

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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Director's Message

Dear KIS Community,

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We will be sharing more information and keeping the community updated on any changes, as much can change between now and August. Please take a look at the other documents connected to this message.

Sincerely,

Luke Woodruff
Director
Kyiv International School

Kyiv International School

Considerations for Bringing All Students Back to Campus 2021-22 School Year

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What Is KIS Doing To Prepare For More Students?



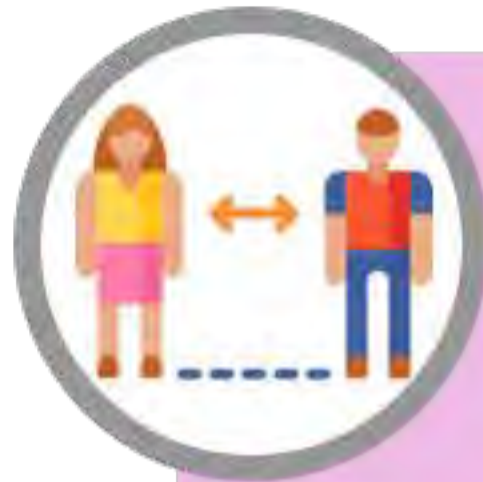
Cleaning & Disinfecting

KIS will continue with its regular cleaning and disinfecting process, with increased cleaning in shared spaces.



Wearing a Mask at School

There will be no change to our mask policy. We ask that all individuals wear a mask appropriately throughout the day, during the appropriate times.



Physical Distancing

Bringing more students back to campus means having more bodies in a number of spaces.

All spaces will be set up for student seating according to social distancing guidelines and promote as much social distancing as possible, using the current CDC and WHO guideline of 3 ft.

Some spaces will have different furniture that better accommodates social distancing.



Ventilation

All spaces with windows, including classrooms, lunch rooms, gymnasiums, and office areas will keep windows open for ventilation.

In shared spaces, the school has also placed a number of **Antibacterial Air Purifiers**.



Bus Service

In order to continue with more spacing on buses, KIS will be adding a few buses and making some adjustments to bus routes.

The school is planning bus student numbers and routes based on **65-70% occupancy** on buses and seating siblings together.



Lunch Rooms

KIS has three lunchrooms set up for 7-year-old through secondary students.

We have added tables and spread space out to accommodate more students.

All of these spaces have windows and doors that are open to increase air **ventilation**. These spaces also have **Antibacterial Air Purifiers** in them.

The furniture is sanitized before another group comes to use the lunch space.

KIS will also be setting up an **outdoor eating space** for students to use and in order to spread students out, if needed.

KIS will monitor the lunchrooms carefully to make sure the spaces are not overcrowded and there is adequate ventilation.

Ongoing Monitoring and Data Collection

As we plan to take these next steps, KIS will continue to monitor all of our health and safety procedures and guidelines. Beyond our hope that everyone stays safe off-campus, and the preventative measure for protection, our largest concern is monitoring to see if on-campus transmission is happening. As always, we will also be monitoring the reported data carefully to see if our procedures and policies continue to work. Below are some considerations and reminders, as we think about the 2021-22 school year.



Vaccinations

We encourage all members of our community who are able to get vaccinated.

KIS is planning to get as many staff members vaccinated as possible.

We are still uncertain as to how the school will keep track of this or what type of policies will be in place, but the school will continue to work with health care professionals to understand how the increased number of vaccinated individuals within the school community may adjust our policies and guidelines.



Reporting and Contact Tracing

KIS will follow the same procedures for contact tracing. The most important change will be that cohorts and classes will have more contacts associated with any given COVID case.

The school will continue with the same reporting and communication process with the community.



Surveillance Testing of Students

KIS is looking into a plan to begin doing surveillance testing of different staff and students each week to collect data and monitor any trends.

This would be with a proportion of our students and staff from a different age level, each week. We would be looking to establish a sampled baseline of any asymptomatic cases that may exist and would be able to more data to monitor any concerning increase in cases.



Important Quarantine Consideration

Since students will now all be together in the same class, this means that if there is a case in their class, the entire class will need to shift to online learning for self-isolation time. This means that more students may be impacted by COVID-19 cases than before when it comes to needing to quarantine.

Current Quarantine Guidelines (these may change over time)

* KIS will close any necessary classes and inform all first-level contacts.

* Student 1st-level contacts must self-isolate for 10 days from their last contact with the individual.

* Staff first-level contacts must self-isolate for 5 days. May return with Rapid Test.

* If someone in the household has COVID-19, household members may return once the house is clear of all COVID-19 cases.

We continue to ask those who have tested positive for COVID-19 to take have a **NEGATIVE** test in order to return to school.



Dear Parents of Secondary IV Students.

This year's Graduation Ceremony has been scheduled for Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 4:00pm.

Due to school COVID protocol, the event is only open to graduates and a limited number of family members.

Please note - the event is weather permitting and can change due to COVID concerns. Masks must be worn. Temperatures will be taken on arrival. Attendees must be on the guest list to enter campus.

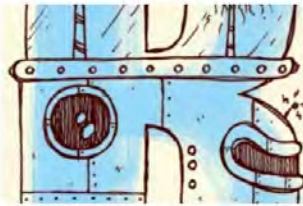
For more information, please contact **Ms. Rech**, Secondary Counselor at Kyiv International School.

Learning Stories



Outside Recess

Preschool



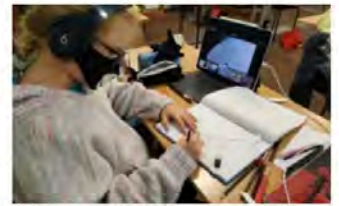
Reverse Robot

Preschool



All About Birds

Elementary



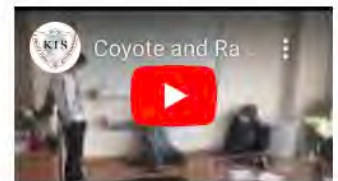
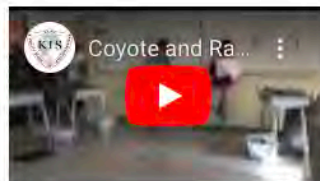
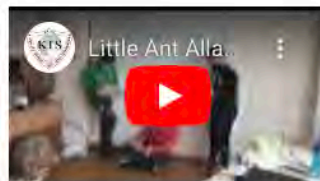
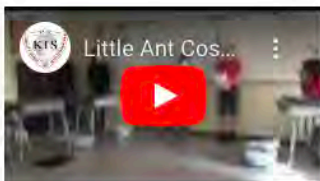
Math Driven

Middle School

Reader's Theater

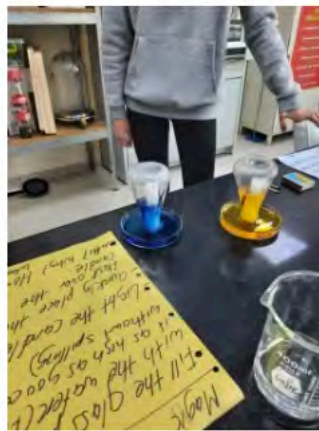
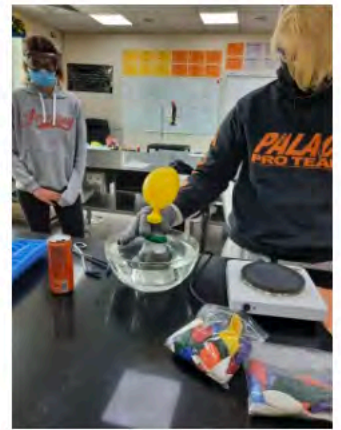
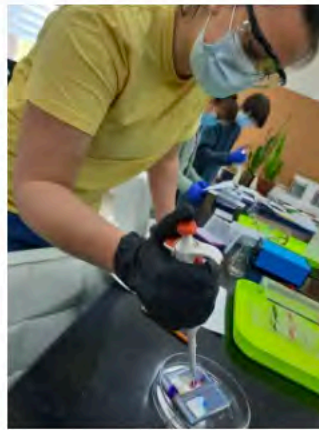
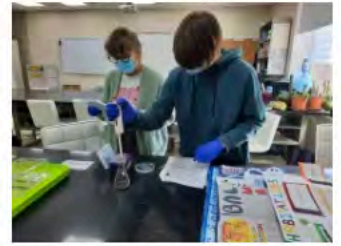
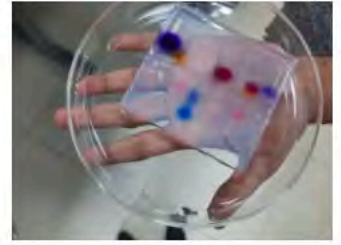
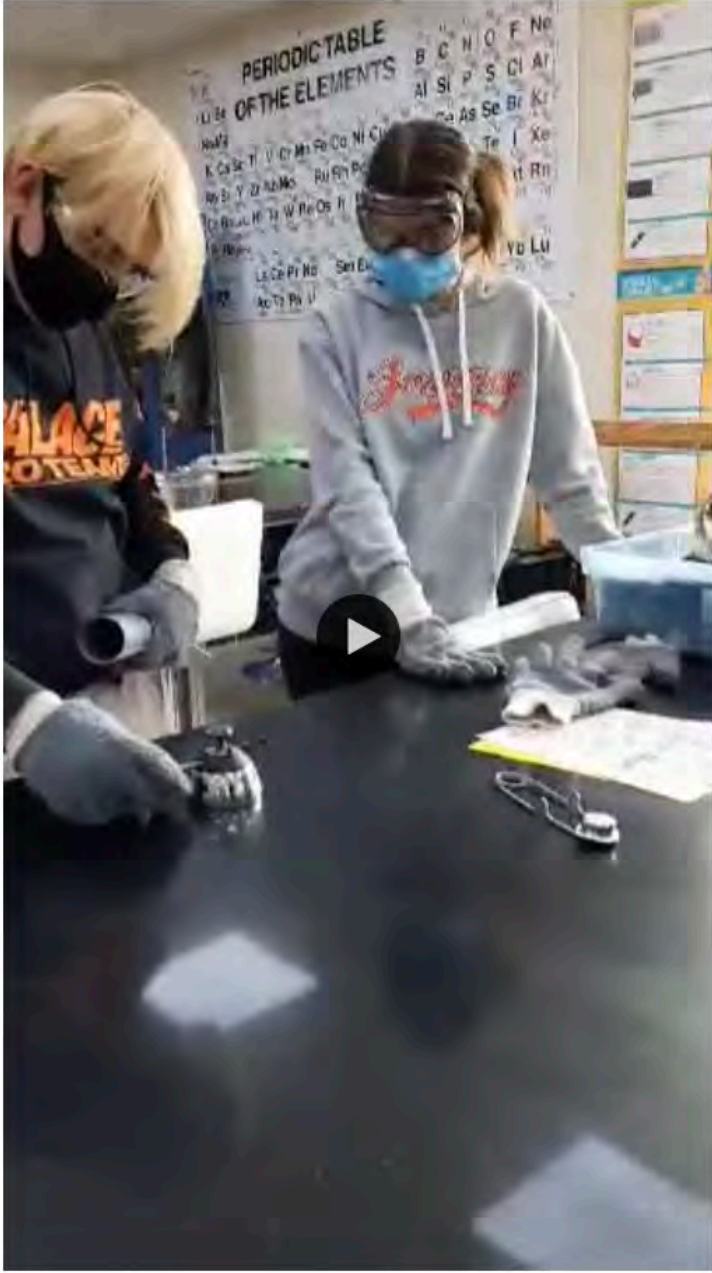
Last week in gDW, we worked on Reader's Theater and then performed them on Friday for the class. Students were all assigned a character that they had to analyze and then bring to life. Students used expressions and elements of drama to bring dimension and personality to their characters and performances.

They really enjoyed this project. Reader's Theater is a fun and active way for students to be active participants in their learning and take ownership of it. It helps to develop fluency skills, expression, comprehension, and analytical skills. It also aids in the building of students' confidence and public speaking ability.



Back in the Lab!

Biology and Chemistry Students are delighted to be back in school and back in the lab. They are busy exploring molecule shapes, gas laws, chromatography and forensics techniques.



The NHS Bedtime Stories Project



Welcome to the Bedtime Stories project! As the KIS National Honor Society, we invite you to settle in with your child, click on a video, and listen to our NHS students read their favorite childhood stories.

Visit [Bedtime Stories](#) to see a full list of videos.



Ecology Starts from You - an Earth Day Video

Elementary



May the Odds be Ever in Our Favor

Middle School



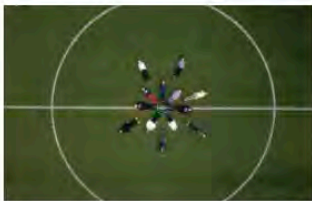
Student Spotlight

Secondary School

The World of Poetry

Over the past month, Ms. Ludlow-Hart's 10 Year Old Class has been studying poetry. The students explored Figurative Language, Rhythm and Rhyme in words. Learners expressed themselves in verse and painted pictures with their words.

Look into the world of Poetry through their eyes!



We are 10BH

Elementary



"List Poem" by Hansol

Elementary



"Acrostic" by Kevin

Elementary



"I AM" by Max

Elementary

metaphor

"Metaphor" by Abdukakhor



"Trees" by Nikolas

Elementary



"Couplet" by Mia

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"Acrostic" by Rita

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"Baby Blue" by Solomia

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"I Am" by Anelya

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"BLACK" by Hila

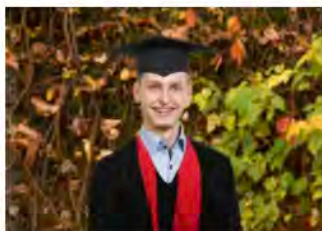
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"Metaphor" by Andrey

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Graduate Spotlight



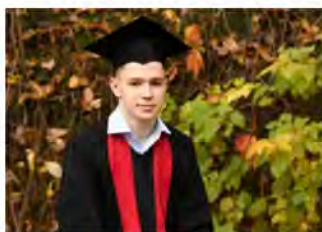
Name: Ludwik

University and Major:

Undecided for university. Plans to apply this summer when applications open.

Favorite Kozak Memory:

In 2012 season during the Saturday football matches for elementary students, I scored during the last seconds, thus winning the game and making our team the champion for that season.



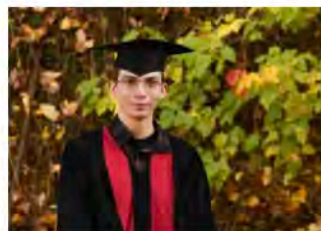
Name: Fedor

University and Major:

Full Sail University,
Music Business.

Favorite Kozak Memory:

Too many to name one.



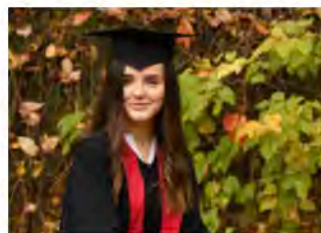
Name: Grygorri

University and Major:

University of Victoria.
Engineering/Physics/Rocketry

Favorite Kozak Memory:

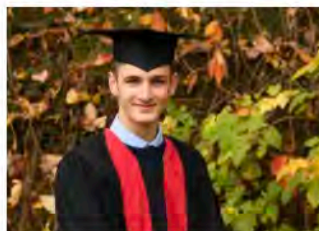
Winning the Science Fair in 2018.



Name: Zuzanna

University and Major:

Ecole Supérieure du Commerce
Extérieur Paris

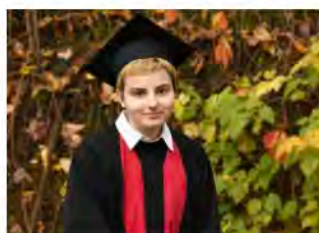


Name: Nicholas

University and Major:

Loyola University Chicago

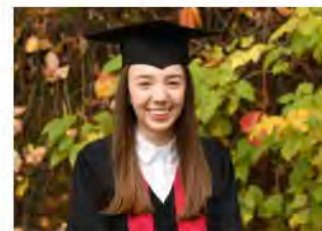
I plan to work 2-3 jobs this summer in Iowa to give me some pocket money while I'm in college. These jobs include working for my grandparents, working at a golf and country club and possibly corn detasseling. I will then drive to Chicago to start school at Loyola University Chicago in late August. I plan to major in entrepreneurship and start my own company on the side while I'm there.



Name: Yeva

University and Major:

Undecided.
Planning on taking a Gap Year in Canada.



Name: Ana

University and Major:

Jagiellonian University,
International Relations &
International Organizations.

Favorite Kozak Memory:

I want to say THANK YOU to all my teachers as well as KIS community members for making this experience an incredible one!



Name: Elizabeth

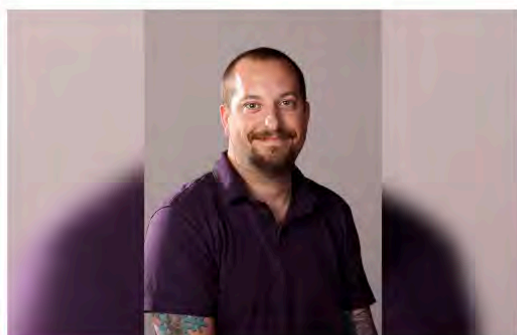
University and Major:

Kent State University,
Zoology.

Favorite Kozak Memory:

Getting the opportunity to meet so many new people and making new friends.

KIS in the Kyiv Post



Design Thinking

Design Thinking is a human-centered approach to innovation that puts the observation and discovery of human needs at the head of the innovation process. The Design Thinking approach to problem-solving is a little different than problem-based learning.

In Design Thinking, first and foremost, the idea is for students to become problem seekers, who are able to interview, ask questions, and look at the problem from a different perspective. This is so students, not teachers, may create authentic and creative solutions to problems.

Read More in the Kyiv Post

Academics

Community Voices



KIS is a Second Home

KIS is not just a school for our family it is literally a second home! My daughter entered the school at the age of three and graduated in 2020. She was accepted into six universities in the United States and received Presidential Scholarship from four of them. My two sons, age 11 and 13 have been in the school since they were three years old as well.

KIS is an international environment with expert teachers, cutting-edge facilities, innovative programs, experiential learning and holistic development. The school provides a numerous opportunities for children to discover their interests in life, such as CEESA Tournaments, MUN, Drama, Art, Music classes, you name it!

Whatever path my kids will choose I know that they will have a smooth journey as KIS has given them an excellent experience and knowledge!

The Library @KIS

Preschool students ages two to four come for their library lessons. They listen to a story and a song and check out their books. They even "read" their books! Well, at least they know how to handle them the right way :-).



Scholastic Book Club

Dear Parents!

In order to give you the opportunity to have some wonderful books for the summer, KIS has decided to open the Online Scholastic Book Club one more time this year! The offer starts on May 16th and runs out on May 26th. We are going to hopefully receive your books before the end of the school year. The estimated time of arrival is the 10th-15th of June. Please note this is the estimated date of arrival and is subject to change.

Before you place an order, please, consider the following: you have to be in Kyiv till the end of June to be able to pick up your order from school if you need to leave earlier for summer you agree to pick up your order in August/September from school. The school is not shipping the orders.

What is a Scholastic Book Club?

Two or three times a year, KIS gives the opportunity to order quality children's books at a discounted price from Scholastic Book Club. The books Scholastic offers are carefully chosen to get children reading for pleasure - and to keep them reading right through their teenage years. There is no obligation to order, but for every €1 that parents spend on a school's Book Club order, they'll donate 20¢ in FREE BOOKS back to the school!

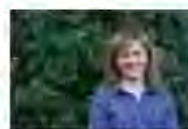
As a librarian, I set up a new Book Club order via Scholastic's website, I share the unique scholastic website address with you below. Parents and children go online to browse the latest Book Club range. Parents order and pay securely online. Your child's teacher will receive the order, so please remember to choose your homeroom teacher before paying for your books. The books are delivered to the school for FREE.

Here are the steps you need to take:

1. Go to the school's Scholastic Webpage <http://eu-schools.scholastic.co.uk/qsi-kyiv-international> - you will see QSI in the top right-hand corner.
2. Select which books you would like - to do this click "BUY"
3. When orders get close to £80.00 or 100\$ please proceed to checkout. There will be a summary of the order, click check out again. You can always open another with the same date straight after. This way the company can keep the orders going through customs without issues/delays.
4. It will ask you to register your email address or if you are a returning customer to log in using your email address and password.
5. Choose which book club basket/teacher you would like to place the order into. Your child's teacher will receive your order and pass it on to you.
6. Make payments for your books.

If you have any questions, please, email me at alla-yarmolenko@kyiv.qsi.org.

Sincerely,



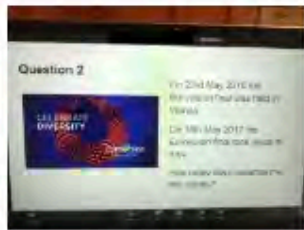
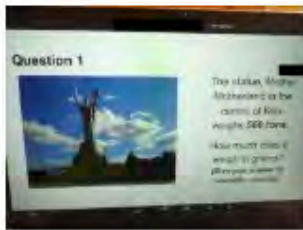
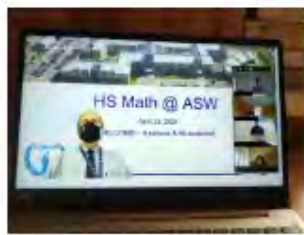
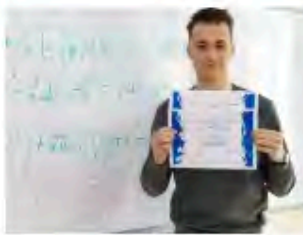
Alla Yarmolenko
Head Librarian
Kyiv International School

Secondary Math Counts



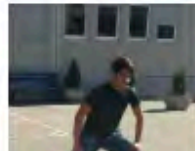
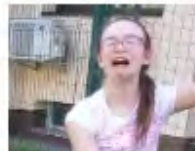
If you can't get enough of math, the KIS Secondary is the place for you!

Under the guidance of Ms. Oksana Chemerys, students who love math have a wide variety of opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities. This year, Secondary Math Counts started on October 1st and students began to prepare for the CEESA Math Counts Tournament. They also participated in the ASMA, the **American Scholastic Mathematics Association** competing each month and consistently scoring in the top 10% of schools.



This year there was a virtual CEESA tournament, but unfortunately, as we were not on campus, we were not able to participate in the relay round, excluding our team from the official competition. Both the junior and senior team participating in an unofficial capacity and did very well.

Middle School Drama Practice





KOZAK COACHING STAFF



Service, Scholarship,
Character, Leadership

CHERI CARPENTER

PORT WORTH, TX USA
Kozak Coach since 2020
HHS



Be bold and set your
expectations high

LINDSEY RECH

USA
Kozak Coach since 2018
HHS



You can do this!

KARI SPELLMAN

SALEM, OREGON
Kozak Coach since 2015
Middle School Student Council



Bring the greatest from you and
achieve a state of self
peace, grace, and serenity

DR. SUNITHA NAGARAJ

INDIA
Kozak Coach since 2020
Secondary Student Council

MS StuCo

It's election time!

Choose who you want to be
your voice this next year in
Middle School!

Be watching your school email
account for the electronic ballot
Monday, May 17 8:00 AM -8:00 PM



Email: kari_spellman@kyiv.qs.org

BEDTIME STORIES READ BY THE KIS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- The 3 Little Pigs
- Green Eggs and Ham
- Clever Coyote
- Katohok
- The Tale of Peter Rabbit
- Jack and the Beanstalk
- The Flood
- Little Red Riding Hood
- Oh, The Places You'll Get
- Where The Wild Things Are
- A Musical Donkey
- Goldilocks and The Three Bears
- Greek Myth The Great Deluge
- The Buny of Bluebell Hill
- The Dot
- Who Wants Arthur



THIS IS TO BE READ BY THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY