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ABS MINES

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL





Message From The Editor

Welcome to the first edition of the ABS Times for the 2022-2023 academic year! We welcome back our returning students and to our new students, we hope you have a wonderful year. Both ABS staff and students are excited and looking forward to a challenging and rewarding school year. This will be our first full school year since COVID when all teaching will be completely in person in the classroom. We have managed to overcome the pandemic and we have learnt a lot from it.

To begin with, ABS has continued to evolve and improve. We now have a range of new technologies including active boards in classrooms and new computers. ABS also has in place a range of resources to help students with their college applications and to improve their overall educational skills.

Since the beginning of the new academic year, ABS has celebrated many events including holding Pink Day on October 20th, which helps raise awareness of the dangers of cancer in women. Many students have recently sat PSAT's and MAP tests, which helps the teachers to recognize students strengths and weaknesses.

We would like to thank all parents and guardians for their continuing support. Finally, we would like to thank all ABS staff for their continuous hard work in providing the best possible opportunities for the students in their education and future lives. We sincerely hope you enjoy this first edition of the 2022-2023 ABS Times, and may Allah continue to bless Kuwait.

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Condolences: The Queen



Queen Elizabeth II is one of the most inspirational people who has lived during this lifetime, and sadly she died recently at the age of 96. It was a moment of grief for the whole world. Here are some facts about her life to help us remember her.

The Queen's speeches during the seven decades of her reign have given advice, support, and happiness to entire nations and beyond. She is renowned for her words of consoling wisdom, her steadfast response to difficult times, and her capacity to laugh through joyful ones. The Queen will always be remembered for her calm and dignity, she was someone all Brits could look up to. She brought the monarchy into the public eye and helped maintain it's reputation. The Queen had many accomplishments and here are some you might not know; she served in World War II when she joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service at age 19, training as a driver and mechanic. She played an important role in transforming the British Empire into the Commonwealth. She was the first British monarch to address the American Congress. Queen Elizabeth was the longest reigning monarch in British history, she was served by 15 UK prime ministers, including such distinguished men as Sir Winston Churchill. The Queen had a strong friendship with Sheikh Sabah Jaber Ahmed Al Sabah of Kuwait, they knew each other over many years until his death in 2020. In a letter to the people of Kuwait, the Queen offered her condolences, saying "I was saddened to hear of the death of His Highness Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah. Your distinguished brother devoted his life to the service of the State of Kuwait and especially its relationship with its allies and friends. He will be long remembered by all who work for regional stability, understanding between nations and between faiths, and for the humanitarian cause. I have deeply valued his friendship towards the United Kingdom, and his memorable State Visit in November 2012. I offer Your Highness my sincere condolences. I also offer my sympathy to the people of Kuwait. May the long history of close companionship between our two families continue."

By Latifa Al-Tabtabaie & Hessah Al-Deyeen

In KG, we hold weekly Superstar assemblies where one student from each class is honored as the star student. This helps us to teach our students positive behaviors and to develop their social and emotional skills. Children are encouraged to sing and dance during the assemblies and parents are invited to attend. It is a nice moment for us to all share together to promote and encourage our students to do their best.

SUPERSTARS OF OCTOBER 6, 2022





Hussain Ashkanani KG 1A



Nouf Al-Shammari KG 1B



Hessah Al-Sahou KG 1C





Fatma Al-Ghanim KG 2A



Dana Al-Mfarrej KG 2B



ainab Al-Qezwini KG 2C



SUPERSTARS OF OCTOBER 13, 2022



Mohammad Al-Herz PreK



Layan Al-Rajhi KG 1A



Ali Al-Humoud KG 1B



Ahmad Hussain KG 1C









Nayef Al-Daihani KG 2A



Yousef Habeeb

KG 2B

Jenan Al-Kandari KG 2C

SUPERSTARS OF OCTOBER 20, 2022



Afnan Al-Kandari

PreK



Fouziya Al-Anjari



Deema Al-Duwaikh KG 1B



Ebtihal Al-Duaij KG 1C



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alman Al-Ghanim KG 2A





KG 2B



KG 2C

KG OPEN HOUSE: FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The Kindergarten Department was proud to hold an Open House Day during the first week of September where parents and their children had the opportunity to meet their teachers and educational staff, as well as visit their classrooms. We believe that keeping parents informed and inviting them to be a part of the educational process certainly has a significant and enduring influence on our success and continuous progress. Open House helped our students start heir first day with confidence, and they were so excited to get started.



FAVORITE COLOR DAY

Our Kindergarten students and teachers celebrated the joy of colors by organizing the Favorite Color Day on September 29th. KG students and their class teachers came dressed up in their favorite colors. The classrooms were decorated with different rainbow colors and children were thrilled to engage in fun and interactive activities to make for an interesting and memorable day.



KG 2 CHARACTER EDUCATION ASSEMBLY

Our KG2 students and teachers attended their very first assembly on the first Tuesday of October to begin their yearlong education in character development. During these assemblies and subsequent classroom lessons, students are asked to reflect on the qualities that make for a strong, reliable character. The first "pillar" we focused on was TRUSTWORTHINESS. The students saw a skit, recited affirmations, and danced along to a song about trust. Next month, we will learn about RESPECT!



KG CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY FOR PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S (PBUH) BIRTHDAY

On Thursday, October 6th, the KG Department held a special assembly to commemorate Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) Birthday. Ms. Asmaa led the assembly with a beautiful poem. Our KG2 girls were invited to dress all in white for this special day and they performed a lovely song in Prophet Muhammad's (PBUH) memory.



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Commendations:

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.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-ELEMENTARY



Jameela Al-Jabri 1B - September



Sula Al-Rasheed 1C - October



Nawar Al-Hanaidi 2A - September



Ahmed Buhamad 2B - October



Batoul Hasan 3A - September



Ali Bahzad 3B - October



Abdulmalik Al-Enezi 4B - September



Hamad Al-Avoubi 4A - October



Shaikha Al-Otaibi 5B - September



Lavan Al-Awadhi 5C - October

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-MIDDLE SCHOOL



Mohammed Al-Saqran 6BB - September



Dhari Al-Devain 6 BB - October



Nourah Al-Asousi 6GA - September



Layan Al-Awadhi 6 GA - October



Yousef Esbaitah 7BA - September



Rashed Al-Armali 7 BB - October



Muneera Al-Sumait 7GB - September



Maryam Al-Saied 7 GB - October



Abdullah Al-Rbayea 8BA - September



Abdullah Manea 8 BA - October



Sarah Al-Habbab 8GB - September



Dana Al-Anezi 8 GA - October





Elementary & MSHS

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH-HIGH SCHOOL



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Ali Abdullah 9BA - September



Mutlaq Al-Otaibi 11BA - September



Jasem Al-Majed 9 BC - October



Mohammed Al-Qabandi 11 BB - October



Jenna Al-Beeshi 9GC - September



Sabeekah Al-Babtain 11GA - September





Sabah Al-Sabah 10BB - September



Yahya Hasan 12BB - September



Mohammed Al-Samhan 10 BB - October



Abdulwahab Al-Dulaij 12 BB - October



Ebtisam Al-Qanai 10GB - September



Hind Al-Dalali 12GB - September



Shouq Al-Shihah 10 GA - October



Noor Al-Majed 12 GA - October



Sarah Al-Nassar

11 GA - October

Elementary Events

BUDDY PROGRAM

The Elementary Buddy Program welcomes and helps acclimate new students to the environment at ABS by pairing new students with a kind and caring student in their class. All new students in grades 2-5 were paired with a suitable buddy in their class. This program ensured that all new students had a new friend to eat lunch with and to play with at recess as they became familiar with the school environment. Buddies were also introduced to the school administration and had the school rules explained to them by their new class friend. The program took place during the first weeks of school. Certificates were handed out to all the new and returning students who participated in the program. To our new students and families, welcome again to ABS. We are so grateful you have joined us!



CHARACTER EDUCATION

Character education presentation is a monthly program that we implement in our school, and it is integrated within the ESS. The aim is to develop confident and compassionate students, who are effective to society, successful learners, and responsible citizens. The topics that are discussed in Q1 are the importance of being responsible, dependable, respectful and conflict resolution.



Elementary Events

ELEMENTARY COLOR DAY

On September 28th, elementary students and staff enjoyed the first Spirit Day of the 2022-2023 school year; Color Day! While exploring the impact of color, students were able to come dressed in their favorite colors. It was a colorful day!



STUDENT COUNCIL 2022-2023

The Student Council is an opportunity for students to be leaders and role models for school pride, as well as contributing in planning school events including the Anti-Bullying campaign, the carnival, and other extracurricular activities. The following pictures were taken while students began preparing for the 2022-2023 Student Council campaign.



MSHS Events

PINK DAY: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS ARTICLE BY: LATIFA AL-TABTABAIE

At ABS, Pink Day is an initiative to spread awareness through instruction. The MSHS Department dressed in pink in support of the millions of women who have battled cancer in the past and present and in the hope that a cure will be discovered someday. Pink Day is a very important day for all women around the world, with the pink ribbon being the most prominent symbol of the cause, and there were many ribbons throughout the school. Raising awareness about this situation is very important. The number of fatalities has significantly decreased thanks to early detection, effective treatment, and ever-improving therapeutic approaches. Another reason why thousands of lives have been saved from cancer is an increased awareness of the disease. One of the best methods to fight cancer is to raise awareness about it, and this October at ABS, we raised funds to help this ongoing project. Detection rates have improved with increases in screening and improvements in technology. The most common cause of death for women is breast cancer, which accounts for 23% of all cancer deaths in postmenopausal women, but with increased awareness this number will be reduced. It is a problem, worldwide, but we will always support each other and will always find a solution. It is better to detect breast cancer early because it means the person is more likely to have better treatment options that are less aggressive.



SENIORS AIU VISIT ARTICLE BY: ABDULRAZAQ AL-ENEZI

Seniors visited the American International University on September 28th, 2022, accompanied by school counselors. The school organized this excursion so that the seniors might learn about university life and prepare for it the following year. When the ABS seniors arrived, they were welcomed by AIU staff and were guided to their gym, where they were introduced the university and its courses along with more general information. For the next part of the trip, students were separated into two groups to visit various classes and labs and get a feel for college life. To learn more about the university and how to work there, the seniors participated in a fun quiz activity. After class visits, everybody enjoyed lunch in one of the cafeterias and were presented with gift bags as a memento of the visit. Many of us are really considering attending AIU, and we thank both ABS and AIU for allowing us to have this amazing opportunity.



MSHS Events

MAP TESTING

ARTICLE BY: SARAH AL-OTAIBI

At ABS, students are required to take the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) test, which identifies a student's strengths and areas for improvement. The timed test has between 40 and 53 questions, depending on the subject. High school students get tested on only two subjects, Math and Reading, while middle school students get tested on three subjects; Math, Reading, and Language. MAP testing is important for improvement in instruction and performance because it provides students and teachers with better education and better teaching strategies. MAP testing provides helpful data that can be used by schools to improve their structure, teaching methods, and activities done for student improvement and academic achievements. The use of MAP testing gives teachers a structure of what needs to be taught in class. The outcomes of the MAP testing assist teachers in identifying areas for improvement for the students. As a result, MAP testing is crucial to the education of the majority of students since it identifies their capabilities and limitations, and enables them to set improvement goals.

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STUDENT PHOTO DAY ARTICLE BY: SHARIFA AL-FAYYADH

Picture day in ABS is a day where all students wear their formal clothes and have fun together as the photographer takes three different pictures; an individual picture, a class group picture, and a funny class picture. In my opinion, it's one of the funniest days ABS holds every year. It is a time where we all get closer to our classmates and get more comfortable with them, and everybody helps each other out. For example, if one of us has hair out of place, one of us will help and let them know that they need to fix their hair. We also help each other find good poses when taking our individual pictures. We all come together to help each other and have fun! I think that, for girls, the day is more special but also more hectic, since we do our hair a day prior, do our nails and makeup to look our best, while I think that boys simply just fix their hair and they're all good to go! I think that this is generally because girls always want to look their best. The best part of the day is always the funny picture, because most of the time you're laughing at how crazy you all look doing whatever pose you're doing. But it's fun, and you're enjoying yourself, and that's all that matters. You're making memories which will last forever since you won't always be in school having yearly pictures. And not to mention that our pictures, most of the time, end up amazing as we have always had the same photographer, who has been coming here since I was in kindergarten. He's amazing at his job and knows exactly what to edit and not to edit. Of course, when the girls see their photos at first they don't like them, but with time they always change their minds!

Student Articles

SANDSTORMS AND CLIMATE CHANGE ARTICLE BY: SHARIFA AL-FAHAEL

We all know that the signs of climate change have been at an all-time high, and new examples of extreme weather events are now all too common. This is terrifying for many reasons. We have all heard and read about it and how bad it will be for our environment. One of the hottest years on record was 2020, in fact, the top 10 hottest years globally have all occurred in this century. Higher temperatures can make it harder to work and move around, as well as raise the risk of heat-related illnesses. Global hunger and poor nutrition are on the rise, in part due to climate change and an increase in extreme weather events. But I have never seen its horrifying effects first hand until recently. This happened on the 24th of May 2022 at 03:08 PM GST, where most of Kuwait was hit by a large sandstorm which turned the sky orange, causing flights to be cancelled and large-scale public events to be postponed. It was the most recent in a string of sandstorms to batter the Gulf, after storms in Iraq, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Scientists believe the storms this year are particularly intense, as climate change and desertification increase their frequency. This is very worrying for Kuwaitis as it could be a glimpse into future conditions we may have to face on a more regular basis from now on.



Students Articles

QATAR WORLD CUP 2022 ARTICLE BY: NASSER AL-LAFI

Even though it is hot in Qatar, you should attend this year's World Cup. The reason is that there are seven new stadiums built especially for this year's World Cup. Every match in the 2022 World Cup is being held within a 30-mile radius of Doha, the capital of Qatar, which means you can easily visit to watch your country of choice play. This means that fans, and players, for all teams will be staying together in Doha. This could lead to unpredictable consequences, however, there will be 32 nations represented, with everyone staying in the same city, walking the same streets, visiting the same restaurants, and shopping in the same markets, which means that you will get to meet a lot of players and fans from many other countries.



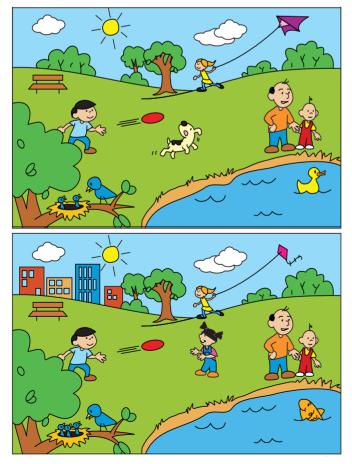
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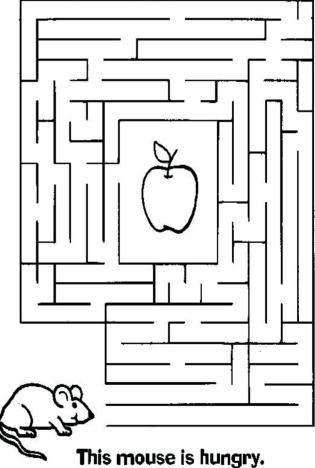
ENTERTAINMENT SECTION



A day in the park

Can you spot the 5 differences between these two pictures?





This mouse is hungry.
Will you help him find the apple?

Entertainment

STUDENTS COMICS



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Commendations: Staff

We would like to spotlight the staff who have gone above and beyond in setting exemplary standards for students and staff alike. We appreciate you! Your work and dedication are invaluable and we thank you for making the 2022-2023 school year possible!

STAFF OF THE MONTH-KG



Alyaa Al-Nagar TA of the Month September



Aisha Al-Mesbah Teacher of the Month September



Edona Neziri Teacher of the Month October



Tanzeela Nawaz TA of the Month October

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Madusha Gunasinghe Teacher of the Month September



Joané le Roux Teacher of the Month October



Nahla Mamdouh Teacher of the Month October



Samar El Gizy Teacher of the Month October

STAFF OF THE MONTH-MSHS



Ahlam El-Madhoun Teacher of the Month- September



Mohammed Helmy Teacher of the Month- September



Ibrahim Rizq Teacher of the Month- October



Francisco Pearls Teacher of the Month- October

Deans & Counselors



A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges. Believe in your capabilities to get the best of this school year. Always bear in mind that you are valued, important and your mission is to achieve success.

Dima Khaddage - Elementary Counselor



Going back to school is a reason for celebration because it means a new step towards a wonderful future. And always remember that knowledge like a lamp and every new thing you learn makes the light brighter. Best of luck to students throughout this new school year.

Sahar Nabiti - Elementary Dean of Students



Welcome back to the start of a new academic year! We hope you have had a wonderful summer and that you are feeling relaxed, recharged, and ready to begin a new year. We have had a great first quarter and I have no doubt that our students at ABS will continue to dive into their education, they will make the most of the opportunities that they are offered, and they will move towards the goals that they aspire to. I have no doubt that if they remain motivated in the classroom, then they will achieve their goals. ABS, together with the parents and the students themselves, will help to make this a reality.

Shaista Jamil - MSHS Curriculum Coordinator



Fresh smiling faces and adorn our hallways with the spirit that only a new school year can bring. With focus being put on citizenship and responsibility, we know that this is going to be a year ABS is really proud of. Personally, I am extremely excited to be part of helping build a happy and healthy student body. YALLA!

Sally Anderson - Middle School Girls Counselor



Welcome back ABS students! I am ecstatic about the year ahead with our most amazing group of students yet. I am happy to see new and familiar faces learning and growing all around the campus. I am excited to work with the High School Counseling department this year and assisting with providing our students with a remarkable learning environment.

" A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures, new friendships, and new challenges."

Arika Beverly - Middle School Counselor



The start of a new school year is always an exciting time. This year is full of opportunities for you to get involved, make new friends, and of course, work hard in your classes. Starting the year off on a strong foot will set you up for success.

Ashley Jackson - High School College Counselor



Administrators' Corner



I am honored to work as ABS Superintendent with such hardworking students, an extremely dedicated staff, and a supportive school community and families. I am thrilled to utilize my extensive experience as an edu-

I am thrilled to utilize my extensive experience as an educator at ABS and work with you all as a partner in education to ensure my students' success. Our goal is to support students all the time in learning by teachers and admin staff. I am always proud of ABS students who have the strong determination to be self- motivated, responsible, curious, open minded and hard-working. Keep trying, I don't expect perfection from all but I do expect growth in a positive direction. Remember, together we can! Together we will! Serve! Lead! Have a wonderful school year 22-23!

Amal Al-Minawi - Superindtendent



Kindergarten got off to an amazing start to the new school year! All the students settled quicky and it is wonderful to see their smiling faces as they come to school each morning. Students are adapting to routines and have begun to make connections and build meaningful relationships with their teachers and peers. The teachers are committed to providing a sense of community while instilling a love of learning, building confidence, and encouraging independence. On behalf of the KG Department, we look forward to continuing to build the bridge between school and home and are excited for the many great events that we have in store for this year!

Jennifer Naser - KG Principal

A new academic year is upon us! We are excited to see everyone back on campus for a normal school experience. As the new principal in elementary, I am looking forward to hearing the laughter and seeing the learning with our students. I ask our students to remember two key guidelines to set them for success. The number one rule is TRY, and the second is "have an open mind". At ABS we always strive to find ways to make students successful. We will be working on reading, writing, and math skills to help students develop the skills they will need as they rise through the grade levels in ABS.

Kevin Franklin - Elementary Principal



Happy 2022-2023 school year! It has been a joy having the students back on campus so far. Students are eager to learn and excited to participate. I am so excited for all the growth this academic year will bring for students and staff. I especially look forward to getting to know our grade 1 students who have transitioned from KG into Elementary.

Jaclyn Guzman - Elementary Vice Principal



It was great returning to campus after the summer break and seeing all of the new and returning faces. Our students were relaxed, recharged and ready to start a new school year. ABS's learning community has taken off to a great start. I welcome and value all of the positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working and cultivating the minds' of our future leaders.

Kayla Johnson - MSHS Senior Vice Principal











It is an honor to share an educational partnership with all of you. We will continue to focus on our mission and vision, including our motto, "Learners today, Leaders tomorrow."

ABS has a safe environment, updated facilities, classroom technology and resources, as well as effective teaching and administrative faculty, working under the guidance of our school superintendent.

Our schoolwide goals are based on consistency and continuity: student social/emotional growth as well as academic growth.

We will further impart STEM into our students' daily learning experience and establish a schoolwide STEM program. Thank you for being who you are and being here with us. It is a pleasure to be with you.

Alicia Szydlowski - Senior Principal

What a great first quarter we have had to start off the 2022 school year! The students and faculty are equally enthusiastic and ready to learn, achieve and make memories. In KG we have already wrapped our first field trips, held several spirit days, and completed STEM week. We have great plans in store for Winter and Quarter 2. I can speak for the KG Admin team in saying that we look forward to getting to know our new and returning students even more. Opportunities abound at ABSlet's all work together to make this year productive and memorable.

Rachelle Parsons - KG Vice Principal

It has been a wonderful start to the 2022-2023 school year at ABS. Every year brings with it great excitement and challenges; we, the administrators at ABS, effectively plan and prepare so that we can support our students throughout the year. Seeing our young people return with such enthusiasm to learn was extremely rewarding. Through effective teaching and learning, it is vitally important that we support the students in understanding that there is a need for increased intervention and support, additional challenges, increased engagement, and a focus to help close the gap in learning created by the long summer break.

Shereen Kroutz - Elementary Vice Principal

Dear ABS families, We are so excited to have our students back on campus for another exciting year at ABS. Students are expected to make more effort this year to overcome the educational loss they suffered in previous years. Our teaching staff is working with students to make sure they get all the support they need. We are committed to provide best learning experience to all our students with your continued support. The MSHS staff and I are looking forward to an exciting, productive and successful school year.

Mian Sadiq - MSHS Principal

It has been an exciting start to the new academic year here at ABS. As the new High School Vice Principal, I am really enjoying the whole experience. For all of you, returning to school, one year older and one year wiser, it is always an interesting time in a students' life. We want you to succeed and be the best that you can be. We will support you as best we can to achieve these goals. In return, we expect a high level of integrity, honesty and respect from you. Best of luck to you all and let's make 2022-2023 the best academic year yet!

David Cooney - MSHS Vice Principal