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Learning for the 21st Century

A message from the principal



This month, I accepted an invitation to attend the 3rd Annual Education Conference hosted by The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research. This year's theme was: Information Technology and the Future of Education in the United Arab Emirates. The opening was delivered by H.H. Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum who spoke of his vision for the Emirates and the need for technology in our schools to build upon the success of the UAE. His vision in the global education market is not alone.

The day prior to this event we had a very successful Open House event where we worked on educating our parents on the difference between formative and summative assessment. Questions such as "What is this going to look like in the classrooms?" "How will my child earn a grade?" "What if they are not learning?" All excellent questions.

The big question is:

"Will my child have the skills necessary to compete in 21st Century?"

I will ask you to reflect on what skills you need for your job currently? Technology, communication, problem solving, critical thinking, and multi-tasking. Imagine how much our world has changed and when the students of GSAD-RE are adults, how will their world look in comparison to ours? For those of you who work in the refineries, if a pipe would burst out in the field and there was no more inventory on hand, what course of action will you take to quickly make a repair? I assure you, no one is looking at their university textbooks for the answer. In this changing world, it simply is not there.

We have been moving towards this in our lesson plans and instruction. No longer do we need our students to memorize dates of wars and battles but more importantly cause and effect, outcomes of a war, mediation and governmental relations. If they are to be leaders, how would they build a community etc. If I asked an architect to design a house, and his only skills were gained through reading about it and filling in some worksheets and a multiple choice test, I assure you he would **not** be designing my dream house.

The question is, "Is your child ready to take on the challenge of learning the skills needed to be a successful 21st Century learner?"



GSAD is proud to announce its candidacy for accreditation by Middle States Association

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GSAD-RE School Timings

7:45 Morning Assembly

[Grades 1-5]

8:00 Period 1 Begins

1:30 KG1 & KG2 Dismissal

2:30 Grade 1-5 Dismissal

Office Hours: 7:30-4:00



October is Friendship Month!

In October we discussed friendship skills with our students. At GSAD-RE promoted diversity in friendship as our students come from all over the world. At home, ask your students about what countries their friends come from.

LET THE TRAINING BEGIN

On November 7th, we will be hosting our 2nd annual GSAD Fun Run in partnership with the Ruwais Housing Community Services Division. This will be in support of our Health and Wellness Month in November. Distances offered will be 2 and 3K. Promote healthy kids and training by taking your kids outside and walking with them, promote jogging and activity. Provide healthy food not only for school, but also in the home. Healthy hearts and bodies equal healthy brains. Please check your email to register online. Only student participants receive t-shirts and finisher medals. Trophies are offered for our competitive runners.



All runners and walkers should be at the elementary school no later than 4:00 to catch a bus to the starting point, the Recreation Center. Race time is 4:30 sharp. More details to come via email! **To accommodate for this race, students will be dismissed early: KG1 & KG2 at 12:30, Grades 1-5 at 1:30 and Grades 6-11 at 2:45.**

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER

- November 7th FUN RUN at 4:00pm Elementary School **EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS KG1 & KG2 at 12:30, Grades 1-5 at 1:30**
- November 8th, 11th, 12th Grades 4 & 5 field trips to Sir Bani Yas Island
- November 14th—NO SCHOOL Hijri New Year
- November 15th Report Cards go Home
- November 18th/19th Parent Teacher Conferences (Stay tuned for directions on sign ups) All students will be dismissed at 11:30am this day.
- November 28th-National Day Celebration at the School

Student Interest Article

GSAD~RE BUILDING GLOBAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

Report by: *Rihab Sultan and Salma Bahnasy Grade 5B*



TBS (Thompson Brook School) is an elementary school located all the way in Connecticut, USA. Together, our grade 5 class wants to communicate with them to know their styles of studying and learning. So we decided to make a website, www.TBSGSAD.weebly.com. In that website, we share videos that we do in class, such as a tour of our school. We also share stuff like our projects. We are working on a cell project right now to share with them. The website may give us ideas of how to start a new way of thinking and a new way of studying. We hope to show them our ways of learning as well. Together, we are helping each other to make learning more interesting and exciting!



BOOKFAIR

Gleneig School invites you to celebrate the world of reading at the school Book Fair .

Where : Multipurpose Room (PE Hall)

When : 5th Until 8th of November 2012

8:00 am - 3:00 pm

6: 00 pm - 8: 00 pm

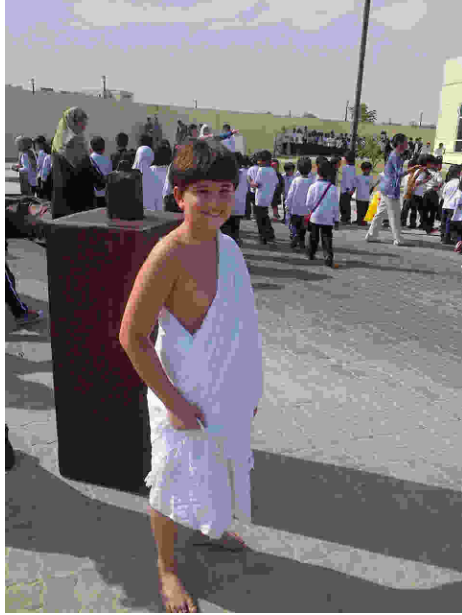
Open your children's sense of wonder& imagination.

Explore a different world and give flight to their dreams.



SAVE
THE DATE

In celebration of Eid El Adha, the Islamic Department sponsored a school event representing one of the Pillars of the Islamic Religion, Hajj. All student participated in a simulation of Hajj at the Mecca.



Many thanks to one of our local families, the Al Qamzi's who shared the Emirati tradition of celebrating Eid by giving children special treats during the Eid celebration with family and friends. The family graciously supplied treats to all the students of Ruwais Elementary. Your family's kindness is appreciated!