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Letter From the Editor

“Welcome to the fourth and final edition of the ABS Times for the 2021-2022 Academic Year. It has been a wonderful year seeing all the students back in person! We are so proud of everything that you have done to make it to the end of this year. As we close out this year and look ahead to the Summer Break, we hope that you take some time to appreciate how much you have grown this year. As we prepare to have you back in school in September (inshallah), we hope that you bring the same excellence, patience, and diligence that you have displayed all year. To the Class of 2022, congratulations! As you all move on to different paths, universities, and goals, just know that through it all, we are so proud of you for all your hard work. We look forward to hearing about your wonderful accomplishments in the future! This edition of the ABS Times contains our usual coverage of events that have occurred on ABS’s campus during these past several weeks. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who continue to help support the ABS Times and the ABS community as a whole. Enjoy the final edition, and may Allah continue to bless Kuwait.”

Message from the ABS Journalism team

KG Events

KG Mother's Day Celebration

To honor our beautiful ABS KG Mommies, we held a very special assembly on Monday, March 21. The assembly included beautiful songs from each grade level; a poem read by Ms. Ataa; a dishdasha dress-up competition and a fun race competition. Following the assembly, all the moms were invited into the classrooms where they were given a thoughtful gift from their children. As a perfect end to their special day, the mothers enjoyed wonderful sweets, savories, tea and coffee in our KG reception area.



ABS Spring Book Fair

ABS hosted the Spring Book Fair from March 27-31, 2022. This book fair offered a wonderful selection of books and it was a great opportunity for our students to gain a love for reading that lasts forever. Students were exposed to a variety of different books, materials, and resources and teachers had the opportunity to view and purchase any books they wish for their class.



KG Events

KG Spring Concert

On March 30-31, 2022, PreK and KG1 students performed their annual Spring Concert, Rumble in the Jungle. The students were adorably dressed in their jungle themed costumes while they performed different songs and dances in both Arabic and English. The purpose of this annual concert is to celebrate the students and their accomplishments throughout the school year. Students gained confidence as they learned to perform in front of an audience. It was a wonderful show enjoyed by all the children and their families.



Girgian Celebration

ABS held the tradition of Girgian, on Thursday, April 14, 2022, in the holy month of Ramadan. It was a very special celebration for children. The KG students were encouraged to wear their festive Girgian attire and exchange their Girgian treats with their peers in the classrooms. Our department had a special visit from a Kuwaiti band to dance and sing traditional songs and our KG children were treated to a special show to celebrate the occasion. It was a beautiful day filled with smiles and happiness.



KG Events

Earth Day

ANY DAY IS A GREAT DAY TO CELEBRATE THE EARTH.

Our KG department organized Earth Day on Thursday, April 21, 2022, a perfect time to introduce our students to important concepts such as recycling, pollution, planting, and reusing. Children dressed in blue or green and some of them wore special handmade shirts by adding different handicrafts. Our classroom activities focused on the environment and keeping Kuwait clean. The kids were excited to learn how to help our planet!



KG2 Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation Day ceremony commemorated the precious moments of our little ones in KG2 and offered an opportunity to celebrate the culmination of their kindergarten years and the beginning of new experiences to come. On Thursday, May 26, 2022, the school stage took on a festive look, illuminated with the theme of Wishes and Dreams. Congratulations to our 2022 Kindergarten Graduates and we wish them all the best as they continue their educational journey to Elementary.



KG2A Graduates



KG2B Graduates



KG2C Graduates



KG2D Graduates

KG2 Graduation Spotlight

KG2 Graduates - Class of 2022



Elementary Events

Arabic Drama

Under the direction of the Arabic Staff, Grade 4 students prepared an Arabic Drama that was presented to their parents and peers. We are so proud of the Grade 4 students and the efforts they made to prepare for the play while still maintaining their studies.



Mother's Day Assembly

Under the direction of Ms. Amal, students were able to celebrate with their mothers, aunts, and grandmothers during Morning Assembly. Students shared poems and readings in honor of their mothers. The Grade 5 girls danced in honor of their moms. It was a beautiful morning!



Spring Book Fair

ABS partnered again with SpectraWide Books for the Spring Book Fair. Each book fair, students wonder, and awe grows for what they can find inside a book! If you didn't get a chance to purchase a book during the fair, you can order online at : spectrawidebook.store



Elementary Events

Health and Sports Week

This year, the Elementary Department celebrated Health Week with purposeful activities in the classroom, with the PE Department, and during lunches and snacks. Thank you to the parents who donated healthy treats to our students and staff. Special thank you to Ms. Roxy and her team of coaches for facilitating an exciting and memorable Sports Week!



Talent Show/ Spring Concert

After years away, ABS students were ready to shine! Students shared their talents including song, dance, and comedy. Thank you to the committee for setting the stage for our ABS stars! Thank you to our students who bravely auditioned and shared their talents with the community.



Elementary Events

Girgian Assembly

On April 14, Elementary students celebrated Girgian with their classmates. Students were encouraged to wear festive Girgian attire and were invited to share Girgian treats with their classmates. It was a colorful day, rich with cultural fun and excitement.



Earth Day

Elementary students dressed up in green and blue to celebrate Earth Day. The student council members created a poster, asking other students to pledge to be kind to the Earth. We love the way ABS students are growing into global citizens.



Teacher Appreciation

The Elementary student council passed appreciation cards to their teachers as a way of thanking and appreciating all the effort that they've demonstrated throughout the year. We are so grateful for our teaching staff!



Elementary Commendations

Exceptional Members of the ABS Family

Here at the American Baccalaureate School, we believe in showing our appreciation for hard work and doing an exceptional job. Each month, both the students and the staff are recognized for going above and beyond as role models for others. These individuals are honored by being named the students, teachers, or staff members of the respective month. We appreciate these outstanding individuals and want to recognize them once again for everything they do for us and for ABS. The next time you see one of these wonderful Wildcats, tell them how much you appreciate them and congratulate them for being student of the month.

Elementary Students of the Month



Omar Al-Samhan
Grade 1
Student of the Month
March



Alsheikhah Al-Mutairi
Grade 2
Student of the Month
March



Mohammad Al-Shuraidah
Grade 3
Student of the Month
March



Nour Al-Terkait
Grade 4
Student of the Month
March



Abdulaziz Aswad
Grade 5
Student of the Month
March



Saud Al-Otaibi
Grade 1
Student of the Month
April



Alzain Al-Masoud
Grade 2
Student of the Month
April



Ahmad Khalaf
Grade 3
Student of the Month
April



Muneerah Al-Deei
Grade 4
Student of the Month
April



Yousef Al-Ruwaished
Grade 5
Student of the Month
April



Dalal Al-Abdulsalam
Grade 1
Student of the Month
May



Omar Meshari
Grade 2
Student of the Month
May



Noura Al-Wazzan
Grade 3
Student of the Month
May



Fawzi Al-Mashaan
Grade 4
Student of the Month
May



Abdulwahab Al-Mazeedi
Grade 5
Student of the Month
May



*Congratulations
& Well Done*

Grade 5 Promotion Spotlight

Rising Grade 6

To our rising grade 6 students, we are so proud of you! We trust you will continue to learn and grow as you venture into middle school and beyond. We are proud of the efforts you’ve made and are confident that you are ready for all that’s ahead. Keep learning so you can keep leading!



Grade 5 - Class of 2022



MSHS Events

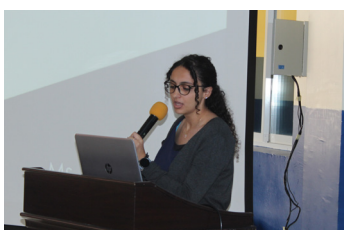
Rising Grade 5, 9, 12 Orientation

During April, the MSHS hosted 'Rising Orientations' for grades 5, 9 and 12. Presentations were given by the Administrators and Counselors to inform students of the expectations next year. The meetings were extremely informative, and it was wonderful that so many parents came along, we appreciate their continued support!



AP Advanced Course Meeting

A select group of students and parents were recently invited to come along to the Advanced Course Meeting. This was a very insightful meeting whereby all the AP Course expectations were outlined.



MSHS Events

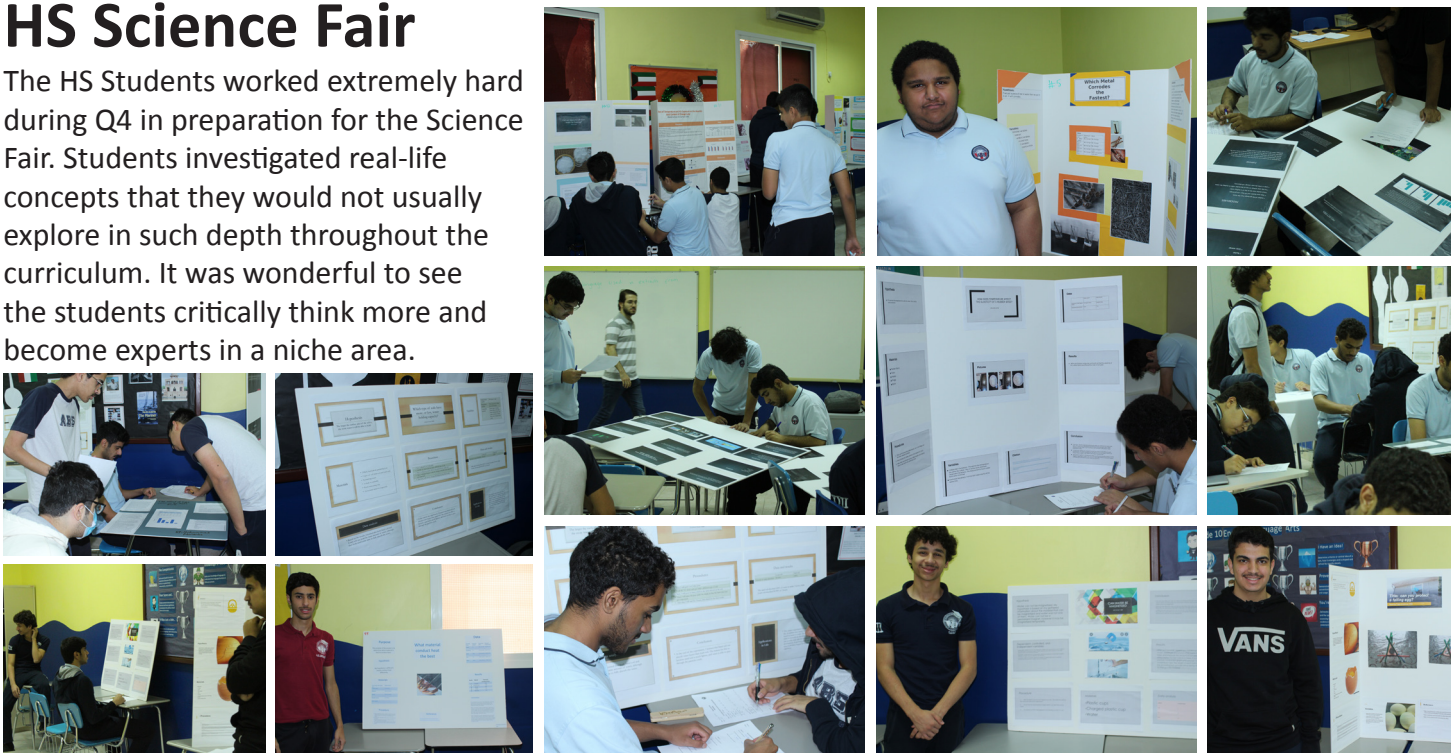
MSHS Spirit Week

MSHS recently had a Spirit Week which brightened up the whole campus. Each day was a different theme and to kick off the beginning of Spirit Week students wore their 'Favorite Color Hat and Socks' to celebrate! The second theme was 'Jersey Day' whereby students wore their favorite sports team jersey to demonstrate the team spirit we have at ABS! The middle of the week was 'Traditional Dress Day', students wore their traditional clothing to pay homage to their heritage and culture. Towards the end of the week, 'Retro Dress Day' was very exciting as student showed their far-out styles by dressing up in 70's themed wear. Finally, the week was concluded with 'Anything but a Bag Day'. Students showed how well they could "think outside the bag" by getting creative with what they used to hold all their supplies for the day.



HS Science Fair

The HS Students worked extremely hard during Q4 in preparation for the Science Fair. Students investigated real-life concepts that they would not usually explore in such depth throughout the curriculum. It was wonderful to see the students critically think more and become experts in a niche area.



Award Ceremony Spotlight

Award Ceremonies - MSHS & Elementary

By: Alzain Al-Salem

The awards ceremony is a procession that is in the course of the final days of the academic year. It is a ceremony that accentuates the honored students from the rest. Students receive diverse categories of certificates based on the GPA they have achieved throughout the year. Students who achieved a GPA higher than 3.75 earn the outstanding certificate of High Honor. While students who obtain a GPA that exceeds 3.5 and lower than 3.75 receive the certificate of Honors. Lastly, the students who accomplish a GPA of 3.25, but lower than 3.5 receive the Academic Achievement Award certificate.



Grade 8 Graduation Spotlight

Grade 8 Graduation

By: Alzain Al-Salem

The time of year has come where our eighth graders said their goodbyes to their final days of Middle School. The graduation was held on the second of June. At the beginning of the ceremony Shaihana Al-Shaheen recited passages from the Holy Quran. Next Jawhara Al-Babtain gave a speech in English, Faleh Al-Salem then delivered a speech in Arabic. Lastly, Zahra’a Al-Mazeedi concluded the graduation with her ending speech. We are proud of our rising freshman for completing their Middle School years.



Senior Spotlight

Grade 12 Graduation

By: Yousef Al-Nakkas

Graduating and ending the school career is an amazing thing that everyone looks to achieve. This year, the grade 12 students showed great commitment and dedication throughout the 2021-2022 year. The teachers and all the staff made an impact on the students in a positive way, one of the positive ways being expecting the most from the students, setting high expectation limits. When the expectations are high, the student will work harder to provide more. The seniors displayed confidence and hard work throughout this school year. Graduation is a memorable and beautiful journey of life, students struggled for 9 months, but at the end they accomplished all their goals and objectives.



**Senior
2022**

Senior Celebration

By: Aseel Al-Furaih

As a way to wrap up the last thrilling High School year, ABS Seniors decided to host a celebration for successfully completing not only the academic 2021-2022 school year, but to commemorate the very last days of their high school year before turning the next page and paving their career paths or seeking higher education. Seniors celebrated that by receiving awards from the school, bouncy castles, and catered food. There were many tearful goodbyes amongst the students and staff members. The seniors had created a bond with each other and with ABS and we all are forever changed because of them.



Student Article & Advertisements

Transition from MS to HS

By: Munia Al-Muneefi - 8GB



Transitioning from Middle School to High School can be stressful. It gets you ready for college and everything counts for the final grade. It will be a lot harder and more difficult as the days go on. A lot more assignments, picking electives, different courses and more.

In Middle School, about everyday an assignment is posted for a classwork grade, homework, or not counted. Some graded, and some not. Some say it's hard but its basically nothing in High School. It will be much difficult. Less free time and more studying. Everything counts for your final grade and people should worry more about failing a class.

Picking electives can be cool and all, but as the days go on, it will be much harder than what you expected. Picking either French or Spanish as a course can be fun, but disappointing when you don't get in the class. It can be a cool experience learning a language from start to finish, but you have to dedicate your time and studies to learning that language and speaking it fluently or even maybe a little bit.

In Middle School, we took a bit of course that can help us get ready for High School. Graphic Design and Technology splits the class in half and half go to Technology, and half to Graphic Design. At the end of the semester, the class switches and the people who took Technology first will go to Graphic Design and vise versa. It's a good help for High School because it will get us ready for electives and the class splitting up.

In summary, High School is way different and harder than Middle School. You're getting ready for College/ University and the school does everything they can to get us ready.

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MSHS Commendations

Middle School



Aishah Al-Tamimi
6GA - March



Sarah Al-Habbab
7GB - March



Layan Al Ayubi
8GA - March



Yaser Al-Ebrahim
6BB - March



Rashed Al-Mazkour
7BB - March



Faisal Al-Awadhi
8BB - March



Adelaha Al-Duwaikh
6GB - April



Ghala Al-Ghanim
7GB - April



Muneerah Al-Marei
8GA - April



Mishari Al-Marzouq
6BB - April



Barrak Al-Osaimi
7BA - April



Abdulaziz Al-Nouri
8BA - April



Laya Talal Al-Riahi
6GB - May



Nourah Al-Ghanem
7GB - May



Tala Al-Ahmad
8GB - May



Hamad Dawood
6BB - May



Abdulaziz Al-Khalidi
7BA - May



Abdulrahman Al-Menaifi
8BB - May



High School



Ebtisam Al-Qanai
9GB - March



Mariam Al-Abduljalil
10GA - March



Shaikhah Al-Marshed
11GA - March



Lina Al-Osaimi
12GB - March



Salman Al-Suwaidi
9BA - March



Mohammad Al-Mutairi
10BB - March



Saoud Al-Alban
11BA - March



Faisal Al-Ahmad
12BA - March



Jana Al-Mattoq
9GA - April



Sarah Al-Muraikhi
10GB - April



Jana Al-Shamali
11GB - April



Asayel Al-Nassar
12GB - April



Hamad Al-Shaddad
9BA - April



Ahmad Al-Ajmi
10BA - April



Abdulrahman Al-Hajree
11BA - April



Abdulrazzaq Al-Alwadhi
12BA - April

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MSHS & Staff Commendations



Nawal Al-Qanai
9GA - May



Leen Al-Fahad
10GB - May



Retaj Al-Houlani
11GA - May



Ali Al-Rifai
9BC - May



Abdulrazzaq Al-Ali
10BB - May



Abdulaziz Al-Shamali
11BA - May



Kindergarten Staff



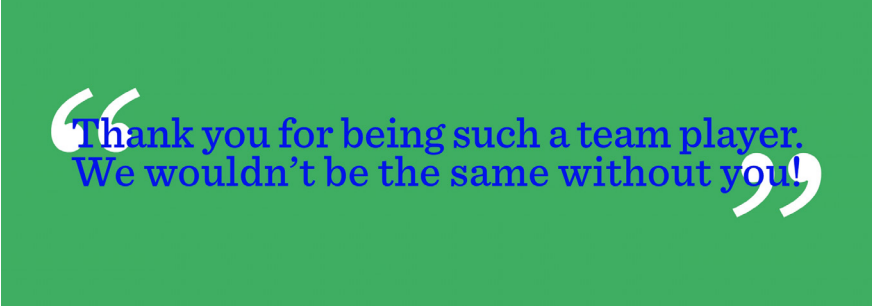
Nada Al-Mousawi
March Staff of the Month



Charisse Magallanes
April TA of the Month



Ataa Dalal
May Staff of the Month



Elementary Staff



Yvette Stoddart
March Staff of the Month



Al-Zahraa Al-Deen
March Arabic Staff of the Month



Ghada Riyan
March TA of the Month

MSHS Staff



Shaima Refat
March Arabic Staff of the Month



Roxana Anisia
March Staff of the Month



Eman Sobhi
April Arabic Staff of the Month



Diana Chamma
April Staff of the Month



Marian Takla
April Staff of the Month



Rasha Thabet
April Arabic Staff of the Month



Omniya Bayoumi
April TA of the Month



Abdullatief AlShazly
May Arabic Staff of the Month



Mamdouh Ali
May Staff of the Month



Heba Gamal
May Admin Assistant of the Month



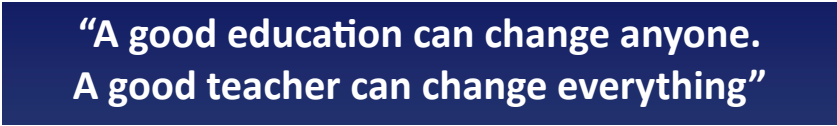
Ashley Beeching
May Staff of the Month



Hanan Hasan
May Arabic Staff of the Month



Zainab Nasir
May TA of the Month



Deans' & Counselors' Section



We all agree that this year was exceptional and filled with challenges, and also it was a very successful one for each member of ABS community. For class 2022, I would like to say that you are a very special one to myself. I had lots of memories with you when you were in Elementary, and so glad for you and your parents that this moment that you were waiting for has come. A new journey of your lives is starting soon, wishing you a bright blooming future.

Sahar Nabtiti - Elementary Dean of Students



This has been an exciting and challenging year. I am extremely proud of all that we have achieved. Congratulations to the Class of 2022, all of your hard work and perseverance have led you to this proud moment in your lives. Be brave and be bold as you embark on your your next adventure!

Sanaa Noor - MSHS Dean of Students



"As this school year comes to an end, I want to wish each of our ABS students a wonderful and enjoyable summer break. Be proud of all what you acheived during this academic year and remember to invest in your time as bright opportunities await you. We wait forward to welcoming you all for next school year with new challenges and memories to share."

Dima Khaddage - Elementary Counselor



A heartfelt congratulations to all 2022 senior graduates! It has been a true pleasure witnessing your growth throughout your high school journey; each of you has truly come full circle and I am very proud and grateful to have worked with you during this time. I can't wait to hear how your first year of university goes and forward to seeing all that you will accomplish in this next chapter of your life! Wishing all students and staff a great summer!

Diana Garcia - High School Counselor



This year has been an adventure for everyone. You all worked very hard to conquer any challenges that may have come your way. As we wrap up this year, make sure you continue to work hard and set yourself up for success. I cannot wait to see your accomplishments next year! Also, CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2022!!!! I am so proud of the hard work you have put in this year. As you continue on to the next journey in your life, I hope you look back on your high school career with fondness. It was a pleasure to work with each of you this year.

Ashley Jackson - High School Counselor



Congratulations to the Class of 2022! The final bell has rung, and your new journey begins... College is a fascinating time. You must study hard and reach beyond the stars. You will create new memories and newfound bonds with friends. Every journey must come to an end one day, now that the journey has come to its end. I am proud to have met the class of 2022 and excited to wish you all happiness and success in the future.

Jamala Spencer - High School Counselor



This year has truly been one of readjusting and I am extremely proud of the extraordinary effort students have put into making their first year back on campus a success. The hard work and determination you have shown this year will be the blueprint for how you move forward throughout your school career. For the senior class of 2022, I wish you success and prosperity in your future. "This year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us."

Arika Beverly - Middle School Counselor



During this exceptional year, we have witnessed the students' academic progress and we have shared with them lots of special memories. Our School wide events were back which was a booster to the general moral of the students and staff members. Congratulations on the well-deserved success, specially the seniors. You've stepped up on the world stage ready to be a star. Love to see your shine!

Marian Sami - Elementary Curriculum Coordinator



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Administrators' Corner



"Dear students, parents, and ABS staff, I want to thank you all for the cooperation, and patience shown throughout this school year. We had successes and some challenges, despite all, we continued the work that must be done to ensure the safety and education needs of our students. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the seniors "Class 2022, you were a great class !". My wish for all of you is to keep your passion, drive, and determination high enough to achieve your goals. Just remember that you are ABS students who were raised and trained well to face challenges to gain success in the end. "If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you." Go ahead, you can do it!"

Amal Al-Minawi - Senior Principal



KG had an amazing year! Together, we created wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. On behalf of the KG Department, we wish our graduating seniors all the best and much success as they continue on their journey in life. As I always say to my kindergartners, "always do your best and be kind." If you follow this simple advice, you will do great!

Jennifer Naser - KG Vice Principal



Congratulations to all ABS students, families and faculty for a successful year. A special hoorah for our graduating Seniors, Class of 2022 - We are so proud of you! I wish you much growth, satisfaction and happiness in your future. Always remember where you come from and what's important in life. Onward and upward!

Rachelle Parsons - KG Coordinator



Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2022! You have persevered to overcome learning obstacles during a historical period. As a result of all the tumultuous changes, you have become more independent and prepared for higher education. You have exemplified the ABS school motto: Learners today, Leaders tomorrow. Begin the next step of life's journey with all your strength. Best wishes for you and your families.

Alicia Szydlowski - Elementary Principal



Congratulations and good luck as you enter your new life, I wish you loads of success, with an overload of happiness, mountains of achievements and fountains of wishes to live your dream. Your success is what determines your future. The most successful person excels in various parts of their life and tries to always do their best. Keep simply being the best that you can be at the next level. This will change your course of life as you will make important choices. I wish you all the luck as you continue becoming independent global citizens.

Shereen Kroutz - Elementary Vice Principal



Congrats to all on a wonderful year! All members of the ABS community should be proud of the growth and resilience demonstrated this year. A special congratulations to the graduating class of 2022! Keep your heads up, dream big, and go change the world!

Jaclyn Guzman - Elementary Vice Principal



I am proud and honoured to say that I am fortunate to be member of ABS family. The drive, passion and determination; underpinned by skill, knowledge and empathy, despite the ever changing circumstances we are confronted with, is one of a kind. Thank you all for adjusting to this journey in your educational careers. You are all incredibly dedicated and hardworking members of this family. May you all have a safe and fun-filled summer break. Until the next school year!

Mian Sadiq - Middle School Principal



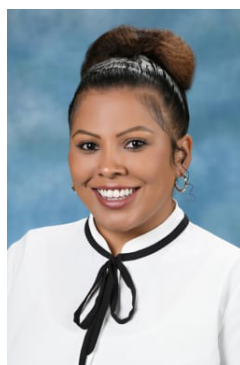
The school year has been filled with both fun and challenging times. We have improved academically and grown as a community. To the seniors, may God bless you all with success and prosperity. Set your goals high and dream big. You are only as big as the dreams you dare to live. A happy farewell to you all!

Kayla Johnson - Middle School Vice Principal



As we come to the end of another wonderful school year at ABS, we want to thank each of you, our ABS Family. We are grateful to our students and parents for their continued support, and we know that summer will be a wonderful time to rest, relax and prepare for the upcoming school year. To our seniors, we are excited for what your future holds. Today is a Milestone! It tells you how far you have come! Keep Learning, Keep Accomplishing, and Keep Venturing through this Wonderful Journey called Life!

Todd Thompson - High School Principal



Congratulations to all students for completing the school year! You have adapted seamlessly back to on-campus learning, and we are extremely proud of the way you have conducted yourselves. I hope you all have a well-deserved and restful summer break. A special congratulations to the class of 2022 who have a huge pool of talent and are destined to deliver great things in the future!

Calicia Daniel - High School Vice Principal