

Blyth Academy Newsletter



October 26, 2017

General Announcements

- Grades 6 and 9 will be writing Alberta Provincial Achievement Tests in May and June. These tests are a province wide assessment of student and school performance and we are confident in our preparedness and students.
- Schools Advisory Council - there will be a meeting held in November 1 at 6:30 pm. Agenda topics for this meeting should be sent in advance to SAC@blythacademyqatar.com
- School Photo order forms due November 1st for preordering school photos. Photographers will come Nov. 6-8 to take student and class photos.
- **Oct. 31** will be Fall Festival Dress Up Day. Students and staff will be able to dress up in their favorite fictional character costumes. Certain costume restrictions apply.

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, dunebashing and activities at the campsite. Price may come down to 400 riyal if student numbers are large enough. Forms should be back on November 2nd.

Subject awards (2016-2017) are taking place in Nov. to celebrate student achievements from last year. Congratulations to all for their achievements! Students who achieved ALBERTA HONOUR STUDENT level (80% overall average or higher) will also be recognized at this time.

House System

A school wide house system will be rolled out on Thursday, October 26th. Four houses based upon Canadian bear populations (**Polar, Grizzly, Black, Kodiak**) will play games and activities at CNA-Q field and sports complex to help launch the system. During the year, the house system will be used as a tool to motivate and encourage student achievement and school pride.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY – Thanks Student Council for a successful day



Class Notes compiled by Grade 11 ELA

Senior Kindergarten

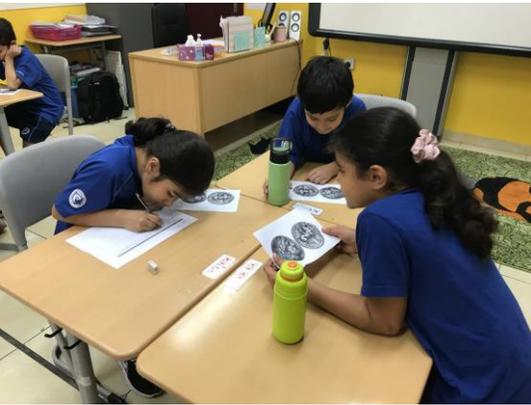
In Senior Kindergarten this week we learned about number sense for the number 5 - making the number 5 in different ways using different activities (letter sorts, letter crowns, and word hunts). Our star of the week, Kareem, brought objects that start with the letter D and shared his special object. We are learning about Dinosaurs for the letter D and we are continuing to learn about penguins.



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Grade 3

The Grade 3A class explored ancient coins to practice their archeology skills. They found clues in the coins and brainstormed what these clues could tell them about an ancient society.



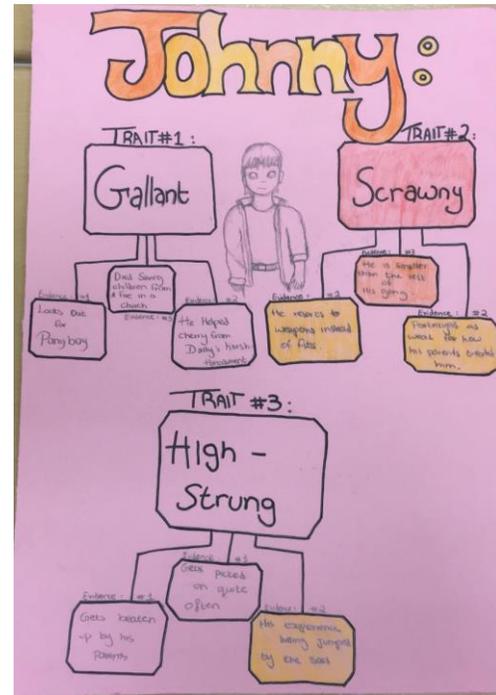
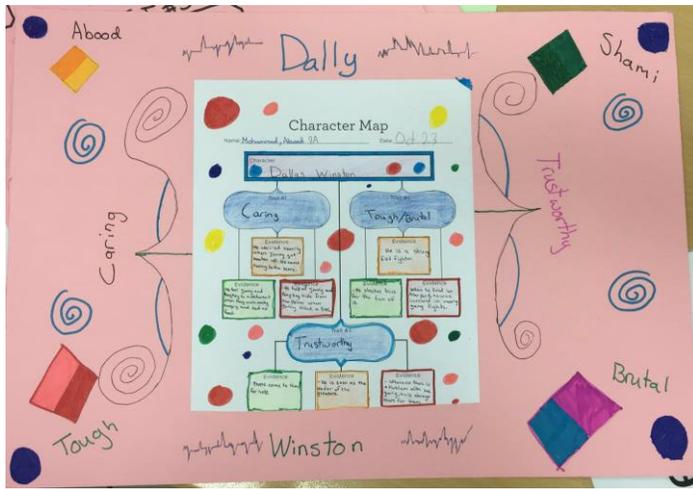
Junior High

This week, in English class, grade 7A watched the movie *“Holes”* and 7B watched *“Sounders”* and did a compare and contrast between the movie and the book. Based on that, they wrote a persuasive essay explaining why one is better than the other. They also completed the Limerick and Acrostic poems unit and are moving on to informal letter writing, all based on the books they’re reading.

The grade 8's are exploring a new writing technique called, expository writing. Which is the gathering of ideas and evidence to set forth an argument concerning that idea. The topic that they're asked to write about is "bravery vs courage".

The grade 9's are looking at different magazine articles and working to interpret how they portray women versus how they portray men. Also, compare and contrast how the two genders are presented.

In Science class, the grade nine students have been working on constructing a Periodic Table that will be displayed on the walls in the Science classroom.



CLUBS

The Chess Team competed on Wednesday against Hyatt Universal Bilingual School. The teams played a series of highly competitive and entertaining matches, pitting their wit and strategy against each other. After jumping to an early lead, Blyth held on to narrowly defeat HUBS by a final score of 7-5. Hubs has invited us to play at their school in November and team members are looking forward to the challenge. **Go Blyth Go!**



The Guitar club has many members moving on to their second and even third songs! The members are becoming better musicians day by day and appreciate all the effort put in on their behalf by the teachers leading the club.

The Elementary Basketball team has been busy practising and are looking forward to their first competitive game soon.

LIBRARY NEWS

Today's Readers Tomorrow's Writers

Students Yosor and Lily from Grade 2 and Sophia from Grade 3 have showcased their first comic/novel in the library.





**It is time for the BAQ Annual Reading
Competition**

**Sign up at the Library for your chance to win a
prize.**

Read an appropriate book/novel.

Be prepared to answer few questions about it.

November 12 & 13, 2017

Quran COMPETITION

The annual Holy Quran Competition will usually take place in end of February the beginning of March 2018. In addition, Hadeth Competition takes place in November 28th 2017. This prestigious competition will involve all schools in Qatar. If a student would like to participate please let him/her to see Mrs Mona by NOVEMBER 11th.

For further information, you can contact Mrs. Mona (mona.tammam@blythacademyqatar.com)

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PONYBOY

We saw the same sunset

Precious innocence stolen by an

Ominous environment of

Never ending social competition.

Young minds poisoned

By stereotypes and grief,

Only to become victims of a

YOUTH well wasted.



Pride surges through his heart
for his

Outfit, a fierce, tight-knit gang

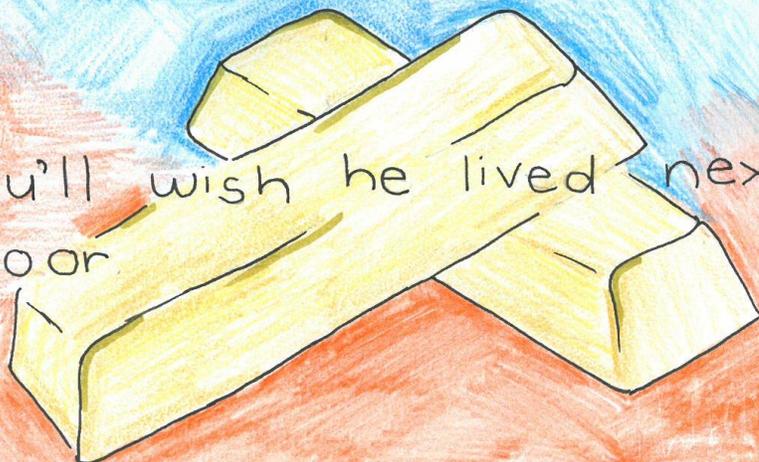
Not your typical Greaser, he's

Yet to use his head

Bad he is,

On the inside he'll stay gold

You'll wish he lived next
door



Suzan Kadri 9A

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Deposit: There will be a QAR 3000 deposit due November 2nd 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

Student Name:	
Class:	
Location of Trip:	
Organising Teacher:	

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

Outbound Date:		Time:		: hrs
Inbound Date:		Time:		: 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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Please complete the details below :

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Agreement:

- v I agree to participate in and to make a commitment to the entire BAQ School trip
- v 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.
- v 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.
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BAQ Grades 5-8 Trip to Oman

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