

عبر ريحي مجتمع تعلمي غير ريحي 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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# Communication

A newsletter issued from the girls' school



### Saudi 90<sup>th</sup> National Day.. Virtual Celebration



The flag of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia will remain poised in the sky as long as we still invest in the minds of our children and plan to focus on them and as long as this country still believes in their abilities so the love of the country enlightens their path. DAS works hard to achieve its mission through embedding some characteristics that will make our students connected, interested, helpful, well-informed, open-minded and balanced citizens. The National Day was an occasion in which our students have shown the previously mentioned characteristics specially being connected. Our school has celebrated, virtually, for the whole week in honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> National Day, from Sunday 3/2/1442 to Sunday 10/2/1442 corresponding to 20/9/2020 to 27/9/2020. This year DAS has celebrated the national day with students who were present at school and virtually as well with the other students who are at home. Our gates and corridors were decorated with the national flags. The entrance was also decorated by drawings that were made by the students to show their love and support for the country. Kids in the Kindergarten level have displayed love and loyalty to our beloved king Salman Bin Abdul-Aziz, the celebration included many events such as: singing the national anthem by our students in the Kindergarten, crafting different artistic pieces that expressed their sense of affiliation to their country, they identified their beloved homeland and King with a presentation that involved questions and discussion through which students have shown feelings of attachment to their country and appreciation to its guardians as well as their support and commitment to the 2030 vision because they're aware of their responsibilities to participate in achieving this vision.

Students have organized a "virtual exhibition" supervised by Mrs. Sabah Fouad, many other activities and presentations were delivered by our students as well as poems, brief thoughts and reflections that articulated their true feelings toward their beloved kingdom. Parents, students and employees participated by posting on the virtual wall. It is a day that's etched on our memories as it reflects our unity, honor and grace.

May Allah bless our Kingdom and the Whole World in Bounties!



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



#### Mettle to the Top, from Home

On Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, the Student Council prepared to celebrate the Saudi National day under the title "Mettle to the Top.. from Home" by Mrs. Halla Angawi, due to the current circumstances. The council worked and coordinated a meeting on ZOOM Platform to celebrate our country and show their love and entertain their peers, teachers and the whole staff. Students have shown feelings of attachment to their country and appreciation to its guardians as well as their support and commitment to the 2030 vision because they're aware of their responsibilities to participate in achieving this vision. The meeting was held on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 1:15 to 2:30 PM, joined by students from the secondary and intermediate levels as well as DAS employees.

The celebration included the following:

- 1. Quran recitation and National Anthem
- 2. Principal's Speech, Mrs. Eman Faisal
- 3. Wearing different traditional outfits.
- 4. Writing speeches and reciting patriotic poems
- 5. Short movies produced by the students (motion graphics)
- 6. Virtual artistic exhibition
- \*"Do you know" Competition was held on Kahoot's Platform, students participated to answer questions regarding facts about our country.
- \* Interactive contests that included different groups and sharing what they love in their homeland (customs, traditions, cities, popular dishes ...)

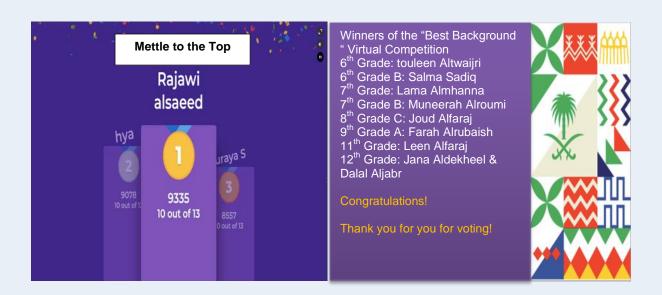
They Solved a puzzle represented by the image of the late King Abdulaziz.. may his soul rest in peace.

\* "The Most Beautiful Background" competition which expressed the love and loyalty to our homeland, students displayed their computers' backgrounds during their virtual classes, students and teachers voted for the best background and some prizes were distributed.

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we thank our students for their great efforts in preparing and supporting this celebration





#### My Country, My Pride

Volunteer Mothers Committee has coordinated various activities for all elementary level students under the title "My country is my honor and pride."

It included coloring sheets showing important landmarks in the Kingdom, and worksheets to express gratitude and appreciation for the efforts of our King, the Crown Prince and the military, medical and educational workers, and for parents & guardians who do their best to protect us during the pandemic crises, we thank them for their unlimited efforts to protect us and make our country safe. Students also expressed their love and duty towards our homeland in order to make it a better place in the light of the 2030 vision. The committee also coordinated with volunteer mothers to photograph their sons and daughters in national traditional outfits as they utter words of love for their country to post them in the official social media accounts of the schools. DAS administration thanks the parents- teachers association (PTA) for their efforts in order to enrich the activities and events at our schools.











#### Virtual Personal Projects Exhibition, 2nd Midpoint

On Tuesday, September 29, 2020, Grade 10 Diploma students presented their Personal Projects in the 2nd Midpoint Exhibition to the school community. The exhibition was held virtually from 1:15 – 2:45 p.m. on Microsoft Teams, with 52 students presenting and over 50 teachers and school administrators in attendance. Students presented their projects to gain feedback on their progress thus far, and to gain valuable insight for the final stages of the product.

As an authorized Middle Years Program IB School, Personal Project is a graded subject that focuses on inquiry and exploration of a topic of interest and passion. In the next coming issues of the newsletter, students' projects will be presented in more detail.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the DAS employees and Grade 10 students for a successful exhibition.







#### World Teachers' Appreciation Day

In honor of International Teachers' Day, which was on Monday, October 5, 2020, the Parent-Teacher Association would like to thank all of the DAS teachers, administration, and staff for their continuous hard work. Our annual commemoration of this day consisted of a small token of our appreciation. It is through our joint efforts that we can truly make a difference in the lives of our students, and we are grateful for the cooperation and efforts of all members of the DAS family.



## Our appreciation and gratitude to the mothers of 6<sup>th</sup> graders who attended the General Virtual Meeting

Continuous communication between home and school is the most important element in building effective partnership with parents for the benefit of our sons and daughters, for that reason a meeting with the 6<sup>th</sup> grader's mothers has been held and conducted by Mr. Iman Adel, Secondary &Intermediate levels Principal & Mrs. Rola AbuSaqer, School Consultant for Academic and Professional Development. This meeting included the following themes:

- Defining the partnership and its importance between school ,family, and the community "Irtiqa"
- The International Bilingual Program
- Assessment in the International Program / Middle Years Program for the International Baccalaureate
- The role of parents in supporting attendance and discipline.
- Introduction to the Middle Years Program (MYP) of the International Baccalaureate
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- Educational opportunities (standardized assessment / integrated assessment)

We thank the mothers for their keenness to attend and support the bridges of communication with our school