

DIRECTOR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Director

Dear BIS Community,

Ramadan Kareem! I hope each of you had a restful and meaningful time with your family and friends during Spring break. We are into the last 10 weeks of the 2022-2023 school year! Our goal is to continue and maintain to build partnerships and relationships with parents and students. We are back to work to finish this year strong! We have much to do and, as always, your involvement is needed.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the school families for their continued support and encouragement. Our school is enjoying a successful year so far, with students learning, playing, and attending school with energy and enthusiasm. I would also like to thank the teachers and staff for their contributions to a positive school culture. Without their faithfulness and dedication, none of our daily success would be possible.

We continue to work hard to stay the BEST!

In Partnership,

Dr. Zak Palsha

BIS Silent Auction

On Saturday, March 18, 2023 we hosted our first ever Silent Auction and the evening was a stunning event. The program consisted of providing attendees with a brief history of BIS, the transformation from FSIS to BIS specifically; an opportunity for attendees to bid on art work – both donated by local artists and student pieces; a buffet dinner; entertainment by our talented Ms. Melissa, and a last call for bids.

As mentioned before, the proceeds will go towards a gazebo area and also towards building a theater, once we receive the necessary approvals. We will commence plans for the gazebo soon and look to have it completed at the start of next school year where there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony with the corporate sponsors.

A huge thank you to the sponsors, the donors, and the audience for supporting BIS.



KALD Best Teacher of the Year Award

Photos of KG/ES Gerge'an Celebration Today

We are so proud to announce that Ms. Dana Minkara - HS English Teacher, reaches the semi-finals of KALD Best Teacher of the Year Award. Good luck Ms. Dana!



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Thanks to BIS PTA

BIS is so fortunate to have an active PTA! We would like to thank our BIS PTA Members for their dedication to BIS. Please check out the impressive list of everything the PTA accomplished during 22-23 school year:

- Bake sales once a month on Thursdays.
- PTA Decades Day.
- Arabic reading challenge.
- PTA Movie Night.
- Sports Days.

Next week, our BIS PTA will collaborate with "Draw a Smile Campaign" by Ms. Bibi Al-Ayoub to be used for distributing meals for workers in Kuwait – more details will be shared with all families next week. And there are more things to be done this year. Thanks again our BIS PTA for all your hard work!

3rd BIS Community Iftar Dinner

We would like to invite you to join us for Iftar at [Mais Alghanim Restaurant \(Gulf Road\)](#) for our 3rd BIS Community Iftar on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 5:30 pm. The set menu includes traditional Lebanese mais and grills and costs 10KD per person. Kids under 5 years of age will be free. To reserve seating for your family simply complete our contact form linked [here](#). Once your reservation has been accepted, we will send you a link or you may come and pay by k-net. Space is limited and reservations will be confirmed on a first come first serve basis.



BIS Community Iftar Dinner

You are cordially invited to join us for Iftar at Mais Alghanim Restaurant (Gulf Road) for our 3rd BIS Community Iftar.

ON Wednesday, 12 April 2023

The set menu includes traditional Lebanese mais and grills and costs 10KD per person. Kids under 5 years of age will be free. Immediate family can pay 25KWD in total, partner and 2 kids.

We look forward to welcoming you.



Traditional Outfits on Thursdays

Inspired by the Holy month of Ramadan, all students are encouraged to wear traditional costumes (Dishdashas for boys and Dara'as for girls) every Thursday in Ramadan. Please see the dates mentioned in the below "Dates to Remember" section.

BIS is the Best Workplace in Kuwait

We are pleased to inform you that BIS has been recognized and earned the 13th spot on the "Best Workplaces in Kuwait" and it was announced at the online ceremony on the 16th of March.



MAP Assessments

We would like to inform you that we will be doing the second round of MAP testing for this school year in May. The results from these assessments allow us to better support each individual student by highlighting strengths and area for growth, and enables teachers to better tailor their teaching and learning program accordingly. The school will send an update when more information is available. The MAP Testing dates are mentioned in the below "Dates to Remember" section.

Dates to Remember

April 12: Iftar Dinner for BIS Community.
April 13: Free Dress Day (traditional outfits).
April 20: Free Dress Day (traditional outfits).
April 21-25: Eid Al-Fitr Holiday (tentative).
May 2: Field Trip for Grade 10.
May 11: PBIS Field Trip to Cozmo.
May 14-18: Grade 12 Final Exams.
May 18: Seniors' walk around the school & Seniors' lunch.
May 24: Move-up Day.
May 29: Grade 12 Graduation.

MAP Testing Dates

May 2: MAP Reading Assessment for Seniors.
May 3: MAP Math Assessment for Seniors.
May 14: MAP Reading Assessment for grades 6-11.
May 16: MAP Math Assessment for grades 6-11.
May 18: MAP Language Assessment for grades 6-11.
May 21: MAP Reading for grades 3,4 & 5.
May 22: MAP Reading for grades 1 & 2.
May 23: MAP Math for grades 3, 4 & 5.
May 24: MAP Math for grades 1 & 2.
May 25: MAP Language for grades 3, 4 & 5.