



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2018

Your Feedback is very important to us
Please log on to the DAIS webpage and complete the Parent Survey .
The survey will be open until October 18, 2018

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Parent Survey - from October 1st to October 18th

School Holiday— Sunday October 7th, 2018 - in recognition of '6th of October'

Professional Development Day—Sunday October 13th, 2018— students do not attend school

In house boys and girls tournaments begin— October 16th

Parent Advisory Council— October 21st- 8:00 a.m.

Student Exams—October 28th and conclude October 31st

Parent Advisory Council

October 21st, at 8:00 P.M. will be our first Parent Advisory Council meeting for this academic year. Currently the following individuals have kindly agreed to volunteer their time and service to the council. We extend a special thank you to:

- Mr. Emad Shaat
- Mr. Ahmed Megahed Zaki
- Dr. Nelly Hashad
- Mr. Hazem Abu Saleh

We are still looking for volunteers to join this group. Interested parties may email Ms. Asmaa Abu Al Azm, the assistant to Mr. Chuck (asmaa.abualazm@daisagy.com). Within the email please provide your name, the number of years you have been with DAIS and the grade(s) your child(ren) is currently attending.

The purpose of the parent council is to provide advice to the Director concerning school policy and procedures that affect student and community life in the school. The council is not a group that provides advocacy to individual or groups of parents. These individuals and groups are to address their concerns through the Director.

6th of October Presentations

The recognition of the 6th of October as a great day in our country's history took place on October 4th. Students came to school dressed in the colours of the Egyptian flag. High and Middle School students received a sombre presentation during their morning lines. Mr. El-Sayed El Behairy providing a brief oral history of the events of the 6th of October. Nada Al Gameel (9B) gave a poetry (*written by Mr. El Sayed El Behairy*) reading related to this great day. Elementary and Kindergarten students started their day with patriotic songs and the waving of flags. For the kindergarten presentation we would like to give a special thanks to Ms. Manal Hassan, Mrs. Shaimaa Abdallah, Ms Slama Yahia and Mr. Magdy Hassan. They did an excellent job supporting the morning celebrations.

At 9:00 A.M. elementary students continued celebrating the day with songs and drama presentations staged in the school court yard. All elementary teachers did an amazing job supporting the day but special recognition is given to our elementary music teacher Ms. Dina Musa and the elementary Arabic Social Studies teachers Ms. Faten Mahrous and Ms. Azza Ibrahim for their work on the celebration.

Parent Presentations

Renweb Presentation—Monday October 15th—1:00 P.M.—School Auditorium—this presentation is for new parents to DAIS, it will focus on how to log into Renweb and use the system.

SAT—Presentation—Tuesday October 16th—6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.—location—DAIS Auditorium - information will be shared concerning the changes in SAT testing and how scoring takes place.

Professional Development Day

Saturday October 13th—staff will be participating in professional development

Sunday October 14th—students do not attend school—staff will be participating in professional development

Monday October 15th—regular school day for students, visiting professors from Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be attending classes. Teachers will be receiving professional feedback concerning teaching methods, program and classroom routines.

These days will be focus on providing teachers the skills for increasing student literacy. Student writing is our major thrust for this academic year. Professor Cathy Miyata will start the three days of teacher learning with a key note presentation entitled "*Creating a Culture of Writers*". A series of workshops will be provided through Saturday and Sunday. Professor Cathy Miyata will continue her theme on writing while Professor Bruce Alexander will be providing workshops concerning "*Google Classroom*".

Professional Development cont.

The KG department will be working with Mr. Kaz Miyata. Mr. Kaz is a recently retired Early Years Consultant with the Halton District School Board in Ontario Canada. He brings a wealth of information concerning program, teaching strategies and assessment tools for teachers who are teaching students from Kindergarten to grade 3. Mr. Kaz will be doing some work with our grade 1 and 2 teachers but his primary focus for the three days he will be at DAIS will be interacting with our Kindergarten department. Follow-up sessions with Sir Wilfrid Laurier professors will take place in March 2019.

Term One—Exams

Term one exams will **begin on October 28th and conclude on October 31**. Studying for this assessment period is very important. If you are aware of some difficulties your child may be having on one or more subject areas, it is important that they connect with their teacher(s) prior to the exam period.

Halloween Celebrations

For the past few years the kindergarten and elementary department have been using Halloween as a time to fundraise and gather items for the less fortunate. A targeted cause is identified and donates are forwarded to the targeted group.

For this year the Elementary students will be running a campaign under the title *"Scare for Hope"*. More details concerning this elementary campaign will be coming to parents later in the month.

The Kindergarten campaign has been entitled *"Lighting a Lantern for Literacy"*. Our youngest students will be supporting students in Shorouk public schools. Along with money, copybooks, shoes or stationary items will be collected through this month. When sending your donations please note, financial donations should be sent in a seal envelope with a notation on the front of the envelope that it is for *"Lighting a Lantern for Literacy"*. Donated items should be sent in a plastic bag. Bags should be marked *"Lighting a Lantern for Literacy"*. On October 30th the 'Shorouk Charity Group' will receive the donations and distribute them to the schools. This local charity group has spent a number of years supporting local children in need



and are keenly aware of those who will benefit the most. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with the distribution of what has been collected by our Kindergarten students, please contact Ms. Rania the Kindergarten Vice Principal and she will connect you with one of the leads in the charity group.

Boys—Football Tournaments

Beginning on October 16 for elementary, October 17 for middle school and for October 18th for high school boys a in house tournament will take place. Each division will be composed of teams that have boys from each grade. For example, each team in middle school will have team mates from grades 6, 7 and 8. Each group of boys will be asked to come up with a name for their team. The teams will be encouraged to select a name of one of the major football teams across Europe. There will be 16 teams in total. Elementary, Middle School and High School teams will be playing during their breaks. Games will be played each Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday. The tracking of the progress of each team will be posted each day in the schools hallways. The tournament is expected to last until the end of term two.

Girls—Basketball Tournament

Beginning October 16th girls in Middle School and High School will be participating in a basketball tournament. The girls will be divided into two leagues, one for Middle School and a second one for High School. The teams will be mixed. With each team having girls from each of the grades that make up their stage.

For example all Middle School teams will have girls from grades 6, 7 and 8. High School teams will be composed of girls from grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. The games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays during school break times. Results will be updated and posted each day in the school hallways. The tournament is expected to complete at the end of term two.

**Communications—(second notice)**

If parents have questions about the school program or have a specific item they wish to discuss please contact the stage supervisor. If the stage supervisor cannot address your concern than she will connect you directly with your child's vice-principal or class teacher. If you wish to meet with your stage Vice Principal or a Senior Administrator please make an appointment. With the growing number of students we now serve at DAIS, it is very difficult to respond to walk in meeting requests. Please use the appropriate contact number.

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Elementary	— 01024998052
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