

DIRECTOR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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Parent-Teacher Conferences

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will be holding our parent-teacher conferences remotely via Zoom. You were able to sign up with your child's class teacher via PTCFast. They will give feedback on how your child(ren) are progressing so far this year. You will have the opportunity to learn about his/her academic, social and emotional progress during your conference time.

CIS Community Survey



As you are aware, BIS is currently in the final stages of obtaining international accreditation through the Council of International Schools (CIS). The leadership team, teachers, and staff of BIS are interested in what you think about our school. Please take a moment to complete the CIS Community Survey, which will help identify the strengths of the school and areas for improvement.

The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. You should complete one survey per child enrolled in the school. We hope you can spare some time to help the school in its desire to improve. The survey will be available until November 19, 2020.

Please click [here](#) to complete the survey. If you have any questions or need support, please contact info@bis.edu.kw. Thank you very much for completing the survey.

Re-unification Plan

BIS leaders have been working to create a re-unification plan should the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health allow students on campus. The objectives of the re-unification plan is to ensure a safe and managed return on campus schooling, while ensuring the highest levels of safety and cleanliness for all members of the school community. More information will be shared at a later time, should the authorities allow us to resume school on campus. We just wanted you to be aware that we have a plan in place. Later this month we will be sending you a short survey about the plan.

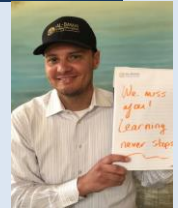
PTA Section

The BIS PTA serves as a partnership between BIS families and the school. They have exciting events planned, even with COVID situation. Please follow our PTA Instagram account for the upcoming activities & events @bispta.

Message from the Director

Dear BIS Community,

Welcome to the first Director's newsletter for the school year 2020-2021. Each quarter my office will be sending out a



quarterly newsletter. The purpose of the Director's newsletter is to inform families about long-term plans, developments on strategic initiatives, and highlight our recent successes. Our principals will continue to send weekly newsletters.

Even though SY 20-21 began with e-learning, given that we are still in a pandemic, I'm proud of our entire community for coming together and making the most of the situation.

At BIS we understand the need to continually deliver high quality education. We recognize the importance of maintaining high expectations in all areas of school life and ensuring that all students have access to the learning resources and support they need to succeed. We will continue to strive towards our mission regardless of the obstacles ahead of us.

This year we will continue to pursue our international accreditation efforts, as last Spring we were one of a few schools to pilot the CIS online protocol. Furthermore, our school improvement plan focuses on four main goals:

- Student Growth
- Curriculum & Instruction
- School Culture
- Strengthening Community

You will receive more information about this as the year progresses.

In Partnership,

Dr. Zak Palsha
Director

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MAP Testing

We are proud of our students for their effort and commitment to the MAP testing process. The results will be available during parent-teacher conferences and will allow teachers to tailor their teaching to the needs of the students. Remember MAP testing is about student growth!

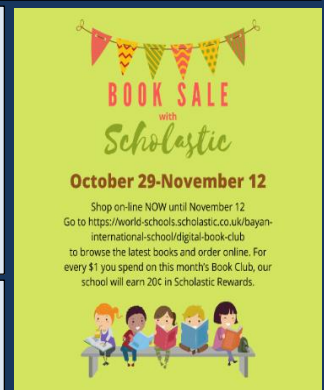


Progress Report Available on PS

Students' progress reports will be available on PowerSchool on Nov. 9th at 12:00 pm. These reports provide information on how your child(ren) are performing in their classes and to keep the parents informed of their child's educational progress. These are not report cards, but just show progress to date. Please click [here](#) to view the tutorial video to know how to get your child(ren) progress report. Please use this [PS link](#) to access your account.

Photos of our Students

Please share photos while your kids are learning online on this email: photos@bis.edu.kw.



Count.it Invitation

BIS continues to find ways to promote healthy living and social-emotional well-being during the pandemic. We invite you to join count.it by following the [link](#). The app is linked to your phone, which counts your steps, then converts your steps into a daily, weekly, and monthly score. Of course, this is optional, but all you need to do is to download the app and register. If you have any questions, you can email Mr. Ali at ali.williamson@bis.edu.kw. Hope to see you on the Leaderboard.

Counselors Are Always Available

Counselors are always available to support students with academic, social, or emotional needs. Please initiate contact by email. Counselors are available for student check-ins throughout our virtual sessions. Students or parents can contact their counselor on the below emails.

KG/ES Counselor - Ms. Andrea andrea.rivas-rosales@bis.edu.kw

MS Counselor - Ms. Jennifer jennifer.hoang@bis.edu.kw

HS Counselor - Ms. Kenya kenya.waltower@bis.edu.kw

Communication

The school and home connection is a priority at BIS. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us should you have any questions. Please contact us at 22052822 or via email: info@bis.edu.kw.

Dates to Remember

November 8, 9, 10 & 11: KG/ES PTC from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm (additional slots on Nov. 10 from 5:30 pm - 6:45 pm).

November 9: - MS/HS PTC from 3 pm - 7 pm (late start for students at 12:00 pm - 2:10 pm).

- Progress report available on PowerSchool at 12:00 pm.

November 10, 11 & 12: MS/HS P-T Conferences from 12:15 pm - 4:00 pm (early release for students at 11:20 am).

November 19: Last day to complete the [CIS community survey](#).

November 22-26: Reading Week - more information will be sent soon.

November 24: BIS will host KG/ES & MS/HS parent diwaniya with FSHN about e-learning - more information will be sent soon.

November 29-December 2: PD sessions from 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm (no after-school support services).

December 18-January 3: Winter Holiday.