



# KG & ES WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Reflections:

I am very grateful to have this opportunity to write to you and introduce our new staff to the KG/Elementary Program. We were very busy last week preparing for E-Learning and transitioning new staff to BIS. We will continue this process next week to ensure that we have prepared properly for the coming year. These are unprecedented times and we continue to focus our efforts to ensure that we deliver the best educational process possible for our students. To summarize: our team is diverse; our team is engaged; and our team is professional in their conduct. I am very fortunate to serve you as Principal.



## Melanie Sui

I entered the workforce when I was 18 years old and started to work with kids between 3 months of age to 14 years old in and out of the classroom. Throughout my journey in teaching, I found myself constantly learning about behaviors, growth mindset, teaching strategies, science, technology and more! It was never ending. Knowledge is power, and I believe that teachers need to continue to learn in order to empower students to achieve their goals and to provide the necessary skills they need for the future. After working with thousands of kids in my hometown, San Francisco, California, I am ready for a new chapter in my life. I am ready to use my knowledge and passion in teaching to educate others.

## Kristine Amacher

I am Kristine Amacher, grade 3 homeroom teacher this year. I am an American from the state of Wisconsin. I come to you with 6 years international teaching experience and a genuine love for watching students grow and learn, academically and personally. I am looking forward to meeting all of you very soon in your amazing country. We have an exciting year ahead of us.



## Andrea Rivas Rosales

My name is Andrea Rivas Rosales and I am from Guatemala. I studied clinical psychology in Guatemala, and then got a Masters of Education in International School Counseling from Lehigh University, in Pennsylvania. I have been working as a school counselor for the past 13 years, and I am so excited to work with the BIS team.

## April Rivers

My name is April Rivers and I'm from the United States. I was born and raised in Florida. I graduated from the South Florida Community College and the University of South Florida. I have been an educator for seven years. This will be my first year at Al-Bayan International School. I can't wait to join the BIS family!



## Stephanie Jalghoom

My name is Stephanie Jalghoom. This is my 5th year in Kuwait. I am from Houston, Texas. I have three wonderful children and four grandchildren. Kuwait has truly been a place that I am happy to call home, and I look forward to teaching and learning here at BIS.

## Robin Price

Ms. Robin is from San Diego, California. She graduated from Humboldt State University with a major in history. She earned her teaching credential and master's degree in education from National University. Ms. Robin taught elementary school in Los Angeles for six years before moving abroad to teach in Eastern Europe.



## Dates to Remember

- 7 September 2020: Last day for students in Intensive Program
- 8 September 2020: KG & ES Parent Orientation
- 10 September 2020: First day for ES students
- 13 September 2020: First day for KG students



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