

Blyth Academy Newsletter



November 2, 2017

General Announcements

ALBERTA EXAM BANK . Blyth Academy Qatar is pleased to announce we have purchased a complete school set of online access to the **Alberta Exam Bank** website. This fantastic resource is available to all core curriculum subjects for all students from Kindergarten through Grade 12 . The Exam bank is very useful for review of curricula learned, preparation for tests and exams and particularly useful for grade 12 preparing for their diploma exams. We strongly encourage all students and parents to visit the alberta.exambank.com website and access through the following-

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- 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 – next meeting will be in January

School Advisory Council: A number of issues were discussed, of immediate concern is once again pick up and drop off of students. **PLEASE, PLEASE ensure that all drivers, parents etc are respecting the direction of our security guards. WE DO NOT WANT ANY STUDENT INJURED.**

School Trips

Oman and South African: deposite dates have passed. A decision will be made and announced next week.

Desert camping trip for Senior High will take place on the 16th-17th and Junior High on the 23rd-24th of November. Payment is due Tues Nov. 7 for the Sr. High trip (500QR), price may be less. Jr. high payment is due Tues. Nov. 14

Subject awards (2016-2017) are taking place soon 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 (see Honour Role attached)

Upcoming Events

- Picture Day will be taking place on November 6-8. Prices and other more information has been sent to parents via email. Students are asked to arrive in school uniforms on day of pictures if possible. Order forms should have been returned, if you have not done so please do so Sunday
- Celebrating Peace Day November 9, 9:00 am, parents are welcome.
- Kindness Week/Anti Bullying, November 12-16.

Class Notes compiled by Grade 11 ELA

Junior Kindergarten

We are studying the letter G this week. Also we have been focusing on the days of the week and the month of the year. These Jk students have started to go to the computer room with the IT teacher and they appear to be intrigued with the laptops.





Grade 2

What an exciting week for the Grade 2's! This week with the Grade 2's, we enjoyed Pink Day! They celebrated by wearing their bright pink colors in support against bullying! Way to go guys! Not only that but the Grade 2's were hard at work when it comes to their Qatar History projects. They learned about the geography and places in Qatar. Math has been going great lately with Mrs. McPherson, they learned this week patterns! On top of that, we finished the week off by playing banana tag in gym today! Great week everyone!

Grade 3

The grade 3B class celebrated on of the students (Retaj's) birthday last week, with a cake that had a picture of a horse (her favourite animal).

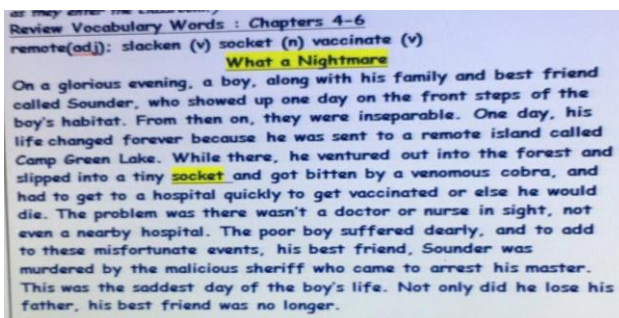
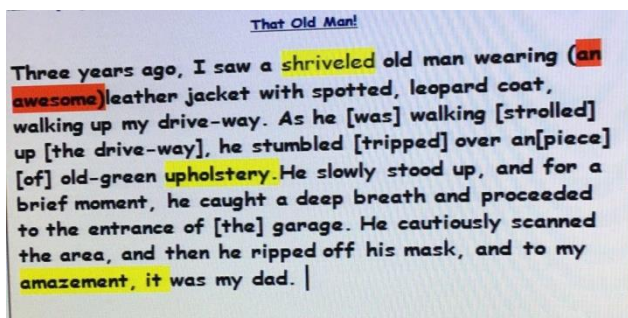


The Grade 3 A class explored ancient coins to practice their archeology skills. They found clues in the coins and brainstormed what these clues could tell them about an ancient society.

Junior High

This week, the grade 7's and 8's practiced writing short stories using capillary words. They are used to only writing a paragraph or two but now they have to write a full five paragraph story. To get them used to it, Ms. Whyte is making them practise writing 'hook' and 'thesis' sentences in their journals. The grade 8's are continuing their work on expository writing, from last week. As for the grade 7's and 9's, they'll be starting persuasive arguments on 'Sounders' and 'Outsiders', after watching the movie, in order to understand the book in more detail. Meanwhile, all of the work the grade 7's, 8's, and 9's are doing is being presented in their personal portfolios which they have to construct themselves.

In Science class, the grade 7's are researching famous structures and how they were built. The grade 8's are constructing graphs on popular winter vacation spots and their climate patterns. The grade 9's are working on their making of a Periodic Table that will be hung around the classroom.



BLYTH HOUSE SYSTEM ROLLOUT

Blyth Academy Qatar has introduced a house system to our campus this year. The four houses are representative of four North American bear populations, Grizzly, Kodiak, Polar and Black Bears. A house system has shown to have a positive effect on student engagement and fostering positive relationships within the school. The event at CNA-Q featured games, chants and activities where students tried their best to win points for their team while getting to know there fellow house members better in a fun and exciting environment.

When the dust had settled, the points stood as follows.

Polar Bears	205
Black Bears	160
Grizzly Bears	150
Kodiak Bears	115

Good Luck to all the houses going forward and keep watching this newsletter for updates throughout the year

Music Field Trip to American School Doha.

On Sunday October 29th High School music students travelled to ASD to take part in an all day workshop.

The students had a chance to work with Choral Director Ms. Stephanie Gravelle. They received intensive coaching followed by a rehearsal and performance with the ASD Treble Choir + Mixed Voices.

Testimonials

"We sang and learned about many ways to control our voice. I became more confident in singing out loud in front of many people." -Cody

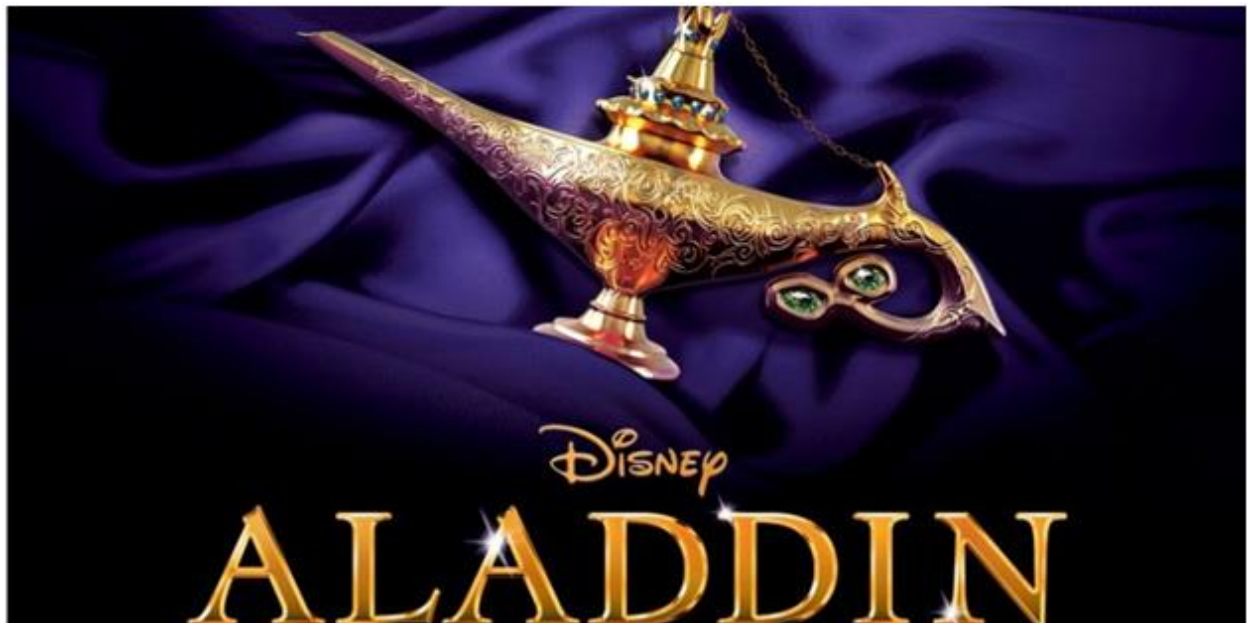
"I learned new breathing techniques." -Joshua

"They were very welcoming and they inspired me during their own time of singing. It made me want to do very unique style of music as a class. Brilliant field trip!" -Rebecca



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JUNIOR HIGH DRAMA PRESENTS-



STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO SOON!





**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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PE CLASS VISITS THE MANGROVES

