

ABU DHABI GRAMMAR SCHOOL (CANADA)

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Date: Tuesday 13 December 2016

What's Happening?

Friday 2 December

Wednesday 7 December

Monday 12 December

Wednesday 14 December

Thursday 15 December

Sunday 18 – Saturday 7 January

Sunday 8 January

UAE National Day

Gr. 3-6 Science Innovation, Math Fairs

Prophet's Birthday

8:15 – 9:00 4 – 6 Holiday Concert- Red Area,

9:40 – 10:25 K – 3 Holiday Concert-Red Area

Last Teaching Day before Winter Break

Winter Break

First Teaching day following the Winter Break

National Day Assembly

AGS has conducted two National Day assemblies on Tuesday 29 November. Students performed songs, poetry and dances. Students came to school wearing Emirati National Dress and other UAE items that were currently sold to celebrate National Day – e.g. Scarves, pins, headbands etc. We would like to thank the Arabic staff for preparing students for performances during the assemblies. Also thanks to Mr. Tariq for coordinating the assemblies. Shown above is grade 5 performance.



Commemoration/Martyr Day Celebrated at AGS

The UAE observed November 30 as Commemoration Day to salute the martyrdom of Emirati heroes who sacrificed their lives defending the sovereignty of the nation in civil, military and humanitarian services. The UAE flag was flown at half-mast in all government departments and institutions across the country on November 30, from 8am to 11.30am. On Wednesday, November 30, Commemoration/Martyr Day assembly



was held at AGS. All students assembled at 11:30 am for 1 minute silence and the raising of the UAE flag. As well, all joined in to sing the National Anthem. Shown above is the UAE flag being raised by Ahmed (Grade. 6).

Grade 4-6 Science-Innovation Fairs and Grade 3 Math Fair a Great Success December 7, 2016

Grades 4-6

The annual Science-Innovation Fairs were a big success. Budding scientists from grades 4-6 displayed their excellent projects in the classrooms and gymnasium on December 7th. Previously each grade 5-6 class held mini science-innovation fairs to select five finalists per class to compete in the gymnasium. A total of 35 projects were set up in the gym for judging, student and parent viewing. All finalists were presented with a certificate and all were acknowledged for being a finalist. During the day, judges selected gold, silver and bronze medal finalists. As well, grade 5 and 6 most innovative awards were selected. The judges had a very difficult job making the final selections. Many positive comments were received from students and parents concerning this year's science-innovation fair. The grade four portion of the event was non-competitive. Special thanks to the judges, Ms. Shazi Siddiq and Mr. Tommy MacLellan for their work in judging the projects throughout the day. As well, special thanks to the Science-Innovation Fair Planning Team for their work organizing this year's event-

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Ms. Pauline (Gr. 6), Mr. Scott C (Gr. 5), Ms. Leeann (Gr. 4), Ms. Julie (Gr. 3).

Grade 3 Math Fair

Many very interesting Math projects were displayed in the grade 3 classes throughout the day (December 7). A number of classes viewed the displays in each of the classrooms. The event has motivated students to take a keen interest in math and explore the many ways math is used in everyday life.



Grade 5 Science-Innovation Fair Finalists Most Innovative Award

(Cardboard Robot) –Noor Khaddam (5C), Nora Saad Bridi (5C); Gold (Peaceful Headphones)- Hamza Al Khawaja (5C); Silver (Mini Windmill)- Mahmoud Dahabra (5D); Bronze (How does Calcium Affect our Bones)- Toleen Tayeb (5B). Also shown in the above photo are Ms. Fatima (Director) and Mr. Jim (Vice-Principal).



Grade 6 Science-Innovation Fair Finalists

Silver (Effect of Music on the Heart)- Omar Mansour (6C), Mouad Abdussalam (6C); Bronze (Bio Battery)- Anas Mansour, Najdat Mounla (6C); Gold (Can we Purify Waste Water)- Ameera Abu Ghaida (6A); Most Innovative Award (Solar Energy)- Qusai Ayoub (6A), Sami Youssef (6A). Also shown above are Ms. Fatima (Director) and Mr. Jim (Vice-Principal).

Hour of Code As part of Computer Science Education Week, AGS hosted our first annual "Hour of Code" event on Thursday, December 8. The "Hour of Code" is an initiative "designed to demystify code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science, starting with 1-hour coding activities. Using our new Chromebooks, every grade 4 and 5 student

tried coding for the first time by creating their own games using Scratch, a programming language created by MIT. The grade 7 Tech Ed girls played a pivotal role by helping teach the younger students what they learned in their classes during the 1 hour event. The event was a great success and the organizers would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone involved for making it possible! We hope that events like this will continue to foster student interest in computer science as it becomes increasingly relevant for the job markets of tomorrow. Shown below is **Mr. David Oastler**, AGS Computer



Technology Professional Development Coordinator, as he instructs grade five students during the "Hour of Code" program in the gymnasium.

Chromebook Training for Arabic-Islamic Staff

On December 6th, all AGS Arabic/Islamic staff participated in a very informative Chromebook Training Session here at the school. All are excited about making use of chromebooks to enhance the educational experience at AGS. The school presently has over 60 Chromebooks and has placed an order for 60 more that should arrive at the beginning of January. The use of Google educational apps is a transferrable skill that can be used at school, home and in future work environments. Shown above is Mr. Mark Duncan, certified Google for education trainer, working with Ms. Manar during the Chromebook training session. Special thanks to Ms. Maysoun Ibrahim for organizing and coordinating the Chromebook workshops along with arranging for the purchase of these electronic educational devices. Also, thanks to Mr. David Oastler, AGS Technology Professional Development Coordinator, who



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provides ongoing support for the use of the Chromebooks.

AGS Announcements from School Counselor

The Class of 2017 will be graduating in **7 months!**

It is essential for students to be focusing on their "Post Secondary Plans" and

to begin the application process with their respective universities. The application process can be lengthy, but it is not unmanageable, and the end result is certainly worth it.

Admission to universities can be highly competitive and students are admitted based on the overall strength of the application submitted including academic excellence. It is very important for students to keep all their options open. Sometimes the university they select may not have been their first or second choice.

Once students apply to universities they must email Ms. Marlene, the name and complete mailing address for each of their university applications. mjohns@agsgrmmr.sch.ae This will ensure their transcripts are sent directly to universities by the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD). Students are eligible for 5 transcripts free of charge. Students are able to request



additional transcripts using an online request and payment site:

<https://edapps.ednet.ns.ca/IntlProgPmt/Payintro.aspx>

Please send Ms. Marlene the university name and mailing address as soon as you apply. If we do not receive the name and mailing addresses of the universities students have applied to their transcripts **will not** be sent to the university. Also it is important that these are forwarded as soon as possible to ensure transcripts are sent out at the appropriate time.

Once student's applications have been submitted they are responsible for tracking all of their communication with the colleges and/or universities. Students should be logging into the school sites daily to check for updates and application or document status reports. Schools will directly communicate with students and it is imperative that they keep on top of their applications. If you have any questions regarding the application process, please contact Ms. Marlene in the guidance office.

Kenya Club

Kenya Club will be having a "buy a brick" fundraiser. Students and families will have the opportunity to buy a 'brick' which will help us build a school in Kenya. When a 'brick' is purchased, they can be decorated with your name, and will then be added to our school until it is completely built. The school will be hung at the entrance of the school until our goal is met. Bricks will differ in size and can be purchased for 20, 50 or 100 dhs.

Kenya Club wants to thank you for all of your support!

CAN I HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

Registration has begun at AGS. Please read over Important Dates found below.

Returning students: Remember, you must re-register your child to reserve a seat for the 2017/2018 academic year by paying a 5% tuition fee. You can do this anytime before 9 Feb 2017.

جامعة نيويورك أبوظبي
NYU ABU DHABI

You are cordially invited:

NYUAD Summer Academy
Class of 2018
Student & Parent Open House

Young Filmmakers Workshop
Student & Parent Open House

with Dr. Laurie Behringer, Senior Director
&
Student Alumni

Session Dates: Thursday, December 15th, 2016 @6:00pm
Sunday, January 8th, 2017 @6:00pm
Sunday, January 15th, 2017 @6:00pm
Saturday, January 21st, 2017 @4:30pm

Location: New York University, Saadiyat Island, Abu Dhabi
Venue: Building A6, Room 001

Please submit your RSVP on <http://tinyurl.com/zfcv4mw> ASAP

For further information, please contact:
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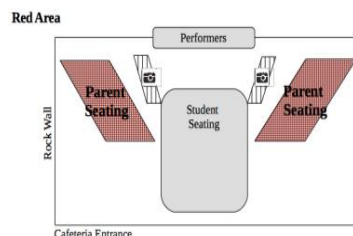


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New Students: The application procedure has changed, please read the Application Procedure carefully. It can be found on the website with the Application & Medical Form – www.agsgrmmr.sch.ae, under Admissions.

students who are performing and spectating. We have assigned some seats for those parents who wish to take pictures of their children. Please be mindful of other parents and only sit in those seats when your child is performing.



Important Dates

Hours of Operation:

Date	Admissions
4 Dec 2016	New student applications are available for pick-up.
11 Dec 2016	KG2 admission is open for siblings of <u>students currently attending AGS only.</u>
9 Jan 2017	KG2 admission is open for non-siblings.
15 Jan 2017	All new Grade 1 to 12 student applications can be submitted.
29 Jan 2017-9Feb 2017*	Re-registration for current students attending the 2016-2017 school year.
12 Feb 2017	Current students who re-register after this date are no longer guaranteed a spot.
16 Feb 2017	Deadline to apply to be considered for August 2017.
2 Mar 2017	Selected approved applicants will be offered a seat by this date.

* Please note, students currently attending AGS are welcome to re-register for next year at any time before the dates above.

You are invited to attend the Holiday Concert!

Tomorrow, Wednesday, 14 December, K – 6 students will perform, orchestrated by Ms. Kailey, our elementary Music Teacher, with involvement by Mr. Artie and his Grade 6 students. Students will perform at the following times:

K – 3 Concert: 9:40 to 10:25
4 – 6 Concert: 8:15 to 9:00

Due to space issues each family is limited to 2 guests. To alleviate some of the congestion, we have changed the layout. Please be respectful of the

AGS School Uniform

The AGS school uniform is purchased at *First Day Textiles (Tel#: 02 6340043 & Mob#: 050 5322630) behind Omeir bin Yousif mosque, Hamdan St., Abu Dhabi. Shop hours: 9:30 am – 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm.* Please see the price list below for the uniform items:

1	Polo T. Shirt half sleeve	65 dhs
2	Polo T.Shirt full sleeve	70 dhs
3	Round neck half sleeve- sports	45 dhs
4	Round neck house T.Shirt-sports	50 dhs
5	Black trouser	70 dhs
6	Black shorts- sports	55 dhs
7	Black pants- sports	55 dhs

The AGS school uniform consists of:

- LONG black AGS pants
- Collared AGS T-Shirt
- Black shoes and white socks
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Beginning on Sunday January 8 we will be strictly enforcing the wear of proper uniforms.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents will be phoned and asked to bring the correct AGS uniform to school if their child does not wear the correct uniform to school. Students are to obtain the Proper School Uniform over the Winter Break!

Junior High Assessments and Senior High Exam Schedules

The Assessments period for *Grades 7 to 9* students will be from Sunday, January 15 to Sunday, January 29. The exam period for *Grades 10 to 12* students will be from Thursday 19 January until Thursday 26 January.



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Please see below the Assessments and Exam Schedules for more information. **KG to Grade 6 students will continue with normal school days.**

Grade 10-12 AGS January

Exam Schedule

Junior High Major Assessment Schedule			
January 2017			
Date	Time	Course (Grade)	Venue
Sunday, January 15, 2017	Regular Class Time	French- Grade 7- Ms. Dalal French- Grade 8- Ms. Najia Grade 9 Arabic Social Studies	Classroom
Monday, January 16, 2017	Regular Class Time	Grade 7 Arabic/Sp Arabic Grade 8 Arabic Social Studies	Classroom
Tuesday, January 17, 2017	Regular class time	French- Grade 9 - Ms. Najia	Classroom
Wednesday, January 18, 2017	Regular class time	Islamic/special Islamic Grade 7 and 8 Arabic/Special Arabic Grade 9	Classroom
Thursday, January 19, 2017	Regular class time	Arabic/special Arabic Grade 8 Islamic/Special Islamic Grade 9 Grade 7 Arabic Social Studies	Classroom
Monday, January 23, 2017	8:15-10:15	English Language Arts Grade 7 Grade 8 Grade 9	Mixed classes in Junior High Classrooms
Tuesday, January 24, 2017	8:15-10:15	Social Studies Grade 7 Grade 8 Grade 9	Mixed classes in Junior High Classrooms
Wednesday, January 25, 2017	8:15-10:15	Science Grade 7 Grade 8 Grade 9	Mixed classes in Junior High Classrooms
Thursday, January 26, 2017	8:15-10:15	Mathematics Grade 7 Grade 8 Grade 9	Mixed classes in Junior High Classrooms
Sunday, January 29, 2017	8:15-10:15	Make-up day Medical excuse required	Ms. Shani's Classroom

Arabic/Islamic and Special Arabic/Islamic Exams				
Date	Time	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Thursday January 19 Arabic and Special Arabic Exams	Class Time	Block B 9:35-11:05	Block C 11:30-1:00	Block A 8:05-9:30
Sunday January 22 Islamic and Special Islamic Exams	Class Time	Block B 9:35-11:05	Block C 11:30-1:00	Block A 8:05-9:30
Canadian Courses Exams				
Date	Time	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Monday January 23 Block A	8:15-10:15	English Ms. Katie Math Ms. Courtney Math Ms. Leah	Math Mr. Mohammed Math Mr. Houssein Chemistry Ms. Suzy Economics Mr. David	English Mr. Michael
Tuesday January 24 Block B	8:15-10:15	Science Ms. Abir Science Ms. Suzy	English Mr. Michael Can. History Mr. Scott Math Mr. Houssein	PreCal Mr. Mohammed Sociology Ms. Katie
Wednesday January 25 Block C	8:15-10:15	English Mr. Michael English Ms. Katie Math Ms. Courtney	Oceans Ms. Abir Can. History Mr. Scott Chemistry Ms. Suzy	NA
Thursday January 26 Block D	8:15-10:15	French Ms. Najia	Physics Mr. Mohammed Physics Mr. Houssein Biology Ms. Suzy	Global History Mr. Scott Math Ms. Courtney Tourism Ms. Leah



Winter Break will begin on Friday 16 December until Saturday 7 January. The last teaching day before the Winter Break is Thursday, December 15. School resumes on Sunday 8 January 2017. We wish you all a safe and wonderful holiday. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

See you all next year!!