

ABU DHABI GRAMMAR SCHOOL (CANADA)

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Together We Make the Difference!



WEBSITE: <http://www.agsgrmmr.sch.ae>

Date: Thursday 2 March 2017

What's Happening in Our School Community?

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED FOR NEXT YEAR PLEASE DO SO IMMEDIATELY

Thursday, 2 March
Thursday, 9 March
Thursday, 16 March
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Wednesday, 22 March

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Friday, 24 March -Saturday, 8 April
Sunday, 9 April

Sports Day Grades 2 & 3
Sports Day Grades 4 & 6
Sports Day Grades 7 - 9
KG2 – 9 Term 2 Reports go home
Early Dismissal KG-2 @ 12 pm & Gr 3 – 12 @ 1pm for
Parent - Teacher Interviews
Parent-Teacher Interviews K – 9 @ 1:30 pm- 5:30 pm
Last teaching day before Spring Break
Spring Break
First teaching day after the Spring Break

Registration for Next Year

If you are returning to AGS for the next school year, and you haven't done so already **please re-register now** by paying the 5% deposit. We have opened registration to all students and seats are filling up quickly. **You will lose your seat if you do not re-register.**



INSPECTORS FROM CANADA- NOVA SCOTIA
Ms. Agnes Greer and Ms. Dale Armstrong from the Nova Scotia Department of Education

and Early Childhood Development will be present at AGS from March 5th – March 9th. They will be at AGS carrying out the yearly inspection. We look forward to host their visit and were proud to show off our students and school!

Term 2 Reports & Parent Teacher Conferences

Term 2 Reports for KG-9 will go home on Thursday, 16 March. KG-9 Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Wednesday, 22 March. Please note; Parent Teacher Conferences for KG - 5 will be held by appointment. Therefore, teachers will be sending home appointment request sheets and will follow up with an appointment time. Please look for these inside report cards. Parent Teacher App



Conferences for Grades 7-9 will be held in the gymnasium, no appointment is required.

Senior High News

The grade 10 - 12 have started a new semester. The mid semester report for High School will go out on April 18. The parent-teacher interviews will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. on April 19th.



AGS CULTURAL NIGHT 2017

This year's AGS Cultural Night was a fantastic success! Students, parents and teachers all worked

together to create vibrant and welcoming booths from 23 countries around our school and the world.

Performances by the AGS Dance Group,



Highland Dancers and Cheerleaders were a



great addition to the night. Students in Grades KG to 6 were lucky enough to get a sneak peak of the show during the school day that

morning.
Thank you to all those who brought food, items, and more, on the night of the event!

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CELEBRATING SUCCESS

ASSEMBLIES

Students in Grade KG – 8 participated in assemblies this month. The focus was *Tolerance*, and students learned ways to be tolerant



at school and in their community. Selected students from each class received awards for Positive Performance. There will be a House



Assembly coming up in March.

Scholastic and the National 2016 Year of the Reading Campaign Winner



Congratulations to Laila Faouzi Kemmous in Grade 5A on being selected as a winner in the National Scholastic Reading Campaign. Laila's prize

includes an online set of 300 books for all grade 5 classes. Congratulations also to Khalid Waleed Soliman in grade 9 who has been selected as a winner in his grade level with the same prize being awarded for the grade 9 students. Shown above is Laila with her Grade Five teacher Mr. Scott during a recent Celebrating Success Assembly.

TEACHER Professional Development

K – 6 teachers visited the local Apple outlet on Thursday, Feb. 23. They learned about and explored iPads with the guidance of an Apple trainer. Training will benefit our students.

Message to Students, Parents and Guardians of the 2017 Graduation Class

Most grade 12 students have completed and submitted their college and/or university applications.

Official transcripts are being sent directly by Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DOEECD) to colleges and universities for students who provided Ms. Marlene our guidance counsellor with the name and mailing addresses for their applications. Students are eligible for a maximum of 5 transcripts free of charge. Students are able to request additional transcripts using an online request payment site.

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

Students 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 directly communicate with students and it is imperative that they keep on top of their applications.

Once students receive a conditional acceptance from a school they should if applicable begin the application process for a **Visa Study Permit**. **This process can take up to 13 weeks.**

In order to study in Canada as an international student you may need a study permit. Canadian study permits are only issued after you have been accepted at a Canadian college, university or other accredited educational institution designated to receive international students.

More information regarding Canadian study permits requirements for international students can be found at: www.educanada.ca .

There are also local organizations such as IDP Education that will support students in their application for study permits free of charge. Abu Dhabi Contact Information for IDP Education:

T: +971 2 622 8367/8

E: ielts.abudhabai@idp.com

Canadian Scholarships & Awards for international students are available at some Canadian institutions. The amount and type of award varies from one institution to another. Obtaining a scholarship is competitive and applications must be made directly to each school.

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Last year one of our graduating students received a substantial award from

Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia
Dalhousie General Entrance Award program
(Deadline: March 15)

To be considered for entrance scholarships and bursaries, students must submit the General Entrance Award application. By submitting this one application, students are considered for the majority of all entrance scholarships and bursaries available at Dalhousie.

The following are a few examples of former scholarships that have been made available to international students.

- **Humber College International Entrance Scholarships:**

Humber has offered renewable full and partial tuition scholarships to NEW international students beginning classes in September and January of each year.

- **York University International Student Scholarship Program:**

International students who have had an excellent academic record and admitted to York University have been eligible for scholarships.

- **University of British Columbia Scholarships for International Students:**

UBC recognizes the academic achievement of outstanding students from around the world by devoting more than \$10 million CAD annually to awards, scholarships and other forms of financial assistance for international undergraduate students.

- See also **International Leader of Tomorrow Award** which recognizes international undergraduate students who demonstrate superior academic achievement, leadership skills, involvement in student affairs and

community service, recognized achievement in fields of endeavor.

- **Carleton University Entrance Scholarships for International Students:**

Carleton offers partial scholarships worth \$4,000 – \$16,000 to exemplary students who meet the admission average criteria of 80% and above.

- **University of Alberta, Vancouver Island University, University of Saskatchewan, University of Calgary, and many others have also offered scholarships and/or awards to international undergraduate students.**



AGS Grade 7 – 8 Science Innovation Fair

The AGS Science Fair for grade 7 and 8 was held on February 27th. We had some great innovative and varied entries in physics, chemistry, earth, and environmental sciences. All students from grade 6, 7, and 8 had an opportunity to see finalist's projects in the gym during the day. Thank-you to our judges Ms. Leah, Ms. Marlene, Mr. Andy, Mr. Tom and to all that were involved in the organizing and set-up. Students did well presenting their research to staff and parents. It was another great event at AGS!

Grade 7 Science-Innovation Fair Winners

February 27, 2017

Students (L-R): **Third-**
Aizah Ahmed- 7A,

Project: A Simple Electric Power Generator;
First- Hala Mustafa- 7C, **Project:** Wireless Weather;
Second- Nadine Abou-Shakla- 7C,
Project: Potato Clock. Also shown above are Ms.



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Lynne (Gr. 8 Science teacher and Gr. 7-8 Science Fair chairperson) and Ms. Annmarie, principal.

Grade 8 Science-Innovation Fair Winners



February 27, 2017

Students (L-R): **Third-** Omer Hashim- 8C,

Project: Aerodynamics and Fuel Efficiency; **Second-** Nujud Syed Rahman and Dania Yasser Hassan , **Project:** How Pollution affects Plants; **First-** Zein Kashi- 8A; Mohammad Dahabra-8A, **Project:** Water Saving. Also shown above are Ms. Lynne, Gr. 8 Science teacher and Gr. 7-8 Science Fair chairperson and Ms. Annmarie, principal.



Grade 7-8 Science-Innovation Fair Most Innovative Award- Grade 7-8 February 27, 2017

Shown on the left are the **Grade 7-8 Most Innovative Award Recipients** Abdel Rahman and Hamzeh Sameer Al Zoughoul-both grade 8 B students. Their project was entitled **Recycled Vacuum Cleaner**. Also shown above are Ms. Lynne, Gr. 8 Science teacher and Gr. 7-8 Science Fair chairperson and Ms. Annmarie, principal.



Severe Allergy to Latex Products

A member of our school community is extremely allergic to latex and products containing latex. The allergy is similar to a nut allergy in that if a person who is allergic, comes into contact with latex, can go into anaphylactic shock, which is life threatening. Being allergic to latex means that persons affected are allergic to products such as gloves and balloons. Not only can this allergy be spread by touch but also if the product, or dust from the product, is air borne.

Please be aware that someone in our school has this life threatening allergy before sending products such as balloons to school.

Thank you for your consideration in keeping our school a safe place!

More photos on Celebrating Success Assemblies

Grade One



Ms. Ruth's Grade 2 class

Grade 4



Grade 5



SPRING BREAK- School Holiday AGS will be having their School Holiday from Friday, 24 March until Saturday, 8 April. School will resume on Sunday, 9 April 2017.