

GIS NEWS

The latest news and updates for Faculty and Staff of Gulf International School



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SEMESTER BREAK

Alas, the semester has come to an end, and what better way to end the semester than with beginning a New Year and new decade! We hope you had a great semester and a great year. We look forward to starting a new page with you all with a fresh start.

Whether you're packing your bags for a trip abroad or planning on enjoying the beautiful weather here in Saudi Arabia, we hope that you enjoy the two week break that we all. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

We would like to leave you all with this quote on change and new beginnings:

“It’s never too late to become who you want to be. I hope you live a life that you’re proud of, and if you find that you’re not, I hope you have the strength to start over.” — F. Scott Fitzgerald

First Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

We had our first Parent Advisory Committee meeting in the first week of December. A number of parents were selected to join the committee to help



improve the school. The meeting was held during the week in the evening at the school. A total of 6 parents showed up to the meeting. Several topics were discussed on how to improve the school in different areas. This was a great step in continuously improving our school. We also received a lot of good comments on some areas. We have scheduled our next meeting and look forward to receiving more input from our parents.

Health Week



In mid-December, a health week event was held to educate the students on the importance of eating healthy and staying active. Health centers such as NuYu, a women's gym, as well as restaurants that promote healthy and nutritious meals, were invited to the event. Parents who work in the medical field also participated in the event in spreading health consciousness. Some games were done to get the students moving and keep them active. There were several free giveaways, such as tooth brushes, as well as healthy food that was sold.

Green Thumb Day



At the start of the month, we held a Green Thumb Day event. Students created a garden by planting plants around the school premises with the cooperation of the staff and faculty. Students were encouraged to wear green or shirts decorated with flowers. The activity was done to promote environmental awareness as well as motivate individuals to step outside and enjoy the weather.

Friendly competition is shown to have great effects on student psychology. Studies show that competition

Speech Contest

increases student performance. This year's speech contest was organized by Inspire International Academy at their school. All three of our students did a great job. Hiba Zahid in grade 10 won third place with the topic "My Biggest Concern for the Future". We are proud of all the students who participated and congratulate all the winners.



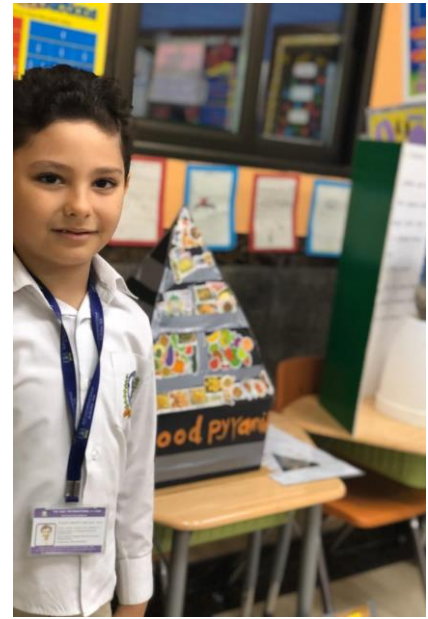
Cognia

Cognia fever frenzy is now rampant in GIS. Involvement in an Ongoing accreditation protocol recognizes achievement, fosters and facilitates ongoing school improvement. Preparing for Cognia accreditation can indeed be a daunting task, which involves actions, recommendations, and school improvement plan to the new initiatives. However, it is a challenge to be surmounted, nonetheless. We at GIS encourage all our staff to support and take



Ownership of the planning process. Feel free to contact team members personally.

Science Fair The science fair was a great success. The event, held in the start of the month December, had students excited and enthusiastic, despite them coming to school on a Saturday. Students in the girl's section created a science project and presented it in their classrooms, while the boys section presented it in the playground. After that, judges went around and chose the winning projects. A few of the impressive projects at the fair are Balloon Powered Air Car, Hydraulic Jack, and Smart City and many more. Parents were ecstatic to see their children so thrilled about the event. We received many compliments on the organization of the event.



Debate The yearly debate was organized and held in Inspire International School. Two teams were formed, 3 students in each team. The team comprising the students Hiba Faroukh (9A), Lamia Madani (10A), and Hiba Zahid (10A) reached the semi-finals. Important topics were debated such as, feminism in the west, archaeological artifacts being returned to their country of origin, and espionage being justified in order to preserve national security.



Faculty and Staff Members of the Month

Gulf International School is fortunate to have many outstanding faculty and staff members. We are grateful and appreciative of the dedication and achievements of everyone who is a part of the school's organization. The criteria for nominating and choosing the faculty and staff member each month, includes, but is not limited to, individuals who go above and beyond their job description. Nominations of these individuals by the School Administrators must be documented with artifacts that reflect the qualities of this criteria.

With great pleasure, we announce the Exceptional Leaders for December:

Mrs. Surekha Velluri



Mrs. Mohammed Ajaj



**Mr. Mohammad
AlSaeed**



Letter from the School Director

Dear Faculty and staff,

Thank you for all your hard work during the mid-year exams. I know you are all exhausted from the rigorous schedule; take a breather during this school holiday. I look forward to seeing you all when we return on January 19th.

We'll have a busy semester again; we have the AdvancED review coming our way; and we have many school activities planned as well.

Have a great vacation.

Brenda

