFF & PICK-UP	LOCATION PIN
RED ZONE	Elementary School	Gate A - Main entrance	Click here 
YELLOW ZONE	Middle School	Gate B - Back entrance	Click here 
BLUE ZONE	High School	U-turn outside main entrance	Click here 

Traffic rules: The speed limit on campus is 15 k/m per hour. The safety of our students is our priority. Slowing down and following the instructions of those guiding traffic is vital to ensuring the health and safety of our children and everyone on campus.

ELECTION SEASON

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Would you like to join a team of dedicated volunteers committed to supporting the mission, vision and values of ABA through strategic planning and good governance?

[Click here for more information.](#) 

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

There is still time to **join the 2022-23 PTA committee!** [Click here to visit our website](#) for job descriptions and self-nomination. Alternatively, you could direct any queries to PTAchair@abaoman.org 

VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

Don't wait any longer, we are looking forward to having you! Go and place your self nomination and join the Vipers Booster Club! **You can sign up directly here** 

or contact boosterclub@abaoman.org for more infos. Sign up will close May 1st 2022!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GRADE 3 - GUEST SPEAKERS

Since moving to our new ABA Al Irfan campus, Grade 3 students have been inquiring into ways they organize themselves in their classrooms and playspaces. The inquiry process led to many questions about how our school is organized, the process of building the new campus and moving in, the roles and responsibilities of the different stakeholders, and how problems are identified and solved.



To help them find answers to their questions, Grade 3 had several guest speakers over the past week. Thank you to Ms Lamyia Al Kiyumi, Chair, ABA Board of Directors, Mr. Craig Williamson (Head of School), Ms. Sam Cook (ES Principal), Ms. Erum (ES Assistant Principal) and Ms. Bronnie (PYP Coordinator), for taking the time to answer the questions of our very curious learners.



EARTH WEEK - CELEBRATING EARTH DAY



Elementary students have had opportunities to work on lots of different activities this week ranging from a collaborative art doodle mural, photo quizzes, planting seeds and an Earth Day themed mufti!

A big thanks to our Elementary Eco Rangers team for providing such engaging activities for elementary students to connect with during our Earth Week celebrations





Today, all the students from Family class to Grade 5 were invited to the drama court to plant their own sunflower seeds. They will now bring them home to be responsible and nurture their seed. Earth week has been a huge success. Students have been busy creating information posters about Earth Day, reading stories, writing poetry and Calligrams. Every student has also contributed to a collaborative Earth day mural that can be seen in the Elementary corridor. A special thanks goes out to the Eco-Rangers and Student Council for collaborating on this fantastic project.



UNIT OF INQUIRY

The Grade 4 students are busy working on their unit of inquiries, 'How We Organise Ourselves' and 'Who We Are'. They are looking at how complex and simple systems work, alongside the roles we play in building a community.

After brainstorming how we could merge these lines of inquiry, the students decided to create a tournament for the Grade 4 students, looking at how to organise a tournament and building a community within their classes.

It was decided to have 3 different tournaments - A Chess Tournament, a Connect 4 Tournament and Spelling Bee. The students chose which of the three they would like to compete and organise.

To begin within each class the students were part of a small group with a particular responsibility, whether it was organising the boards, setting up the match roster or even designing the prizes.



The Chess Final was between Vivaan (4P) and Qais (4P), with Vivaan becoming the champion. The Connect 4 tournament saw Amelie (4N) and Bader (4N) fighting for the title, with Bader winning 4 games to 1 and Natalia (4N) and Ayesha (4N) taking the trophy for the Spelling Bee.

Once all jobs were complete, the tournament came together smoothly. Two afternoons of hard fought chess matches, Connect 4 and Spelling resulted in exciting finals.



This was an amazing success, seeing all 61 students taking ownership and action during the process. Well done to all participants in helping to plan and run such a successful event, that may well become an annual event in the future!

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

On Tuesday our MS students, parents and advisors met online for the first MS Student-Led Conferences. At ABA we believe that SLCs are an essential way of empower students to take an active role in their learning, and to communicate their experiences to their family and teachers. The fifteen minute SLCs provided our MS students with the opportunity to build personal agency, and to develop confidence in their academic successes, challenges, ATLs and communication skills.

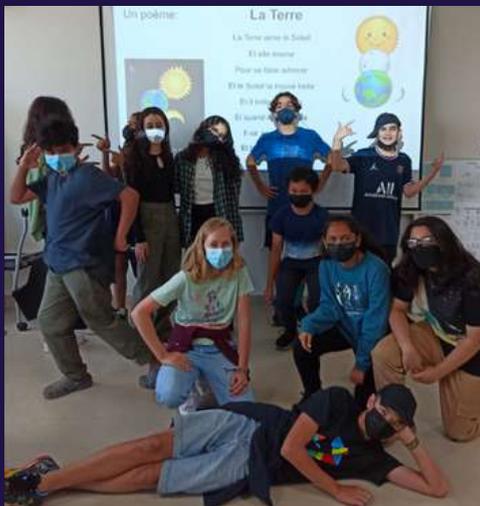


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EARTH DAY

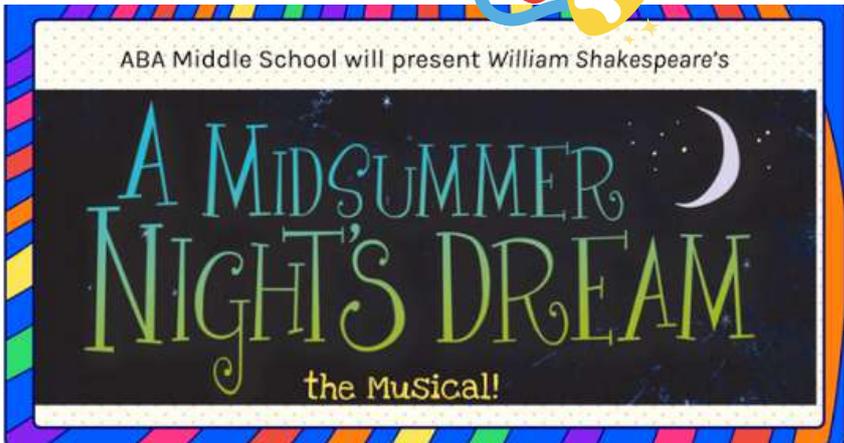
MS students celebrated Earth Day through MUFTI today!

Check out Grade 6 CBR in full Earth Day mode



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MS Arts team are delighted to introduce the MS event of the year; Arts Unleashed, A Midsummer Night's Dream!

Every student in middle school will be involved in the production, in a variety of capacities. Rehearsals will take place during curriculum time.

Performances will be on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th June. We will keep you posted about ticket availability!

We are really excited about working alongside the students on this ambitious project.

WELCOMING OUR NEW MS PRINCIPAL

Throughout the week Mr. Richard Nies, our incoming MS Principal, has been on campus meeting the MS students and faculty staff. Mr. Nies is an education and administrator professional, with over 25 years experience in the US, Singapore, Spain and South Korea. Middle School is excited to have him on board next year.



HIGH SCHOOL

IB DIPLOMA EXAMINATIONS

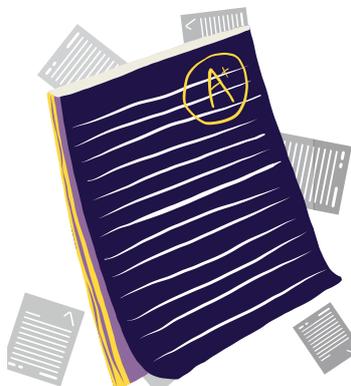
The first Diploma examination will take place on Thursday April 28th (Business Management). We wish all of our Seniors the very best for their exams.

Click here to watch some our High School faculty wishing students all the very best on their exams!



THANK YOU

Thank you to all High School staff and supporting staff for all of their work to ensure a smooth first week at the new campus. Thank you also to High School students who have made every effort to adapt to their new campus.



GRADE 10

Grade 10 students are now on Study Leave in preparation for their MYP onscreen examinations. Best of luck to all Grade 10 in preparation for their exams

GOOD LUCK HIGH SCHOOL!

ABA ATHLETICS

MS TRACK & FIELD

The MS Track and Field team ended their season this week with sharpening their skills in the javelin throw, shot put, and long jump. Over the last two months, our athletes improved in each event, but as you can see from the pictures, the long jump was a hands down favorite. We have some MS athletes that can fly! Mr and Mrs Cole had an awesome time coaching our MS track and field athletes and look forward to seeing them out on the field again next year.



MESAC SPEECH & DEBATE

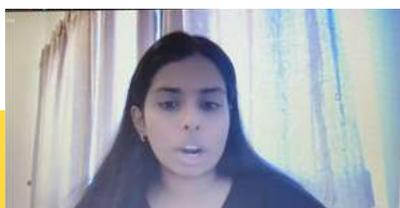
The MESAC year concluded with a keenly contested Virtual Speech and Debate three day weekend which in turn, brought the best students from the previous rounds in all of the five categories, to speak, debate and compete in the final round.

ABA was well represented by 18 students this year which was a record number for us and we had the following students excel in their events to make it into the finals:

- Sakina Ahmed (Grade 11) in the Original Oratory Category
- Vaishnavi Manivannan (G11) and Mukesh Paranthaman(G11) in the Debate Final

Vaishnavi and Mukesh debated the same resolution in seven rounds, with twenty pairings in this category, and they were narrowly beaten in the final (2-1 Judge decision) to claim a MESAC silver medal.

Well done to all our students and coaches for the excellent work in this event and again thank you to the extended ABA community for their support in judging and collating results as ABA hosted this.



MESAC TRACK & FIELD

Our Track and Field results also came through and make very impressive reading as compared to the other MESAC schools in this virtual event. Well done to all our team members and coaches.

HERE ARE OUR MESAC MEDALISTS:

Junior Varsity Boys

100m	Gold	Magnus Gohring	11.42 sec
100m	Bronze	Noah Anand	11.96 sec
200m	Gold	Magnus Gohring	24.87 sec
3000m	Silver	Christian Sutton	10.59.45 min

Junior Varsity Girls

400m	Silver-	Zoey Groen	1.07.53min
400m Hurdles	Gold-	Zoey Groen	1.14.25 min
800m	Gold-	Zoey Groen	2.45.34min
Shot Put	Gold-	Zoey Groen	9.11m
High Jump	Gold-	Zoey Groen	1.43m

400m Hurdles	Bronze-	Liam Groen	1.08.93m
High Jump	Gold-	Christian Sutton	1.72m
High Jump	Bronze-	Jack Bramley	1.56m
Long Jump	Silver-	Christian Sutton	5.82m

Varsity Girls

100m	Bronze-	Noor Al Balushi	14.29sec
100m Hurdles	Bronze -	Noor Al Balushi	20.59sec

Varsity Boys

100m	Gold-	Mathew Deverell	11.27sec
3000m	Bronze-	Markus Klefasz	10.38.37min

Overall Team Result-Bronze Medal



We were able to celebrate our teams this week and award the booster club pledges to new MESAC participants, and the much coveted MI and MVP Viper Medals to selected team members.



GREAT JOB VIPERS!



MOTHER LANGUAGE PROGRAMME

As you are aware, the Eid break will be a full week, therefore there will not be any MLP lessons next week. Your MLP teacher will be in touch about a make up session.

On behalf of the MLP team, Eid Mubarak to you and your family.

Do you want to know more about what we learn in our MLP Arabic (MS) and Spanish (KG) classes?

Senora Maria Angel (Spanish teacher):

'En este proceso de enseñanza se ha estado utilizando una combinación de libros (Lola y Leo, Colega) que han sido ajustadas a la edad de los niños entre 6 y 7 años. En el curso de español aplicamos métodos prácticos y divertidos en el que los niños y las niñas aprenden jugando y acercándose de manera significativa al mundo del español. Durante el proceso de aprendizaje se han estado analizando los conocimientos previos con los que cuentan los estudiantes, basando la enseñanza en las necesidades, los intereses, las motivaciones y los gustos de los estudiantes, teniendo en cuenta sus capacidades y estilos de aprendizaje.

Desde el inicio del curso hemos identificado las letras en español (abecedario) y aprendido la pronunciación de las mismas. Se ha trabajado el léxico de manera focalizada y significativa a través de juegos, audios, actividades para colorear (frutas, animales, numero etc.). La gramática es enseñada de manera clara, descriptiva y lúdica. En este curso se trabaja la fonética, la pronunciación y la escritura de las letras y sonidos más característicos del español. Todas estas metodologías serán utilizadas de manera continua durante el desarrollo del curso.'

Ms Ruba (MS Arabic teacher):

، السلام عليكم ،

في برنامج اللغة الأم لهذا الأسبوع قمنا بتغطية المحاور التالية :

القراءة: نص (لاتعلم متى تحتاجها) النص يتحدث* عن مجموعة من الطلاب ذهبوا إلى معسكر صيفي ناقشنا المهارات الجديدة التي تعلموها من فرق إنقاذ و إسعافات أولية.

المحادثة: مناقشة حالات عملية عن كيفية النجاة* في الطبيعة في بعض الظروف الغير مخطط لها.

القواعد: أجرينا بعض التمارين عن المثني بحالتيه* المؤنث و المذكر.



UNIVERSITY UPDATES

well done!

One of our Grade 11 students, Noor Al Balushi, has been selected as a recipient for this year's Citizen Scholar Book Award from the University of Vermont (UVM). The award celebrates high school students who demonstrate that spirit of both citizenship and scholarship.

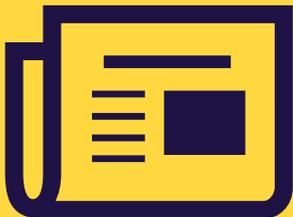
In addition to her letter of recognition, Noor was gifted a book which speaks to the themes of citizen engagement, the power of individual voices and the importance of democracy - a tribute to her own active involvement in her school and local community.



Award recipients receive priority consideration for UVM's top merit scholarships admission to the Honors College as well as an application fee waiver should they decide to apply to this institution. Congratulations, Noor!

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

PTA ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION



The PTA has revised and streamlined the **PTA Articles of Association**. The revision of the Articles was necessary, as the existing version catered to a dual campus model. Additionally, some minor updates have been included. [Click here](#) for the proposed Articles. From page 15 onwards, the existing articles and proposed changes are highlighted.

Please direct any comments or queries to PTAchair@abaoman.org The Articles will be voted in at the Annual General Meeting **on May 16, 2022 - location and time to be announced.**

FUND REQUESTS

This year, we have received 3 fund requests from staff. As done in previous years, the ABA community votes for their preference(s). [Click here](#) to look at the information and vote. Voting will close on **Thursday, May 5th at 5pm.**



ARE YOU A TALENTED ADULT MUSICIAN?



On May 24th the **PTA Art-effect** will take place at the Al Irfan campus. If you would like to play gentle background music during the event, please email PTAevent@abaoman.org

VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

Congratulations to all MESAC Speech & Debate and Track & Field participants and their coaches.
Fantastic achievements!

VBC SHOP

The VBC is super excited to be opening the FIRST VBC shop! Join us on Monday, 9th May (8-11am) and shop around before the summer holidays! Our merchandise is widespread and you are sure to find something, may it be a small gift for your friends and family you will see over the holidays, a souvenir for those leaving ABA, or something for you! We're looking forward to seeing you!



HOODIE ORDERS

Need a hoodie for your summer getaway to cooler parts of the globe, or as a giveaway? Then come and place your hoodie order at the VBC shop on Monday 9th May (8-11am). ***This is the last order option for this school year!***

Please note - a minimum of 10 hoodie orders will be needed to place the final order. In case we don't get enough orders the money will be reimbursed.

VIPERS BOOSTER CLUB

Last 2021/22
Hoodie orders (*)
MONDAY
9TH MAY 2022

VIPERS SHOP
LOWER GROUND
ATHLETICS CENTRE
AL IFRAN
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

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VIPERS

17 rial per hoodie
- cash payment only -

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SHOW YOUR STRIPES!

(*) an overall minimum of 10 hoodies is needed to be able to place this final order

Eid Mubarak

*Wishing you and your families a
blessed and peaceful Eid celebration.*

*Have a wonderful break from the
1st to 5th of May 2022.*

See you back on campus on Sunday, 8th May 2022.

