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Common Expectations:

- Self-Discipline . Respect . Empathy

Habits:

- Striving for Accuracy . Thinking Flexibly . Persisting

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BIS Theme

We Learn. We will redouble our collective efforts to increase our capacity to deliver high-quality teaching and learning (HQTL).

Message from the Director:

Dear BIS Community,

As we find ourselves a few weeks into the school year, it is an appropriate time to consider what lies ahead.

Please see my comments below under the umbrella of our school wide theme: We Learn. We aim to maximize learning for all the BIS community - teachers, administrators, parents, staff, and of course, our students.



Advanced Placement (AP) coursework

We're happy to share that BIS's first AP course is underway. We have an intrepid team of high school students studying AP Human Geography. In coming years, our AP program will expand as student interest demands. I draw attention to the reality that our students' success in these courses is a team effort extending all the way back to KG. As our academic program increasingly culminates in AP coursework, we'll have a clear target to orient our school-wide curriculum.

Professional Growth Plan (PGP)

This year we've modified our faculty evaluation activities to empower teachers. All teachers, individually or in teams, will design a yearlong plan to improve a specific component of their students' learning and achievement. Our process involves identifying and fully understanding the problem, designing a multifaceted plan to improve, and regularly revisiting data to refine the approach. Don't hesitate to ask your child's teachers about their PGPs. We're hoping it can be a learning opportunity for everyone.

2024-2028 School Improvement Plan (SIP)

BIS develops 4-year school improvement plans. This year is the last year of our current plan. Therefore, we are convening a team to develop our next SIP. We will involve all BIS community members in this process. We'll meet several times during the school year to weigh our options and design our goals. We hope this will be an opportunity to build our community around several shared goals that represent our common vision for the future. If you'd like to participate in this yearlong effort, please inform Ms. Suha at suha.nassif@bis.edu.kw.

Campus Revitalization

One initiative this school year is to revitalize our unique campus. The task will be to analyze our campus to see how we can make simple design recommendations that enhance opportunities for student learning. We'll investigate campus utilization and see where improvements can be suggested. If you'd like to participate in this yearlong effort, again please inform Ms. Suha.

Warm regards,

Dr. Alex Pethan

September 18: Open House
from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

September 28: Prophet's
birthday holiday.

Top News

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Open House:

BIS Open House will be held on Monday, September 18, 2023 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for all school levels. This is a chance for families to come visit BIS and see their child's classroom, learn about the curricular program, hear about our athletics and after school activities program, and seek other important information about BIS. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

Coffee with the Director:

I am very pleased to invite you to attend a Coffee with the Director on Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 7:30am-8:30am (CO-MPR). All parents and guardians are invited to attend. It is an opportunity to engage in informal conversations about our school and welcome you to ask questions and/or share concerns that will positively impact student academic achievement.

Family and Student Handbooks for SY 23-24:

BIS Family and Student handbooks for the school year 2023-2024 are posted on the website.

Click [here](#) to view the full version of the KG & ES Family and Student handbook.

Click [here](#) to view the full version of the MS & HS Family and Student handbook.

Dates to Remember:

- **September 17-19:** Little Bees Book Fair at BIS.
- **September 18:** Open House from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
- **September 28:** Prophet's birthday holiday.
- **October 5:** Pastries with principals for all school levels at 7:45 am (CO-MPR).
- **October 10:** PD Day for staff, student dismissal at 11:40 am for MS/HS; 11:35 am for KG/ES. All Staff dismissal at 4:00 p.m (No After-School or KG Clubs).
- **October 12:** Breast Cancer Awareness Day (Pink Day).
Coffee with the Director at 7:30 am - 8:30 am (CO-MPR).
HS Volleyball friendly match (boys) at 3:30 pm (BIS).
- **October 18:** MS Volleyball friendly match (boys & girls) at 3:30 pm (ASK).
- **October 19:** BIS International Day at 12:00 - 2:00 pm.
- **October 22-25:** Fall Spirit Week.
- **November 11:** RunKuwait starts at 6:50 am at Murouj.



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