

# DIRECTOR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Director

Dear BIS Community,

First and foremost we would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the Administration and faculty for having a successful 1st Quarter. As we move forward, it's important that families and teachers to keep developing a good working relationship. It takes an entire learning community to provide everything that our children need to be successful in school and life.

As a reminder, your student's first quarter grade is a progress report grade not a transcript grade. Your student's first quarter grades will be averaged into your student's second quarter grades to create their final grades of the first semester. Saying that, we encourage students to touch base with their teachers and communicate with them if they're struggling in class. I look forward to the rest of the school year and encourage you get involved with the myriad of activities we have. Please check our BIS [website](http://www.bis.edu.kw) and social media platforms for details.

In Partnership,  
Dr. Zak Palsha

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

BIS will be hosting our first round of Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 8, 9 & 10. You will be able to sign up with your child's class teacher via PTCFast. You will have the opportunity to learn about his/her academic, social and emotional progress during your conference time. Please view the sign up schedule and find a convenient time to meet with your child's teacher. You need to reserve your spot by using [PTCFast](http://PTCFast) no later than **Monday, November 7 at 10:00 am**. The timings and dates for both school levels are mentioned in the "Date to Remember" chart.

Click [here](#) to view the PTCFast guide in English.

Click [here](#) to view the PTCFast guide in Arabic.

Students Early Dismissal @ 11:40 am for MS/HS; 11:45 am for KG/ES. Looking forward to seeing you all!

## BIS Uniform Sales Center

As you know, this year we have changed our uniform company and contracted with [Trutex](http://Trutex) as the new supplier for the school uniforms. Earlier this year, we communicated that the uniform were yet to be delivered. We are happy to report that the BIS uniforms arrived and the sales and exchange operations will be during our P-T Conferences November 8 and 9 in our BIS MPR. For families who want to purchase online, there will be iPads stations. We thank you for your patience, and we believe that when the new uniform arrives, the improvement in quality will be worth the wait. Again, we look forward to this positive change. We will have another opportunity to gather your feedback after the first year of wearing the new school uniform.

## BIS Annual International Night

We celebrated our International Night at BIS on Wednesday, 2 November. Our teachers and students set up amazing booths representing more than 28 countries. The night included games, decorations, information, cultural dancing, and food from a variety of countries. Students came in traditional clothing, or colors from their flags, and classes had prepared wonderful posters for International Night. Thank you to those who attended. We hope you enjoyed the International Day Event. Please take the time to fill out this quick [survey](#) and provide your feedback about our International Night.



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## Reading Week at BIS

Reading week is November 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a number of activities to celebrate reading which include: alphabet parking lot, sight-words word search, vocabulary building, and origami bookmark making. We kindly ask that your child brings a book from home that they can read in class for DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) time. There will be a book fair in the school library. Little Bees Books will come to sell books. Parents are welcome to join with their child(ren). There's dress up day on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> Genre Day: wear your favorite genre by color, as follows:

**Red** - Friendship genre books

**Black** - Scary/Thriller books

**Green** - Drama / Mystery books


**Blue** - Adventure/Action books

**Yellow** - Comedy /funny

**White** - Non-fiction books

We wish a happy Reading Week to all!

## Emergency School Procedures During Bad Weather

Please be sure to follow us on Instagram @biskwt  to receive up-to-date info regarding inclement weather and other important information.

## Dates to Remember

**November 5:** Employment Open House at BBS from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

**November 6-10:** Reading Week at BIS – Book Fair in the library.

**November 7:** Progress Report Sent Home.

**November 8-10:** P-T Conferences; Nov. 8 from 12pm-3pm. Nov. 9 from 12pm-6pm (Break 3:00pm-3:45pm). Nov. 10 from 12 pm – 2:35 pm (Zoom). Students Early Dismissal @ 11:40 am for MS/HS; 11:45 am for KG/ES.

**November 10:** Genre Color Day (Dress up day as mentioned above).

Last day to order [Scholastic Books](#).

**November 14:** World Diabetes Day.

**November 15:** Professional Development Day for Staff; Students Early Dismissal @ 11:40 am for MS/HS; 11:45 am for KG/ES.

**November 17:** AUK Field Trip for Gr. 12 @ 8:30 – 11:30 am.

## Tips from the School Nurse

With flu season upon us, it is important that we work together to keep our children healthy. If your child is sick and has fever, keep him/her at home to get enough rest and to prevent the spread of illness to others. Also, maintain a healthy lifestyle; attention to rest, diet, and exercise and relaxation will help maintain good physical and emotional health. The Ministry of Health has announced that vaccination for influenza and pneumonia are now available. Vaccination is available for anyone over the age of 6 months. It is important for everyone to get their flu vaccination to decrease the spread of colds and flu throughout the school during the winter months. Appointments can be booked at [link](#). Wish you all a flu-free season!

## Scholastic Book Club

Our new Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Please click [here](#) to browse the latest books and order online. For every \$1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20¢ in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

## Overall Attendance for 1st Quarter

Attendance continued to remain a high priority for BIS and we are very proud of the commitment. BIS students' attendance for the 1st quarter was **96 %** for the whole school.