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Principal Message

Dear BIS Families,

Two highlights from the last month were students' participation in International Week , and of course Hot Chocolate Day (chocolate milk for KG students). What I enjoyed the most about Hot Chocolate day was the smiles on students' faces as we brought this tradition back. Especially in these COVID times, it is reassuring to be able to include some of the traditions.



As in-person learning resumes, this is an excellent opportunity to remind students of the importance of following health and safety procedures and protocols which include wearing a mask, maintaining physical distancing, and frequent hand washing/sanization. A simple way to remember the recommended amount of time to wash hands is to sing the "Birthday Song". Teachers and staff will also be reviewing and reminding students frequently about health and safety protocols.



An important component of our health and safety procedures is the daily health check in MyMedBot. This daily health check is very important to helping ensure students and staff are well and can come to school.

Academically, we now turn our attention to Report Cards that signal the end of Semester 1 (and Quarter 2).

Yours in Learning,

Mr. Sven

Registration of BIS Students' Siblings and Staff Children for 2022-2023 School Year

Registration is now open for BIS students' siblings and staff children for the school year 2022-2023.

The admissions application link was sent to your emails this week. Please ensure to complete and submit your child's application by **Thursday January 27, 2022.**

For more details, please visit the BIS website or click here to view the letter.

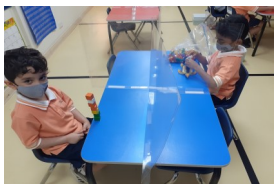


For inquiries, please contact our BIS Admissions Office at 22052800 / 11.

MyMedBot

As a gentle reminder, all students must have MyMedBot submitted for them daily before entering school.

للتذكير، يجب على جميع الطلبة أن يكملوا تعبئة التطبيق MyMedBot يوميا قبل دخول المدرسة.





Dates to Remember: January

- **Jan 16** School resumes in-person - regular schedule
- **Jan 25** Early Dismissal for PD Day
  - ⇒ KG on Zoom from 7:25 to 10:55 am
  - ⇒ ES on Zoom from 7:25 to 11:45 am
- **Jan 26** Report cards available in the PowerSchool portal

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What is "Orthographic Mapping"?

We all read words through a process called "Orthographic Mapping". Orthographic mapping is the process we use to store words into long-term memory. The words that get "stored" are words that are automatically recognized on sight without having to decode the word sound by sound.



This is NOT a visual memory process. We already have oral words in our memory (building vocabulary), we then learn to identify the sounds in the words and connect letters or letter patterns to each sound. Some students only need 1-4 exposures before storing words into their long-term memory. Some students might need up to 40 times. So the more we practice the better we get.

If you are curious about "Orthographic Mapping" please check out the following link: Orthographic Mapping

"from Ms. Nicole, SLP"

Counselor's Corner

The social and emotional development of students begins at home. The positive outcomes of the social-emotional learning (SEL) curriculum at school amplify when it is modeled and reinforced by family members. Hence, as school leaders, and teachers, it's up to us to initiate and foster that equilibrium between home and school for SEL. One of the most effective ways to support SEL at home is to align our actions with our words. When adults demonstrate positive behaviors, help children name and process their feelings, and acknowledge and support children's positive behaviors, they also support the more direct instruction in SEL that kids are getting in school.



A few SEL tips at home for parents could look like:

- Incorporating emotionally-centered questions into your everyday conversations. For example, ask your child things like, "How are you feeling" or " How would your sister feel if you did that"? Daily questions like these build emotional awareness in your kids and validate their own emotions and others.



- Normalize implementing regular family meetings. It can be a time to problem-solve issues, share highs and lows, and plan family activities for the week.

I will be back soon for more useful tips!

"from Ms. Jana, School Counselor"

Effective Tips for Parents & Caregivers

"The Fawzia Sultan Healthcare Network (FSHN) continues to support the BIS community through these challenging times. Please see the attached files for some timely advice and reminders for children and parents, as well as details on additional support services that are available".





Attached important information from the Nurse Team





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