



مدارس الظهران الأهلية  
Dhahran Ahliyya Schools

مجتمع تعلّمي غير ربحي

A not-for-profit learning community

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## "Our Mission"

Inspired by the principles of Islam, the mission of Dhahran Ahliyya Schools is to empower each student to be a compassionate, thinking, lifelong bi-lingual learner, who makes a positive difference locally and globally.

## "Our Vision"

Our vision is to provide a world class education with an Arab and Islamic identity through a pioneering learning community that is sustainable and socially responsible.

Our school is supervised by the Ministry of Education and accredited by The Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI)



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## Three DAS Students Join "Aramco Program for Science and Technology" in Cooperation with MAWHIBA

As part of the King Abdulaziz Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity programs (MAWHIBA), 3 DAS students (Grade 8) joined the "STEM Program" in cooperation with the Aramco Program for Science and Technology from October 25-December 9, 2016. The students who joined are:

**Jana Ahmed Al Dakhil, Basma Abdullah Al Fayez and Hajer Hisham Al Jaafari**

This program included scientific, technical engineering and mathematical fields which developed the abilities of the talented students within the Eastern province. The students gained a variety of skills such as thinking out of the box, generating new ideas, curiosity and ambition.

The program culminated with a ceremony supervised by Mrs. Ibtisam Al Mazainy, Director of Gifted Students Administration in the Province. Basma Al Fayez and Hajer Al Jaafari created a 3D-model of a ship that operates with recycled engine created from a variety of children's toys. Additionally, Jana Dakhil created a car using recycled wood, fan and an engine from children's toys.

## Students' Early Dismissal

Because of the necessity of having a meeting for DAS faculty and staff, we would like to inform you that on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, there will be an early dismissal for all students in all grades as follows:

- Kindergarten Students will be dismissed at 12:30 PM.
- Elementary Students will be dismissed at 12:30 PM
- Intermediate and Secondary Students will be dismissed at 12:55 PM.

## Zahra Al Jishi Joins the Science Students at King Abdullah Center King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC)

Zahra Al Jishi, grade 7 DAS student, passed the 3rd session exam for "Mawhoob" Competition of the National Science Olympiad organized by King Abdulaziz and his Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity (MAWHIBA). The session took place from November 26 – December 2, 2016 at Al Hassan Ahliyya School.

On a happy note, Zahra qualified to attend the 2017 Winter Forum. She will join her peers at King Abdullah Center King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC) in Riyadh from January 26 – February 4, 2017.

Please check the Schools' website regularly for any inquiries and appointments



### "We Work Together" Activity

The Kindergarten department would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to all the mothers who participated in "We Work Together" Activity. During the activity, the children showed an understanding to the interdisciplinary themes of the International Baccalaureate program. These themes reinforce the learner profile and conceptual learning. The mothers applauded the activity and they thanked the schools' administration for organizing it.

### Grades 1 and 2 Complete the Summative Activity for "How We Organize Ourselves?"

Grades 1 and 2 (Boys and Girls) students completed their summative activity for the "How We Organize Ourselves?" unit. The students displayed what they learned about human-made systems and their influence on the individual, community and environment. In the Arabic language, the students displayed what they wrote in a book that includes information each student wrote about a system of his/her choice. In English, the students conducted the "Live Wax Museum" where every student represented the figure he/she wrote about throughout the unit.

### Grade 4 Students Complete the Final Task in Science

Grade 4 students completed the final task for the science unit according to the steps of research and scientific inquiry at the school's lab. The students observed, formed hypothesis, conducted experiments in order to come up with concepts. They also explained the concepts in an accurate scientific language and displayed them on the boards.



### Quran Competition

The results of the Quran Competition for grades 1+2 have been announced on Wednesday, January 26, 2017. All the participating students have been honored for their effort in reciting and memorizing Quran. Thank you for all the parents for their support and continuous follow-up.

### Literacy Day

Inspired by the themes and the first three central ideas of the IB Primary Years Program, grade 4/B conducted a presentation of what they learned throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> semester in both Arabic and English. The presentations were attended by the mothers who were introduced to the teaching and learning environment, the development of the writing process and using new vocabularies. In order to reinforce the speaking and communication skills, the students presented a scene in both languages.