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Principal Message

Dear BIS Families,

Yesterday we had our first fire drill of the year. I am very pleased to let you know that students and staff exited the building in a safe, quick and efficient manner. I am proud of the work done to get ready for this drill, including practicing exit routes ahead of time. The building was empty in a very short time, and all were accounted for. It is important to remember that it has been almost ***two years*** *since we had a fire drill!*

KG and Elementary students participated in numerous classroom based activities for International Week. On a personal note, I would like to send a heartfelt thank-you to students and families who kindly and generously shared food and treats from representative countries. I too was able to enjoy several very tasty treats and foods. Thank-you!

Two of the sessions I attended on PD Day were hosted by Educational Psychologist Ms Zeina and another by Educational Assistant Ms Shamma. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) is not just about emotions. Rather, SEL is a set of complex skills that students can be taught and learn, and is included as part of the students' curriculum.



Children who have ADHD have difficulty with "executive function skills", included in the "Three Buckets of SEL". One of the strategies to help students cope with ADHD is regular physical exercise. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, some of these options were either not available, or frequently severely restricted. As things start to open up more and more, there are more opportunities for exercise. For example, there was even a booth promoting fencing at the BIS PTA Masquerade Day.



Today was Free Dress Thursday, an initiative from the BIS Student Council. Money collected is going to support Student Council initiatives. Please have a look at the activities next week, including the very popular hot chocolate morning!

Yours in Learning,

Mr. Sven

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WINTER SPIRIT WEEK 2021-2022

The Winter break is fast approaching and with it, our annual Winter Spirit Week. The Student Council surveyed students K-12 to put together this year's Spirit Week theme dress days. Students are encouraged to show spirit by dressing accordingly.

Sunday Dec. 12	Monday Dec. 13	Tuesday Dec. 14	Wednesday Dec.15	Thursday Dec. 16
Bisht Day 	**Fuzzy Day**  **Wear Something Fuzzy/Fury**	**Penguin Day**  **Wear Black & White**	**RED & Green OR PJ Day**   **BIS Hot Cocoa Morning**  **6:45am -7:20am**	**No School Happy Winter Break** 

BIS Winter Spirit Week Virtual Scavenger Hunt

You've are invited to participate in the upcoming **BIS Winter Spirit Week** virtual scavenger hunt. Students, teachers and homerooms will be able to complete missions to earn points for their homeroom December 12-16. To join in the fun, please follow these instructions:
Download the GooseChase iOS or Android app.

1. Choose to play as a guest, or register for a personal account with a username & password of your choice.
2. Search for and select the **BIS Winter Spirit Week** game, or search for game code **6DGKK8**.
3. Join your homeroom. Families with multiple students will need to play on separate devices, or create multiple accounts.
4. Each student can complete **ONE student mission** per day at home. Classroom missions will be completed at school.

If you have any questions about the game, please email the homeroom teacher or the game organizer (Jamie.smith@bis.edu.kw)

No School on Thursday, December 16, 2021

Dear Parents, please be advised there is no school for BIS students and staff on **Thursday, December 16, 2021**. We hope that you take this time to reflect on your successes thus far and applaud your efforts as we have all worked tremendously hard together this past Fall. Students got ready for no less than three openings: on line, half days then full days. They had to adjust to many new ways of being a student - from how to walk in the hallways to desks with protective shields and consistent mask use and hand sanitizing.

Books for Cancer Kuwait Book Drive



Grade 5 teachers and students are collaborating with Books for Cancer Kuwait and have organized a book drive at BIS.

Here are some details: 5th Grade Service Learning - Book Drive. Students have created videos to promote the book drive, and they are linked at the bottom of this document.

We also encourage students and staff to shop for new (used) books on the Books for Cancer website.

Dates to Remember: Dec. & Jan.

- **Dec 7** Uniform Center Is Closed
- **Dec 13** PTA Afternoon Tea with Parents in MPR @12:30 pm
- **Dec 15** No After School KG & ES Club
- **Dec 16** No School for Students and Staff
- **Dec 16—Jan 3** Winter Break
- **Dec 21** Uniform Center Is Reopened
- **Jan 4** School Resumes
- **Jan 13** KG1 Rainbow Day



The Best Way to Help Your Child While Reading - Brought to You By SLP Ms. Nicole

Scientific research shows that good readers don't guess but look at all the letters in a word. So, the best way to help your child while reading tricky or new words is to make them look at all the letters and have them sound it out. That's what good readers do!



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