

# Blyth Academy Newsletter



**October 19, 2017**

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**October 22** NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY. ENJOY THE LONG WEEKEND

### School Trips

**Oman and South African** School trips require consent forms and deposits to be submitted by November 2nd. Copies of Consent Forms can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

**Desert camping trip** for Senior High will take place on the 16th-17th and Junior High on the 23rd-24th of November. Cost is set at 500 riyals and includes all meals, dune bashing and activities at the campsite. Price may come down to 400 riyal if student numbers are large enough.

**Candygrams for grades 5-12** being sold at lunch next week (Monday-Wednesday)

**Pink Day** Wednesday October 25th to raise awareness of Breast Cancer. Students will wear pink on this day.

**Subject awards (2016-2017)** are taking place next week to celebrate student achievements from last year. Congratulations to all for their achievements!

**Student at risk forms** go home at October 19. If your student receives one of these forms, please arrange a time to discuss with their teachers how to improve student efforts and achievements.

### **House System**

A school wide house system will be rolled out over the next few weeks. Four houses based upon Canadian bear populations (**Polar, Grizzly, Black, Kodiak**) will be used as a tool to motivate and encourage student achievement and school pride.

### **School Photos**

Nov. 6-8, Revised order form attached.

**Uniforms** – Based on a directive from the Ministry of Education sent to all schools they have reactivated the policy that we cannot insist on a single uniform supplier. **IF YOU CHOSE TO GO TO A SUPPLIER OTHER THAN ZAK'S THE UNIFORM IS TO BE IDENTICAL TO OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM IN ALL WAYS.**

### Class Notes compiled by Grade 11 ELA

#### Junior Kindergarten:

This week in Junior Kindergarten (JK) the students continued their studies on the alphabet, however, this week's focus was the letter "E". We studied the letter "E's" sounds and vocabulary and practiced printing the letter. The students are improving their fine motor skills with printing and using scissors. The

Grade 6 buddies came and helped the JK's practice their



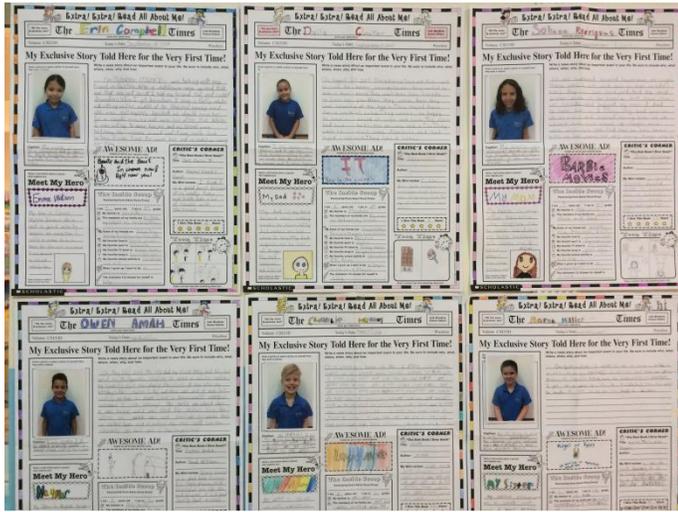
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#### Senior kindergarten:

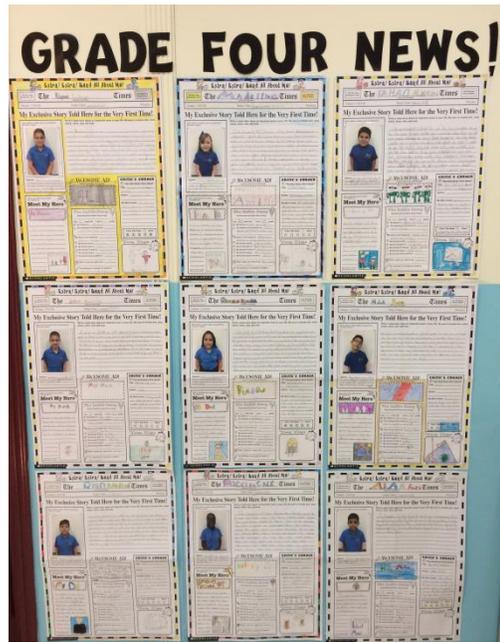
This week in Senior Kindergarten we reviewed our number sense from 1-4 using different tools and manipulatives. Students continued learning more letters of the alphabet, with this week's focus the letters "E" and "P". They are also learning about penguins and their life cycle.

#### Grade Fours:

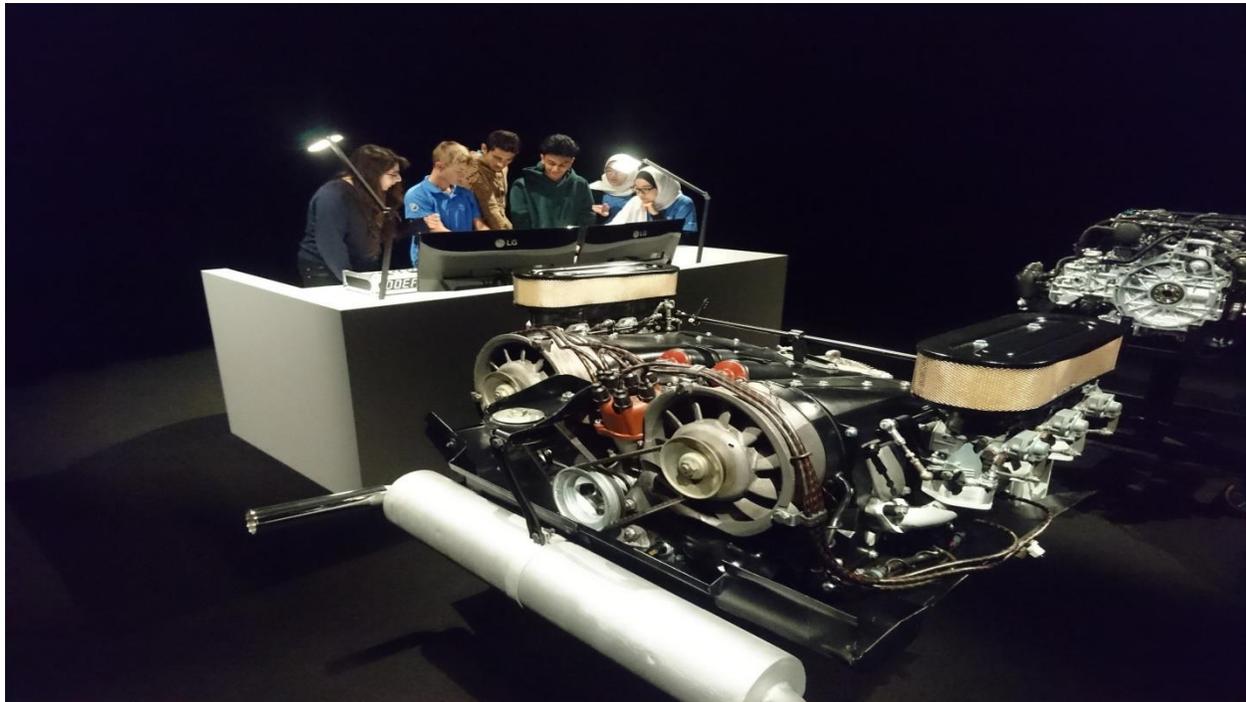
The Grade Fours have been extremely busy putting the finishing touches on their 'Grade Four News'. The News Item pieces of writing are proudly displayed outside of Mrs. Antle's Grade Four Classroom!



**ART**  
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Students visited the Qatar Museums “German Design” exhibit to learn about the art of design and architecture from some of the leading German companies and designers. Art students were excited to see where this field of study can lead to and the opportunities design and art hold for the future



**UNIVERSITY FAIR**

University fair took place on October 12, 16, 17. Lots of fun, provided students with information on specific university programs. Over 10 universities came to visit which provided the high school students with a wide variety of universities to choose from. Most of the universities came from Canada, universities like Georgetown and Qatar Universities also came to visit.

“ I talked to many universities and got a really clear understanding on how programs work and what I am expected to do as a student. This university fair helped me narrow down my university options making it easier for me to decide what university I am go to apply to.” - Chloe George  
Grade 11 Student

University fair was a success, students definitely benefited from this event making their future life decisions easier to make, which is what we aim to achieve here at Blyth Academy Qatar.

### **CLUBS**

The Chess Team has been busy preparing for their upcoming match against Hyatt Universal School. We will invite the HUBS team to our campus on Wednesday, October 25th at 12:15 to play a friendly competition battling wits in the game of chess. They have been learning strategy and tactics daily and are improving with each passing practice. **Good Luck Blyth!**

As for guitar club, more and more students are joining each day. Most people seem to be quite interested in playing the guitar. Good news is that they've gotten most of the basics covered and soon they're going to start practicing different songs!

### **STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELDERLY**



**BAQ Grades 9-12 Trip to South Africa**

These activities are organized to significantly enrich both the academic curriculum as taught in school and the social and personal development of those students participating in them. The organization, particularly of school overseas trips requires a significant investment of staff time and energy. The purpose of the following information (rules, forms, contracts...) is to assist the teacher(s)/group leader(s) when organizing any trip. On the trip there will be a 10:1 student/teacher ratio and student co-operation will be essential. The teacher in charge will have a phone number that will be given to parents in order to contact the group during the trip in case of emergencies.

**Deposit:** There will be a QAR 3000 deposit due November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017, to be given to Ms. Beena (between 7:30-8:00 and 2:00-2:15) or Ms. Abboud along with the signed forms.

### **RULES FOR Blyth Academy Qatar Overseas Trips**

The purpose of the rules set out below is to ensure that the enjoyment of the trip is not hindered for any student or teacher.

#### **RULES**

1. All school rules, and in particular the Policy on Alcohol and Drugs, apply with the exception of uniform policy.
2. Being in the possession of or consumption of alcohol or any other behaviour altering substances in any form will be considered a serious violation of the rules and immediate action will follow, including suspension from school upon return
3. The excessive consumption of behaviour affecting drinks such as red bull, alcohol, espresso coffees or other drinks with enhanced caffeine is prohibited.
4. Smoking is prohibited as under the school rules.
5. Students are expected to attend all set meals unless permission given by a teacher.
6. Students are to remain with the group during the day and evening unless authorised by the teachers.
7. Hotel rooms/apartments are to be kept clean and tidy at all times. Failure to do so may result in sanctions.
8. Students are expected to comply with set bed times and lights out times.
9. It is forbidden for male students to enter the rooms of female students and for female students to enter the rooms of male students.
10. Students are expected to treat teachers/supervisors/instructors/tour guides with respect at all times
11. Teachers reserve the right to search students' bags/rooms at any time if they suspect contraband is present.
12. All students are expected to turn up on time for all roll calls.
13. Foul language is not acceptable from any student on the trip at any time.
14. FREE TIME – during trips it is common for students to be given some 'free time'. During such time students should always travel in groups (minimum of 3). Under no circumstance should any student walk on their own. During this time students are expected to treat their surroundings with the utmost respect and are also expected to adhere to all the school rules applicable above.

#### **Sanctions**

Failure to comply with the rules of the trip will lead to sanctions which will be decided by the teachers/supervisors on the trip. Sanctions might include, loss of pass for certain activities, loss of free time, grounding etc. More serious breaches of rules will result in phone calls to parents/guardians with possible follow up action in the school after the trip. Disciplinary meetings will be convened by the staff where necessary. In the event of serious and/or uncontrollable incidents students may be required to return home. The costs in such an event will be charged to the parents/guardians. This will be done after full communication with the parents/guardians.

The teachers accompanying the group reserve the right to amend any rule during the trip as necessary. Clear notice, will be given of any such changes, to the students.

**PRACTICAL ADVICE**

Any student taking part on a trip should try their best to adhere to the following advice while on the trip:

- Try to find out as much as you can about your destination before you go.
- Do your best to help fellow students and teachers at all times.
- Do your best to ensure that all students are included in group activities at all times
- During foreign trips, try to speak the language of your host country if known.
- Refrain from using bad language at all times on the trip
- Do your best to be considerate of others at all times.

**OVERSEAS SCHOOL TRIP PARENT CONSENT**

<b>Student Name:</b>	
<b>Class:</b>	
<b>Location of Trip:</b>	
<b>Organising Teacher:</b>	

**I/We understand that the Blyth Academy Qatar trip will take place on the following dates:-**

<b>Outbound Date:</b>		<b>Time:</b>		:		hrs
<b>Inbound Date:</b>		<b>Time:</b>		:		hrs

to/from Hamad International Airport (in the event that the plane is delayed, the tour ends no later than 15 mins after arrival at Airport)

- v I/we understand that it is my/our responsibility to ensure that my/our son/daughter is at the airport on time and collected from the airport on time.
  
- v Should my/our son/daughter infringe on any of the rules of this tour which have been explained by the teachers and which he/she and I/we fully understand and accept, whether this infringement be of a minor or more serious nature, I accept whatever punishment may be imposed, including being sent home early and, should this situation arise, I/we will cover the cost of the ticket and any other transport necessary.
  
- v I understand the staff/supervisors from Blyth Academy Qatar will be acting in *loco parentis* throughout this tour and that my son/daughter will obey their instructions at all times. I/we understand that my son/daughter's behaviour in school in the lead up to the trip may have a bearing on their participation on the trip. I also understand that my son/daughter may be given some 'free time' at some stage on the trip and that during this time my son/daughter must obey all rules as explained to them.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:	
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Date:	

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SCHOOL TRIP STUDENT CONTRACT

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<b>Date of Birth:</b>		
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**Agreement:**

- I agree to participate in and to make a commitment to the entire BAQ School trip
- I have read the document, supplied by the leaders of the trip, listing the rules regarding the trip and agree to all of the rules included in that list.
- I accept that any failure on my part to behave responsibly at all times to the teachers/ supervisors/instructors/tour guides, may lead to appropriate sanctions.
- I am also aware that a possible sanction for what is deemed unacceptable behaviour could result in my being sent home from the trip after my parents/guardians have been informed.
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