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UAS Monthly Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

What a busy and exciting month it has been here. Though it may have been short, it was packed with learning, fun and kinship. Please take a look below for everything our Scorpions have been up to here at UAS.

Elementary

Belonging

We have enjoyed many opportunities to improve mental health and wellbeing here at UAS. We held a parent talk hosted by The Lighthouse Center for Wellbeing which featured a youth psychologist who helped equip parents with tips and tools to support their children.

Togetherness is vital to our wellness. Our Iftar was a great way to celebrate and come together during Ramadan. Literacy Week, and Spirit Week have been a blast to watch students and families show their creativity and love for learning and community.

ASAs for Term 3 include many sessions that continue to cater to our mental health and wellbeing. It has been great to see students and teachers' creative hobbies, talents, and skillsets.

Literacy week highlights:



Well done to our three winners for their creative Book Character Day costumes!
You have all received 20 House points each!!

Ahmad 2SS

Matteo 1AJ

Shamineh 4MD

Kickboard Assemblies

Another month of students receiving super Kickboard certificates for all their hard work! Students are showcasing their success each month and it has been a pleasure to hand out certificates and see their enthusiasm. Remember children earn kickboard points throughout the month for showing positive behavior, being great role models as well as showcasing the IB Learner attributes.

We only have a couple more months to go so keep trying your best Elementary. Parents we encourage you to talk to your child about their successes in their day.

This month we had a large group of students meeting Mr. Loft to receive their Diamond Award and 3 incredible students who managed to earn the Sapphire award (over 500+ points!) Congratulations to all our award winners!



CURIOSITY

Scorpion Staff Award

Ms. Rana Saeed deserves a special mention for her remarkable dedication and unwavering strength of character. Her resilience and perseverance have been truly inspiring. Ms. Rana's focus and attention to her classes is a testament to her strong work ethic and determination. Ms. Rana Saeed is truly an exceptional individual, and her achievements serve as an inspiration to others. Thank you, Ms. Rana .



RESILIENCE

Well done to all our super students who have had 100% attendance and no tardies this month! You will all receive 10 kickboard points each. We are so proud of you!

We are back to normal school timings now so remember to be here on time! Doors open from **7.20am** and you will be marked tardy at **7.46am**

Pick up time for **PreK and KG1 is 12.45pm**. Pick up time for **KG2 – G5 is 3.15pm**. Please ensure you are on time to pick up your child(ren).

Please note that reminder emails will be sent to parents who are continually absent and tardy. Follow-up meetings with Homeroom teachers, Grade Level Leaders and then Assistant Principals will also take place. In severe cases the Principal may wish to meet parents who are failing to meet the minimum requirements for attendance at UAS as per KHDA guidelines.

EMPATHY

Counselor corner

This month, we're excited to share some updates on the counseling department at UAS. A few weeks ago, the counseling department had the opportunity to present to our Grade 5 students about the transition to Grade 6. We talked about the changes students can expect, both academically and socially, and provided some tips on how to cope with the transition. We hope this presentation helped our students feel more prepared and confident as they move on to the next phase of their education.

We also had a guest speaker from The Lighthouse come to present on mental health for parents. The speaker shared valuable insights on how to support our children's mental health and offered practical strategies for managing stress and anxiety. We know that mental health is a crucial aspect of overall well-being, and we're grateful for the opportunity to provide resources and support to our school community.

As always, if you need support or guidance, please do not hesitate to reach out to our counseling team. We are here to support you in all aspects of your life, whether it is through.

Iftar highlights:





Upcoming Elementary Events Calendar: Parent events are highlighted below.

Elementary Events Calendar				
May				
Mon. 1	Tue. 2	Wed. 3	Thurs. 4	Fri. 5
Sustainability week Arts International week	Sustainability week Arts International week G5 Transition session – languages in MS	Sustainability week Arts International week	Sustainability week Arts International week	Sustainability week Arts International week Sustainability pledge Arabic Talent Show
Mon. 8	Tue. 9	Wed. 10	Thurs. 11	Fri. 12
	Gr.5 transition tour of Middle School for parents @8am G5 Transition session – Science in MS	Arabic Talent show	Arabic short story competition Gr.1 Field Trip	Assembly Gr.2 (Grade 2 parents invited)

Mon. 15	Tue. 16	Wed. 17	Thurs. 18	Fri. 19
	Staff PD Day- half day for students. Students dismissed at 11:10am			
Mon. 22	Tue. 23	Wed. 24	Thurs. 25	Fri. 26
F&P Testing starts (end of year reading assessments KG2-5 in class)	ABC Calendar begins (flyer to come with the details of each day)		Gr. 2 Field trip	
Mon. 29	Tue. 30	Wed. 31	June Thurs. 1	Fri. 2
ES MAP Testing KG2-5 (make sure your child is using IXL in preparation)	ES MAP Testing KG2-5	ES MAP Testing KG2-5	ES MAP Testing KG2-5	ES MAP Testing KG2-5

June				
Mon. 5	Tue. 6	Wed. 7	Thurs. 8	Fri. 9
Student Led Conferences No school for Elementary students (sign up will be sent for your appointment)	Student Led Conferences No school for Elementary students (sign up will be sent for your appointment)		ES Assembly Awards for students	Assembly MPH (Grade 1 parents invited) Gr.5 Moving on up day
Mon. 12	Tue. 13	Wed. 14	Thurs. 15	Fri. 16
	Transition evening for Gr.5 parents		KG2 Graduation (iLab) (KG2 parents invited)	Grade 5 Finale (iLab) (Grade 5 parents invited)

Mon. 19	Tue. 20	Wed. 21	Thurs. 22	Fri. 23
G5 student workshop led by G6	PreK and KG1 end of unit celebration (PreK and KG1 parents invited)	End of year award ceremony (special invitation only) Dads and donuts! (father figures invited to class to share a book and a treat)		
Mon. 26	Tue. 27	Wed. 28	Thurs. 29	Fri. 30
	Arafat Day TBC	Eid Al Adha TBC	Eid Al Adha TBC	Eid Al Adha TBC
Mon. July 3				
LAST DAY of School				

Secondary

BELONGING

Cap and Gown

The UAS community came together to celebrate our Senior Class of 2023 with the UAS tradition of the Cap and Gown Parade. During the Cap and Gown Parade, all UAS students and teachers come together to honor the hard work and dedication of the Seniors. Students and teachers lined the hallways to cheer as the Seniors paraded by in their graduation caps and gowns and parents joined the celebrations out on the soccer field. What an emotional and inspiring day for students, teachers, and parents!



CURIOSITY

As part of the AI Futtaim company, we are able to offer valuable and unique opportunities to our students. One of those opportunities is the AI Futtaim Experiential Learning program for students. Through this process, UAS students gain a better understanding of fields they are interested in pursuing after graduation and learn valuable job skills. Forms to apply for the Experiential Learning program will be shared with students in the coming weeks. Students accepted into the program will be notified in June. Experiential Learning

opportunities are available in two sessions this summer: the first from July 10-21 and the second from August 14-25.



EMPATHY

High School CAS students, Sasha Lawand, Celina El Mais, and Nour Hamada came up with a way to recognize the hard work of their teachers this year by hosting the Teacher Oscars! Sasha, Celina, and Nour planned every detail of this event with the support of CAS Coordinator Ms. Cristina Mejia. They organized categories and voting systems to give all students a voice in these awards. Sasha, Celina, and Nour then hosted an awards ceremony complete with music, lighting, and mini-Oscar trophies for the winning teachers. Teachers were recognized in a wide variety of categories, such as Most Interactive, Fastest Grader, Best Classroom, and Best Jokes.



Wellbeing:

Class of 2023 celebration continues! We ring the bell for our seniors to announce and celebrate their acceptance to some of the best universities in Europe and North America. More to come and more to celebrate!





Seniors Fun Day:

The annual fun event for seniors was full of activities. The day started with the amazing race where seniors had to go around school trying to achieve specific tasks and take pictures. After that they all met at the big field to start the water games. The day was full of joy and laughter and will remain with them forever.





RESILIENCE

With mid-semester progress reports coming out, now is a great time for students to reflect on the progress they have made so far this year and set goals for the end of the year. Middle School students have taken time to reflect on their strengths and areas for development in each class, as well as consider what grade they would like to earn by the end of Semester 2. Based on these reflections, students have written three actions for each class to help them meet their goals. Teachers will be supporting students in making progress towards their goals at school. Parents can support students by discussing their goals with them and providing assistance and encouragement for students to reach these goals.

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