

ABU DHABI GRAMMAR SCHOOL (CANADA)

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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

Date: Thursday 4 May 2017

What's Happening in Our School Community?

Thursday, 4 May	Grade 6 & 7 Yas Waterworld field trip
Thursday, 4 May	Grade 2 Little World field trip
Sunday, 7 May	MOE Islamic Grade 12 Exam
Monday, 8 May	PIZA Assessments
Wednesday & Thursday, 10 & 11 May	Grade 5 Musical-Character Matters-Gymnasium
Thursday, 18 May	Grade 3 Bounce field trip
Sunday, 21 May	MOE Arabic Grade 12 Exam
Tuesday, 23 May and Wednesday 24 May	Grade 4 Art Beat
Thursday, 25 May	Last day of Afterschool Activities
Thursday, 25 May	Early Dismissal KG - 2 @ 12pm & Grd 3 - 12 @ 1pm for PD
Friday, 26 May- Saturday, 27 May	Ramadan begins (subject to the announcement of the UAE Govt.)

ADEC Parent Survey Online

It is urgent that all parents complete ADEC's Parent Survey online. We still need parents to complete so that we can reach the quota! This survey is directly from ADEC and will have an impact on our annual ADEC inspection. It is not the survey that was completed at the KG2 - Gr. 9 parent teacher interviews in March, which was from AGS.

You can access the ADEC survey on any device - laptop, iPad, tablet, etc. by typing in the following website:

- Arabic: bit.ly/adec-pr-1
- English: bit.ly/adec-pr-2

To log on, please use the following School ID and password:

- School ID: 9049
- Password: 742018

The survey takes about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. If you have more than one child at our school, then it is preferable to complete the survey for your eldest child.

Thank you for helping make our school the best it can be!

ADEC requires that all surveys be completed by May 11th.



School Hours during Ramadan

During Ramadan school hours will be as follows:

KG - grade 2 school hours

will be from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm.

Grades 3 - 12 school hours will be from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm.



Senior High Trip to Georgia

Grade 12 students had the chance to visit Georgia as their senior trip with their teachers, Mr. Tariq, Ms.

Pauline, and Ms. Rania. They first went to the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi, and tried the delicious Georgian food. They also visited the old churches that were built in the 18th century. After spending two nights at the Kalasi



hotel, the grade 12 students went to the coastal city of Batumi. There, they used cable carts and enjoyed the wonderful view from above. Before the last day of the trip, the grade 12 students had a great experience in

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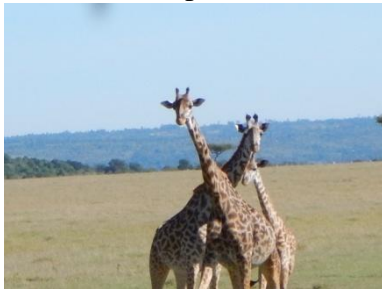
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Gudauri near the Caucasian mountains, where the students played in the snow and rode snowmobiles.

Kenya Trip

Following two years of planning, a group of dedicated students, teachers, parents, chaperones and a school administrator departed on an adventure of a lifetime in Kenya during Spring Break 2017- March 24-31. The group of 11 participated in a Me to We



organized trip to the Maasai Mara which is located six hours from Nairobi, Kenya. After landing in Nairobi on March 24 and spending a very nice night in a Me to We compound, the group made its way to the Maasai Mara. Upon arrival at our camp we were welcomed by all camp staff who were singing a Swahili "Welcome Song" in which our group joined in with great enthusiasm.



Our group was shown to our tent sites that proved to be very comfortable during our stay. The food was very enjoyed by all during our week at the Camp.

During the week we were guided by very capable Me to We staff including, Ms. Sahana (facilitator), Mr. Easy, Mr. Philip and Mr. Charles (Maasai Warriors) along with two high school graduates and many support staff in a very secure setting. The focus during the week was on the Me to We organization's five pillars including education, water, food, opportunity and healthcare.

During the week the group participated in many group sessions at the camp, visits to local schools and a hospital, participation in a "Water Walk" with Mamas, a beading session with Mamas, a visit to a local market to purchase food and other items for a week. An early morning Safari was a

highlight and enjoyed by all who viewed many zebras, gazelles, buffalo, hyenas, jackals as well as enormous giraffes and lions. Many everlasting pictures were taken! All took part in assisting with the construction of a new school building during an intensive work session that was temporarily delayed by heavy rain. Following the rain, everyone eagerly got back to work.

School visits to a KG - 8 (Emorijoi Primary School- 700 students) and 9-12 (Kisaruni - 150 students) school were really enjoyed by students. During our visit to **Emorijoi Primary School**, students were welcomed with singing by a group of grade 8 students. Our students and trip organizers reciprocated with a dancing presentation and a thank you. Students integrated with our host students and enjoyed participating in various games. A very interesting and informative visit took place with **Kisaruni Secondary School**, a grade 9-12 boarding school. Students at this school were up at 4:30 AM and had their first math class at 5:30 AM and continued their schooling until the evening. A very busy day indeed!

All students and adults were really impressed with the activities, interaction and educational benefits of this truly



educational experience. Student participants included Laith and Habiba, grade 7, Aicha, grade 8, Gabriel, grade 9, Yara and Amina, grade 10 and Fabian, grade 11. Special thanks to the following who accompanied the students: trip organizers Ms. Kristen (Gr. 5 teacher), Mr. Jim (Vice-Principal), Ms. Irene (chaperone) and Mr. Abdalla (Chaperone). Thanks to all students' parents for their support as well as all who supported the trip in any way including Abu Dhabi Grammar School (Canada), parents, staff and students!

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Celebrating Success Assemblies

Students in KG2 to Grade 8 all participated in Celebrating Success Assemblies on April 26th and 27th. There was a presentation by students who went to Kenya over the holiday on their experiences. Teachers made an age appropriate presentation on Empathy. All of the presentations were educational and fun, with PowerPoints, songs, and videos! Certificates were given out to students. In KG2 to Grade 3, select students who display empathy towards others



received a Celebrating Success Certificate for putting themselves in others' shoes. In Grades 4 – 7 students received Positive Performance Awards for being the best they can be. Letters of Recognition were also distributed to students in Grade 7 & 8.



In May, students will participate in a House Assembly, where they compete in relay races with the other teams. On this day, they will be asked to wear their coloured house shirt.

Planning Ahead.....

The last day of school for students will be 22 June 2017. We will have an early dismissal at 9:30 for all students on this day. Information regarding picking up report cards will be available in June and will be communicated to all parents. We understand that many families will be traveling during the Holy Month of Ramadan so we ask that you please notify your child's teacher so that year end arrangements can be made.

ADEC calendar for next year has been announced and students return to classes, after the Eid Holiday, on 10 September 2017. Schools will be open and teachers will be on site from 3 September 2017.

Fire Safety Awareness Training- May 2017

One half of the AGS Staff is in the process of being trained in Fire Safety



Awareness training. The four hour training sessions are taking place in Mussafah at the Jaheziya Training Centre. Topics included Fire Triangle of Combustion, Fire Tetrahedron, Heat Transfer, Methods of Extinguishing a Fire, to name a few. A highlight of the training session included the use of fire extinguishers (water, CO₂, foam, etc.) to extinguish real fires. Shown above is one group of five who is receiving the training. AGS is very proactive and strives to prevent, and act properly in,- the case of emergencies.