Secondary News

By: Mr. Joseph Levno, Secondary Principal

Advisory and Assemblies in Secondary School - Building a Positive School Culture

Does it matter whether a school has a positive culture? Does a positive school culture really have any impact on student learning and achievement? Research shows (Peter Senge, Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey, Les Potter, Fred Lunenberg, etc.) that there is a direct link between students’ success and the school environment. Students are more motivated to achieve, work hard and realize their full potential in schools that have a positive school climate.

This year, we have launched an Advisory Program for all grade 6-12 students. Our vision for the Guided Advisory Program is that all students will be supported in a caring, and stimulating environment that will empower them to achieve their fullest potential as a student at AIS West by developing the habits, attitudes and values necessary for success.

Guided Advisory will be centered on who we are as a learning community (LYNX Learners), who we are as individuals and how we can reach our potential as individuals and as a learning community. Activities during Guided Advisory are designed to address the following themes: Community Building; Academic Skill Building; and, a grade-specific theme. In order to follow-up on Advisory lessons and building a positive school culture we have a weekly assembly, every Thursday - one for the High School, one for the Middle School.

Upcoming Holidays and Events

November 10th: Secondary Principal’s Parent Coffee - Building a Positive School Culture
November 10th, 11th and 12th - ES Individual student photos
November 15th: IB Payment Deadline
November 17th - Report Cards for Quarter 1 are distributed (paper copy) and available online (electronic copy)
November 19th - Parent/Teacher Conference Day - no school for students
November 23rd: MS and HS class photos
November 24th: Individual Photos - MS
November 25th: Individual Photos - HS
November 26th - Thanksgiving holiday - No school for students
Students listen to messages that reinforce their advisory activities, students present what they are learning and we positively recognize students who are contributing to building a positive school culture. We also use advisory time to support students academically by guiding them through a goal-setting process and checking progress.

As we continue through the school year we are making adjustments to the advisory program to make sure that we are achieving our goals in helping students develop the habits, attitudes and values necessary for success. We certainly appreciate parent reinforcement of these messages and we look forward to continuing our positive momentum, with parent support! When we raise the bar (of our expectations), the students reach for that bar and achieve success!

Upcoming Secondary School dates (sometimes we have short notice with university visits as they will contact us only once they are in Egypt):

- November 10: Principal’s Parent Coffee - Building a Positive School Culture
- November 15: IB Payment deadline
- November 25: Picture Day!
- December 1: All UCAS Applications must be completed and ready to send.
  * December 5: SAT at AIS West

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**Elementary News**

*By: Ms. Laura Abboud, Elementary Principal*

**Elementary School Honor Society (EHS at AIS West)**

AIS West elementary school is excited to announce its first ever Elementary Honor Society that celebrates the academic, leadership and community service achievements exhibited by students in grades 4 and 5. This new club will motivate excellence among students, stress academics, promote student leaders and model good citizenship. In order to qualify, 4th and 5th grade students must have a high standard of academic achievement and have no disciplinary issues.

Students who meet the minimum academic requirements, based on the first quarter report cards, will be invited to apply for the Elementary Honor Society. Applications will be available in November and will include more specific details about the process. Those who are chosen will be formally inducted at the AISWest Elementary Honor Society ceremony to be announced at a later date.

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3R winners for October

Congratulations to the 3R winners for October. They, and the winners for September, will be recognized at the 3R assembly on November 9th in the auditorium. Because the elementary is now too large to all fit into the auditorium at one time, we have to divide into two assemblies.

Grades 3-4-5 - assembly will begin at 8:30
Grades 1-2 - assembly will begin at 9:15

Parents of the award winners are welcomed to attend the assembly.

1A - Malak Awad, Mohammed Nayal
1B - Yehia Abouelenein, Zena Abbass
1C - Hassan El Attar, Laila Ezzat
1D - Lara Kamel, Aly El Abd
1E - Tala Hamdy, Omar Morsy
1F - Farida Shorosh, Hussein Osman

2A - Yasmin Abdallah, Yasseen El Sabahi
2B - Ahmed Al Ameri, Broksan Hegazy
2C - Fares Shibani, Farida El Kady
2D - Malak Amer, Hussein Demerdash
2E - Celina Boghdadi, Mayssa Rarih

3A - Youssef El Shafei, Hana El Sadr
3B - Zaina El Mamlouk, Hamza Khattab
3C - Amina Orfi, Reem Al Sadoon
3D - Youssef Shenoda, Abdallah Salama
3E - Zyad Abdelhamid, Taimour El Said

4A - Kenzy Youssef, Amina Awad
4B - Mousa Ahmed, Lara Metwally
4C - Amer Sarira, Malaka Badawi
4D - Nada El Abd, Hassan Hemmat
4E - Mariam Kamel, Zeina El Ghamrawi

5A - Farah Hosni, Mohamed Daoud
5B - Mohamed Mohamed, Mariam Koura
5C - Junal Khalil, Alexander Elgazar
5D - Omar Mohamedain, Laila Saleh

Save the dates:

November 10th, 11th and 12th - Individual student photos- Students will dress down in nice clothes on the day that they are designated to take their pictures. Class teachers will notify of which day your student is scheduled for photos.

November 17th - Report Cards for Quarter 1 are distributed (paper copy) and available online (electronic copy)

November 19th - Parent/Teacher Conference Day - no school for students

November 26th - Thanksgiving holiday - No school for students

Please note the following change to the school photo schedule:

November 8th - class group photos for grades 1-5
November 9th - class group photos for PreK, KG1, KG2

All students will wear regular school uniforms on their class photo day. NO PE UNIFORMS on their photo day, please. Also please note that if your child is absent on class photo day, they will unfortunately not be included in the class photo.

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Team Building Challenge with 1st and 3rd graders with ES counselor Ms. Mesha

Team Building

Ms. Mesha used team building as a means to help students build and practice skills they use as learners in the classroom. The 1st and 3rd graders had a blast, engaging in team building activities to help them to work collaboratively as team, use listening skills and follow directions. Ms. Mesha commented, “I’m thinking I really need to sprinkle these type of activities throughout the school year.” As with any lesson, it’s important to spend time at the end of the lesson debriefing and discussing what was learned. Youseef, Ms. Nadiah’s 3rd grade class commented, “I love team building and it made me a better student.”

37th Annual Cairo American College Model United Nation

By: Mr. Andreas Horaites

AIS West participated in the 37th Annual Cairo American College Model United Nation held for four days (Oct 22-25). Our nine member delegation stepped up their game and spoke as representatives of Spain, Thailand and Japan in two General Assemblies and the Security Council. Topics ranged from environmental crises (deforestation and air pollution) to the current civil unrest in Yemen, Iraq and Syria. At the closing ceremonies, Ziad El Tabbakh received the Security Council’s Best Delegate honor for his outstanding leadership. Mabrouk Ziad!

Students working in projects

By: Ms. Dolores Rodriguez

Spanish class

Spanish Speaking Countries presentations: Nadine Metawee presenting her project Costa Rica, and Malak Nawara presenting Paraguay.
Hi my supportive parents,

Students have been exploring the use of lab equipment and the application of experimental procedure and the scientific methodology within a lab setting. Part of this study involved magnifying images using a light microscope, calculating total magnification, field of view and specimen comparison. The students enjoyed this lab very much. Many students were quite interested to link math calculations regarding field of view to choosing the most appropriate objective lens.

Year 9 & 10 Biology Announcement

I would like to announce the lab group captains for 2015 / 2016. These students have been selected to these positions due to their safe lab practices. It is hoped that they will always model safe lab practices and equipment handling during all experiments.

- Tamara Hagras
- Amy El Sherbiny
- Shaikha Arrad
- Malak El Demerdash
- Warshan Shaheen
- Youssef Gamal
- Nour El-Attar
- Ayten Labib
- Stephanie Eskander
- Ranaa Talaat
- Malika Khalil
- Khadija Hafez
- Mohamed Nawara
- Ahmed ElHelw
- Sara Ahmed
- Mohamed El Anany
- Hussein Makhlouf
- Mourad Kanafani
- Youssef Shafik

U/14 Girl's football team
Coaches Ryan Boswood and Heba Dandan

The U/14 girls have now played 2 games, one against BISC and one against BSE. Whilst we have not won a game the girls are showing some improvement.

We are very proud to see our school field an U/14 girls team this year as last year we did not have the numbers to field a team. Our players are inexperienced but they enjoy the game of football and are starting to build a team culture. It is hoped that the girls can continue building this team culture so as to participate in local and international football tournaments.

Yours in football,
Coaches Ryan and Heba.