

ABU DHABI GRAMMAR SCHOOL (CANADA)

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Date: Thursday October 6 2016

What's Happening?

October 2
October 27

Hijra New Year (Holiday)
Early Dismissal @ 12 pm grades K – 2 &
@ 1pm grades 3-12 for PD

**Honourable Labi Kousoulis,
Minister of the Public Service
Commission and Minister of
Internal Services,
Nova Scotia Government
visits AGS-
Canada**



Honourable Labi Kousoulis, Minister of the Public Service Commission and Minister of Internal Services, Nova Scotia Government met with Mrs Fatima, the school Director, in the morning of Sunday 25 September at the school and was followed by a school tour. Shown above with Honourable Labi Kousoulis is Evan Sabih, High School Student Council President, Ms. Fatima and Ms. Annmarie.



Nova Scotia Elementary Provincial Assessments

Provincial Assessments in English and Math are taking place in grades 3, 4, and 6. The information received from these assessments is used to determine how well our students at AGS are doing in comparison to schools in Nova Scotia, Canada. This is also very valuable information for our school to use during ADEC inspections. Thanks to all our teachers and administration for coordinating these

assessments and to our students for doing their best.

Field Trips and ADEC Approvals

Teachers from different grade levels have started arranging for various field trips for their classes such as Little World, Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition etc. All these trips and more future trips will be confirmed to parents after an approval from ADEC. In the case of disapproval then the trip will be cancelled and money will be refunded.



Sport Teams and Coaches

Various sports teams will represent AGS this year in Abu Dhabi Sport School Association. The U 16 Boys will have a friendly game next week against Choueifat School. Thanks to Mr Sorin for coordinating all sport teams.



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Afterschool Activities and Clubs

After school activities for first semester will start on 9 October until 8 December. The After-School Program is delivered Sunday to Thursday (2 -5pm depending on the activity) to children in grades KG-12. For each semester, the program takes place for nine weeks with the goal of having different students in each session. Each session includes 8-20 students. Finally, some "girls-only" programs are offered at each site to help target a key group of inactive youth. The A.G.S. After School Activities program usually includes: creative art activities, leisure activities, physical activities, transition activities, wellness and nutrition activities, etc. ADEC has approved all activities for the first term. **PLEASE PICK UP STUDENTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ACTIVITIES. STUDENTS NOT PARTICIPATING IN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES MUST GO HOME AT 3PM.**



Time can't be saved up but it can be managed....

LATE FOR SCHOOL!!

Unfortunately we have been experiencing a high number of students arriving late for school this year. A high number of students arrive after 8:00 am and line up at the reception desk for late slips- this is unacceptable! Late students not only miss out on classroom work but also interrupt the entire class learning situation upon entering the classroom. **It is imperative that students arrive at least by 7:50 am in time for the National Anthem that is played at 7:55 am.** Parents of students arriving late will need to be on time in the future and as well students who have drivers will need to inform their drivers to be on

time. Thank you to all parents who arrange to have their sons/daughters at school on time. We look forward to a major improvement in having all students arriving on time.

Also please note that students *should not* be dropped off prior to 7:25 am each day and must be picked up promptly at 3pm. There is no supervision provided for students before 7:25am and after 3:10 pm. Students are sitting outside unattended in very hot conditions if not picked up on time. It is the parent's responsibility to make sure they are not left unattended before and after school. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.



Science/Innovation Fairs

Calling all AGS scientists! Do you have an interesting idea for a *science/innovation project*? The *Second Annual Science/Innovation Fair* for

Grade 3-6 students will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016. Grade 7-12 Science Fairs will be held in February/March, 2017.

More details concerning the Grade 3-6 Science/Innovation Fair will be forwarded in the coming month. This year the Grade 3-4 Science Fair will be non-competitive and judging will only take place at the grade 5-6 levels. This year we are recruiting Grade 5-6 Judges. Please contact Ms. Pauline (Gr. 6 teacher), Elementary Science/Innovation Fair Coordinator, if you are interested in judging at the Grade 5-6 level.



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Fall Festival Celebrations

On Monday 31 October ALL students are invited to wear costumes of their choice, if they wish. NO TOY WEAPONS AND NO FULL FACE COVERAGE PLEASE!! For student protection students need to be notified as they enter the school. Students will be participating in Fall Festival activities on this day.

Celebrating Success Assemblies

During the last week of September, five KG-9



Celebrating Success Assemblies were held in the gymnasium. The following grade combinations took part in the assemblies-KG-1; 2-3; 4-5; 6-7; 8-9. The theme of Respect was highlighted during the assemblies. As well, a number of KG-7 Behavior certificates were distributed to students along with a button. The school year is off to a great start and this message was emphasized along with the message of continuing to be respectful throughout the school year both in the school and community. Shown above **Grade 7 Behavior Certificate Recipients:** Left-Right- 7A- Aizah and Saif, 7B- Basigat and Rayan; 7C- Hala and Anas

Shown to the right **Grade 1 Behavior Certificate Recipients Left-Right- Grade 1C- Rami and Toulun; ; 1B- Leya and Burak; 1 A- Talha and Mariam**



Celebrating Success Assemblies will be held every other month. House Assemblies will be held during alternate months. During the House Assemblies all students are expected to wear their House T-shirts and as well they can be worn on Thursdays. During House Assemblies school spirit will be promoted and student representatives will take part in fun physical activities.

Information for Potential Grade 12 Graduating Students:

Fairs and Visits

We are very fortunate to have a number of universities visiting our school and community to meet our students. Meeting admission officers permits students the opportunity to put a name and face to a school, as well as ask questions about what is important to them.

The following will be visiting our school to do a quick presentation to students in October.

- **Paris Sorbonne University – Abu Dhabi -** Tuesday October 11th
- **Abu Dhabi University –** Tuesday October 18th

We also have plans in the works for a Canadian University Fair where there will be presenters from a variety of colleges and universities in Canada will be on hand. Students will have an opportunity to ask questions of the university representatives. (Tentatively October 31st)

IDP Education Abu Dhabi “Study Abroad Road Show”

On **Saturday October 8th** IDP Education Abu Dhabi will host an “Study Abroad Road Show” event at Al Thuraya Ballroom, Beach Rotana Hotel (near Abu Dhabi Mall) There will be 50 world class universities from Australia, UK,

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Canada and New Zealand participating in this road show. Students and their parents are invited to attend free. Schedule of Events: 1PM-3PM - IELTS Masterclass (1st Session) 3PM-8PM - Roadshow 9meeting up with University Representatives)7PM-9PM – IELTS Masterclass (2nd session)

UAE Global Education Fair – Abu Dhabi October 2016

On **Sunday October 16th** the Abu Dhabi global Education Fair will take place at the Le Royal Meridien from 4:30PM to 8PM. There will be representative from 100 international universities and colleges in the Canada, USA, UK, Australia, France, Finland, Brazil, Dubai, and the rest of Europe. A number of embassies and consulates will also be present to help with information about the education system, cultural information and visa requirements. There is also an extensive free seminar programme covering the advantages of studying abroad, living costs, accommodation options, and the application process and studying in Canada, Australia, the UK and USA and many more. Register for free fast-track entry at <http://www.uae.globaleducationfairs.net> where you can also find a full list of exhibitors, seminars and other important event information.

NAJAH's "Knowledge Zone" – October 2016

This seminar provides an opportunity for students grades 10 to 12 to gather information and advice on higher education courses from local and international universities. Topics will include the application process, student life and studying abroad.

Dates & Times: **Tuesday October 25th** 8:30 am – 3:30 pm (Open to all)

Wednesday October 26th 8:30- 12 pm
(Ladies Only) 12:00 – 3 pm

Thursday October 27th 2:30 – 9:30 pm
(Open to all)

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Senior High Student Council

The Student council is planning a number of events throughout the year that will include all grades at AGS. More information will be disclosed in the near future. Listed below are the members of the Student Council.

Mrs. Abir: Student Council Liaison/Advisor

Evan Sabih: President

Rameen Babadi: Vice President

Joud Nabelsi: Treasurer

Judy Aldroubi: Secretary

Grade representatives:

Grade 12: Sally El Saffarini, Aymen Al Shakarchi

Grade 11: Sarah Nabelsi, Seif Hindieh.

Grade 10: Janelle Azar, Nurin Razmyn, Omar Damen, Leah Abu chakra.

Congratulations to all!!