



المدرسة الأمريكية بكالبا
AMERICAN SCHOOL OF KALBA

AMERICAN PRIVATE SCHOOL OF KALBA

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2

2022-2023



Congratulations



Dear Parents and Students

We are half way through our Mid-Term exams and we would like to thank you for supporting our TEENS as they prepare. **Gentle Reminder:** Please participate in the **ITQAN School Performance Review survey:** <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/s0CN6z>. **See Attached:**

Reasons to be Proud you belong to the ASK Family

OCTOBER

Thurs. 20th, Gr12– Gr7 **Buddy Evening**, 7-9:30 pm

Wed 26th **AP & EmSAT Parents Workshop** 1:30pm-3pm in the Conference Room ASK.

Thurs. 27 Combined **World Food Day & United Nations Day.** ASPS **Global Village OPEN DAY.**

Mon 31st - Mid Term **REPORTS** and Parent Interviews 3-4:30 pm

AP and EmSAT Parents Workshop

In order to have a clear understanding of the General, AP and Elite strands of assessment, Ms Rubina and Ms Reena will be hosting a Grade 12 Parent Workshop on Wednesday 25th from 1:30pm to 3pm. Our **AP Program** in Mathematics, Biology, Physics and Chemistry is currently being taught in Grade 10, 11 and 12. Deciding which course to opt for can often cause anxiety, come and find out more. Information is Power!

Gr 12- Gr 7 Buddies

We welcome to Junior High, Grade 7's.

Our Grade 12's will be mentoring our Grade 7's in what we are calling our "**Big Brother and Big Sister -Buddy Program**". The kick start this mentoring program we will be having team-building on **Thursday 20th of October.**
Girls: Pyjama and Movie Evening– PE Hall
Boys: Barbeque and Games Evening– Boys Soccer area.
Time: 7-9:30 pm
Looking forward to positive team building and mentoring.

VISION:

School graduates capable of life-long learning who can apply the knowledge, skills and values required for an effective role in society.

New Timings: 3PM daily

In order to meet the required school hours for a Secondary School, our timetable has shifted to 8 periods of 50 minutes per day. Starting with lesson 1 at 7:40 and ending at 3pm daily, Monday to Thursday. This decision benefits all; 8 instead of 9 lessons means less books to carry each day, the extra hour daily allows us to avoid Friday 4 hours of school.

Once a week, WEDNESDAY, students will be allowed to bring their own devices; laptops, ipads, tablets.

Please read our **Bring Your Own Device Policy** and sign the **BYOD School Agreement** (handed to students at school) **BEFORE** you allow your child to bring a device to school.

This new initiative promises to enhance interactive and co-operative learning.

BYOD

To celebrate

World Food Day and United Nations Day,

ASK students have been asked to prepare decoration, traditional dress, information, music and bring food to celebrate certain countries:

Grade 7: U.A.E

Grade 8: India

Grade 9: Italy

Grade 10: Egyptian

Grade 11: United Kingdom

Grade 12: America



WHEN: Thursday 27th October 2022 TIME: 1-3pm
Parents and Grandparents and siblings are welcome to join in the cultural celebration.



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1	Innovation, Creativity, Critical Thinking, Student-Driven,	Innovative, Creative, Problem Solving efforts are prized and rewarded at ASK. VR, Science Expo's robotics coding, self published books, volunteer programs, Eco-Warriors to mention but a few. We have a weekly Bring Your Own Device Day .
2	Improvement Review-May 2022 Teaching and Learning and Leadership	According to the Improvement Review Visit by SPEA in May 2022, ASK scored Mostly GOOD and some VERY GOOD areas.
3	CAT4 International Benchmarking Exams	We proudly participate, learn and grow by taking part in international benchmark exams.
4	Progress Tests	Parents get regular feedback concerning their child's progress across all curriculum areas
5	Teaching & Learning	We have shifted our focus from 'Teaching' to 'Learning.' Teachers are using multiple strategies and engaging students in challenging activities during lessons and equipping them with 21st century skills like critical thinking & problem solving so that 'there is learning for all.'
6	Students Feedback	We are making our students independent learners. Teachers provide feedback to all students, which help them assess their learning and achievement and they know the next step. Feedback on children's performance is also provided to parents after each Mid-Term & Term Exams and at the 'Parent's meetings' arranged.
7	Student Wellbeing	We have formed students' well-being and council team. They are coached to take care of the well-being of their friends and to report to school any incidents that affects the well being of individual student or the student community as a whole.
8	Student Council	We are focusing on developing student leadership. Our student council comprises Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl & Deputy Head Boy President Student Council & Prefects in both the sections.
9	Student Happiness	'Happy children, happy school.' To motivate student learning, school organized a series of activities/celebrations this year.
10	Safety of Students is a PRIORITY	A team of Social Workers and Health & Safety officer are always on task striving hard to see that students are safe. School is under CCTV surveillance all 24 hours. There are seven entry gates to school.



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11	Communication Channels	Our supervisors, social workers & admin staff do their best to keep all parents informed of their children's performance, attendance, and information from school. Parents can give suggestion directly to the principal or through our hot-line which is open 24/7 . We also have official class WhatsApp groups, d6, the Orison platform and regular Newsletters for further communication.
12	Parent Council YOU HAVE A VOICE	We are delighted with our newly elected 2022-2023 Parent Council . The parent representatives table the issues and concerns faced by parents. Solutions are found consulting designated people. They also help extensively with organizing events and celebrations.
13	Parents suggestion YOU speak- WE listen.	Parents' suggestions are sought and incorporated into our 'School Improvement Plan' so that we perform better. Regular Parent Surveys are conducted.
14	Learning Objectives Homework & Google Classroom	Learning Objectives and Weekly Homework Sheets are posted every Thursday on our WhatsApp Groups and the D6 as well as many more resources on Google Classroom.
15	Online platforms	The school continues to use some of the online platforms such as Google classrooms, Showbie.
16	MERITS	We have an inclusive, progressive, whole-school REWARD system. Its celebrates positive achievements across Academics, Progress, Creativity& Innovation and Social Areas.
17	School clinic	We have a qualified nurses, who takes care of all children very promptly. All vaccinations as per the MOH instructions are given at school. Our health team also conducts regular checkups for BMI and eye vision problems. They also conduct sessions on Healthy food, dental care, healthy lifestyle and so on.
18	Afterschool activities COMING SOON	School is planning to start extra-curricular activities after school hours on certain days. We hope to soon offer: pottery classes, dancing, karate/judo/wrestling and drama.
22	Our Beautiful School Campus	Management has made further additions to existing school facilities. We have a second Library, additional Biology, Chemistry and Physics Labs. A large, covered Boys' play area with a soccer field, large outdoor chess set. Brand new Girls' classrooms and a large Girls Gym area.