

## "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 bilingual learner, who makes a positive difference locally and globally.



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# Newsletter

Week 12

May 15, 2017

Year 30

## Model Arab League



As a requirement of grade 10 Social Studies curriculum, the Humanities Team organized the Model Arab League Program "ALMUN" on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, from 7:30 AM-2:45 PM, in the multipurpose room.

Model Arab League aims at enabling the students to develop a wide selection of skills such as; thinking, research, management, writing, public speaking, presentation and negotiation. Some of the curriculum-related issues were the topic of discussion in the special sessions. The students delivered introductory speeches and position papers that represent all the Arab countries. Following it, they discussed their speeches and conducted consultations and negotiations to state the final decisions for these issues. During the final session, the students voted for the best decisions. All the students displayed a high level of seriousness, enthusiasm and commitment towards all the activities of the program.

We would like to thank all those who contributed in making this event a success; the high school social studies teachers: Mr. Omar Al Imam, Mr. Naeem Tawfiq and Mr. Tamer JadAllah and the teachers who participated in the evaluation committees: Mr. Tayseer Taha and Majdy Marzooq. A thank you is also extended to all the volunteer students from grades 9, 11 and 12.

## Dismissal Plan for the Next Two Weeks

Starting form Sunday, May 14, 2017 to Thursday, May 25, 2017

### Muqarrat Students

Final exams for high school students (Muqarrat Stream) will begin on Sunday, May 14, 2017 till Wednesday, May 24, 2017, according to the schedules for each grade level.

### Intermediate and American Diploma Students

Regular full school days for Intermediate and American Diploma students. Students will be dismissed early only on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 12:55 PM.

Final exams for Intermediate and American Diploma students will begin on Sunday, May 21, 2017 till Wednesday May 24, 2017, according to the schedules for each grade level.

### Elementary Students

Regular full school days. students will be dismissed early at 12:30 PM on Wednesday and Thursday, May 24-25, 2017.

### New Academic Year 2017/2018

The new academic year 2017/2018 will begin in Sunday, September 17, 2017 will be a regular school day.

<b>Distributing Students among Classes</b>	<b>Report Cards</b>	<b>Summer Vacation</b>
<p>Dhahran Ahliyya Schools encourage the continuous rotation of students among all classes. It gives a chance to all the students to communicate and familiarize with all the group. It also contributes in enriching students with different experiences.</p> <p>At Dhahran Ahliyya, the process of distributing students among the classes is decided by a pertinent committee according to specified criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Balanced number in each class</li> <li>▪ Balanced students' behavioral aspects</li> <li>▪ Balanced students' academic aspects</li> <li>▪ Balanced level of participation and alertness</li> <li>▪ Decrease in cliques</li> </ul> <p>We apologize for not accepting any requests that oppose the criteria mentioned above. In addition to this, we cannot accept any requests regarding choosing a specific class or a specific teacher.</p>	<p>Report cards will be distributed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Elementary: Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 1:00 PM.</li> <li>▪ Muqarrat: Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 12:30 PM.</li> <li>▪ Intermediate and American Diploma Thursday, June 1, 2017, at 12:30 PM.</li> <li>▪ Grade 12: We will send SMS about the results upon receiving them from the Ministry of Education.</li> </ul>	<p>Dear Parents,</p> <p>We would like to remind you of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The summer vacation for the Boys' School Administration begins on Monday June 12, 2017 till Sunday, August 6, 2017. Summer vacation for teachers begins on Thursday, June 8, 2017 till Wednesday, August 9, 2017. You are kindly required to complete any formalities before or after the vacation.</li> <li>2. The new academic year begins on Thursday, September 14, 2017. First day of school will be for orientation and submitting books from 8:30-10:00 AM. Sunday, September 17, 2017 will be a regular school day.</li> </ol>

## World Autism Awareness Day



On the occasion on the World Autism Awareness Day on April 2, 2017, the club of “Friends of Autistic Children” by grades 5 and 6 students organized a celebration entitled “Be with Me and Understand Me”. Eight government schools (Autism Program) and five Autism Specialized Centers were invited to participate in this celebration in addition to Al Dawa Pharmacies and Kanaf Charity Community. Mr. Saeed Al Qahtani, Director of Special Education, also attended the celebration.

The celebration started with a Quran recitation followed by speech presented by Mr. Waleed Al Sowailem, School’s General Director. Mr. Waleed welcomed the guests and highlighted the goals and roles of the celebration. After that, Mr. Saeed Al Qahtani presented a speech in which he thanked Dhahran Ahliyya Schools for hosting this celebration every year and for our social responsibility toward spreading awareness about Autism among our students. After that, the students conducted a sports activity in which all participant students interacted. Also, the students painted art boards with the help of the club students and the volunteer students from Intermediate and Secondary.

The Club teachers, Mr. Abudlqader Eid and Mr. Essamalddin Abdulbasset, would like to extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the club students for their responsibility and sincere efforts in organizing this celebration, to the volunteer students from Intermediate and Secondary and to the parents for their continuous support. Also, we would like to thank Mr. Waleed Al Sowailem, Mr. Kamal Al Aqeel, Mr. Abdulmuhsin Batyour, Dr. Khader Mataria, Mr. Abdulrahman Al Shoushy, Mr. Ashraf Hamad, Mr. Munir Al Saihaty, Mr. Hani Oraikat, Mr. Khaled Mutalq, Mr. Yousef Salman, Mr. Ismail Al Jamal, Mr. Waleed Al Laithy, Mr. Mohamed Masalmah, Mr. Bader Al Khalifa, Mr. Yasser Al Jafar, Mr. Ali Al Omrani and all those who contributed in making this celebration a success.

**We promise to be every year better than the year before.**

## Directorate of Education Honors Abdullah Al Sadah



The Eastern Province Directorate of Education honored Abdullah Rami Al Sadah, DAS student on Wednesday, May 10, 2017. Abdullah was honored for his participation in the province-wide Quran and Sunnah competition for 2016/2017.

**Congratulations to Abdullah and his family for this achievement wishing him the best of luck.**

## Maker Expo



The “MAKER EXPO” exhibition took place on Tuesday, May 5, 2017, at Scitech Center. MAKER EXPO aims at reinforcing the science skills and integrating the modern arts and science in a way that supports the learning process. A group of DAS employees and students participated with different robotics shows and many other projects in science, chemistry, physics, mathematics, biology and environment.

The audience applauded DAS’s participation and projects. They appreciated the neatness of the projects and the students’ understating of the skills in addition to their skills in explaining these projects.

A note of thank you is extended to the DAS employees for their efforts and continuous follow up with the students’ projects, to the students for their excellence in introducing their projects and inventions and to the parents for their continuous support.

## Culmination of the “Pioneers of Innovation” Program



Eastern Province Directorate of Education Culminated the “Pioneers of Innovation” program on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. The following DAS students participated in this program; Yasser Bahri, Jaber Al Namer, Feras Al Beesh, Mohammed Al Zuhairy, Ammar Al Sayegh, Almansour Al Akkas, Nawaf Al Otaishan, Khalid Al Moajil, Abdullah Al Sada, Rayan Al Otaibi, Bassel Al Howaider and Hussam Al Howaider.

The “Pioneers of Innovation” program aims at building the abilities of gifted students in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship. Students go through the virtual stages of innovation (need, solution, product) and the stages of entrepreneurship (improving product, project action plan, portfolio). In addition to a wide range of training courses and activities accompanying the program.

The audience applauded the projects and innovation of DAS students and they appreciated the self-confidence and the skills they displayed while presenting those projects.