



The American Academy for Girls

Seniors Take off to Singapore & Malaysia

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By GHALIA AL SANIE & RANOOPA ABDULMOGHNI

At the end of March, the senior trip to Singapore then Malaysia took place. The seniors flew out on March 28th and came back to Kuwait on April 6th, 2017. They stayed at the hard rock hotel in Sentosa.

The seniors went to many different places some of which included Universal Studios, Adventure Cove Water Park, Siloso beach, Singapore zoo, Marina Bay Sands and much more. The students enjoyed a zoo tour and a night safari in the Singapore zoo. The night zoo houses over 900 animals of 135 exotic species in eight zones recreated to simulate various geographic zones.

The students also went to gardens by the bay and a DJ concert in Marina Bay Sands. Marina Bay Sands offers a piece of Singapore's best view. The students enjoyed many different beach activities such as swimming, Mega Zip, surfing, and biking.

On the 8th day of the trip a bus picked up the students to go to Malaysia. It was a memorable trip. The trip took 2 hours in total. The students had a tour guide that took them sightseeing where they saw one of Malaysia's old mosques "Sultan Abu Baker". After that they went out to eat and went to an outlet mall where they spent time shopping. At about 6pm, the students then headed back to the bus where they went back to Vivo City Mall in Singapore to continue their shopping and to have dinner till it was time to head back to the hotel.

During the last day of the trip the seniors went out to the annual senior dinner that took place in an Indian restaurant in Singapore. The students left the hotel at 7:30 dressed in black and white. they ate delicious Indian food and also took many pictures outside of the restaurants which had an amazing view of Singapore's landmarks. The students also danced and enjoyed the rest of the night.

Overall it was a memorable trip that will never be forgotten. One of the seniors said " I wish we could stay longer. We're having wonderful time together. I will never forget the senior trip."

Organized by Grade 11

HS Students Taste the World at Multicultural Day



By HAYA AL HAJERI & FAY KHOURSHEED

Grade 11 students held Multicultural day on March 13, 2017 at the school playground during 4th block. The purpose of the event was to make students explore some of the cultures and costumes found around the world.

Each grade level had to present two countries belonging to different continents. Grade 9 presented United States and Italy, Grade 10 presented the Gulf countries and China, Grade 11 presented India, and Grade 12 presented Mexico and South Africa.

Grade 11 and 12 performed an Indian and a south African dance. Juniors also performed a Kuwaiti dance that made the audience very excited. Multicultural Day celebration included many activities such as musical chairs, riddles, balloon popping and a dancing part where students danced on various styles of music and songs. Awards were given to the students who guessed the riddles. A grade 10 student said " asking riddles was the best part of the event. It made us feel thrilled and enthusiastic."

Each country had a booth that offered dishes, desserts, fruits, and drinks reflecting the country. In addition, each booth was decorated by a banner containing information about the country it presents.

Juniors spent the first three blocks in setting up for the event. The event was well organized and arranged. A grade 12 mentioned " the food was delicious, the dances were amazing and well chosen decoration. It was unforgettable."

EDITORIAL

What Type of Movie 'Goer' Are You?

By AFNAN AL ANSARI



The spring break is finally closing in, as the scent of jasmine and the crisp of fresh air is finally giving its last words as it bids fair well. The rolling clouds parts away as the sun comes out of

its hiding. As summer comes closer, a thirst for entertainment arises. The beach, summer break, relaxation are all part of the season, but so are movie releases.

It is said that people who love to watch movies often go for movies that are similar to their personality traits and preferences. People who love to watch movies are divided to three categories according to a research done by Tip Tap Lab. The categories are; The Free Thinker, The Adrenaline Seeker, and the Optimist.

Those in that are called; "The Free Thinkers" generally watch documentaries, foreign movies, dramas and cult classics. This type of individuals usually stream movies online and rarely buy them. They are known to be open to new experiences, non-traditional, analytical, healthy and diet conscious, love to shop locally, and are not guided by the opinion of others.

The Adrenaline Seekers watch science fiction, action, war, westerners and horror. They often download movies online or go to the theatre with a friend or a group. Furthermore, they are very self-reliant, high achievers, easy-going, love sales, value having fun and seek adventures.

As for the "Optimists" they generally watch comedies, animation, romance, musical and kids movies. If you are on optimist, you frequently buy movies or watch them on cable. You are quite friendly, a high achiever, very outgoing and friendly, generous, innovative, have an interest in fashion, unique and you take pride in appearance.

If you dislike movies, then you are what they call the "social butterfly" that prefers to go out with some friends or engage in a communication based activity. I hope that you have enjoyed this month's analysis on movie tastes and preferences and look forward to my next editorial.

A Community Service Project

HS Students Clean up the Kuwaiti Beach



By NOOR IBRAHIM & FARAH AL MEZREM

More than 120 AAG students from high school decided to serve their community by signing up for cleaning up the Kuwaiti beaches. From March 19-March 22, 2017, each grade level went on a different day accompanied by their chaperones to clean up various beach sites.

The beach clean up is part of a community service project. A senior said "beach cleanup is one of the best ideas that were proposed by the school. It is a great idea," "It is such a wonderful feeling to serve our community. The beach was full of trash such as plastic bags and bottles that can pollute and ruin the marine life," she added.

A grade 9 student mentioned that students tried their best to clean up the beach in the time available. "We wanted to make our beach clear and neat."

Ms. Pilar Charlie, the grade 9 and 10 counselor, said "I think most of the students did an excellent job, I loved seeing them cleaning up the beach, I think this field trip made the students care about their environment."

After the beach cleanup students went to have lunch in the cheesecake factory at Arabella.

Business Class at AlMukan



By DEEMA AL MUTAIRI

The business class went on a field to AlMukan restaurant on March 20, 2017. The purpose of this trip was to teach the students how be entrepreneurs from a young Kuwaiti owner point of view.

Ms. Fay Al Mutawa, the business class teacher, explained "We went to AlMukan and met Faisal Al Nashme, the head chief of the restaurant. He explained to the girls about how he started out and what inspired them to do this concept."

Ms. Al Mutawa said "Mr. Al Nashme inspired the girls and explained to them that nothing comes easy especially when you're an entrepreneur."

Mr. Al Nashme explained to the students "People fail but you have to pick yourself up and try to succeed, you should work in a business which you are very passionate about." "You will receive a lot of criticism but that should not stop you from achieving your dreams." he added.

He also showed the students the art space found at the restaurant and the café.

At the end of the tour, students enjoyed eating at AlMukan restaurant and tried the different dishes they offer there.

Organized by Career planning
AUD Guest at AAG

By FAY KHOURSHEED & BASHAYER
ALTAJALI

The American University of Dubai (AUD), have recently visited AAG on

March 24th, throughout the first block during the career planning class. AUD is known for its esteemed ranking amongst the finest universities in the Middle East.

The Representatives came to speak about what the university offers including programs. They also spoke about the admission process and accreditation to which many students said to have been beneficial in general towards the college application process.

Many students have gained insight from this experience that has exposed them to the reality of what the future has to come. Students who attended the lecture would like to thank Abir Hanna, the student recruitment manager of AUD for sparing her time in order to help guide the youth.

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Interview With the Junior Mariam Al Khaled

Interviewed by MAI AL RUJAIB

An interview was conducted with Mariam Al Khaled, a junior at AAG, to talk about her experience as a young employee for the past 3 months at NQ's café.

1. Where do you work? Where is it located?

"I work at NQ's café, which is located in Kuwait City."

2. Out of all the cafes in Kuwait, why did you choose this place?

"I chose this place because it's a family business owned by my aunt."

3. What made you want to work there?

"I wanted to help my aunt manage her business, therefore I am working as the cashier there. It is also a good way to spend my time wisely."

4. How many hours a day do you work? How many times a week?

"I work almost everyday, between 4 to 5 hours."

5. How do you manage to keep up with school and working in a café?

"I often do my homework directly after reaching home from school so I can finish it as soon as possible. However, if the school work is too much, I would bring it with me there and multitask."

6. Are you working as a volunteer or are you getting paid?

"I am working as a volunteer since I am the one who decided to help out at my aunt's business."

7. What experience did you gain from working there?

"My communicating and socializing skills boosted, since my job there is dealing with other people. I also gained friends and met new people whom I never would've known if it wasn't for working at NQ's. Also, I became better at managing my time since I am forced to balance between volunteering and school."



AAG Participates in KSAA Tournament



By GHALA AL RASHED

The American Academy for Girls students participated in the Kuwait Schools Activities Association (KSAA) tournament on March 25, 2017.

For the J.V. team it took place at the American School of Kuwait (ASK), and for the Varsity team it took place at the American International school (AIS). For both the J.V., and varsity team ASK won the tournament.

The school that participated in the tournament were: American School of Kuwait (ASK), American Creativity Academy (ACA), American International School of Kuwait (AIS), Bayan Bilingual School (BBS), American Academy for Girls (AAG), and Universal American School (UAS).

Participants competed in Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Badminton, and Track And Field.

One of the AAG participants said "we enjoyed the competition, we tried our best, but we didn't win. we hope we can make it next year."

Seniors Enjoy Breakfast at the Beach



By LAMEES HAMED

On March 21st, 2017, the seniors had their senior breakfast at the beach from 8 am until 11 am before attending school. Every student had to bring her own dish to share with the other students.

In the early morning, students headed up to the beach next to the Marina Mall. They gathered, sat on the sand, and started eating their breakfast, enjoying the nice weather under the blue sky.

After finishing their breakfast, they spent the rest of the time chatting, walking on the beach, and taking pictures. Ranofa Abdulmoghni, a grade 12 student, said "I had so much fun spending time with my friends and taking half day off from school." "It made me feel relaxed," she added

At the end of the breakfast and before leaving, seniors gave the leftover food to the people in need sitting on the beach. Then, a bus came to pick the students up from the beach back to school. Deema Al Mutairi, another senior, said "even though we went back to school, but still it was such a great experience." "We really want to thank the AAG administration for allowing us to spend half day outside the school."

COMICS



RIDDLE

What goes through towns and over hills, but never moves?

Answers should be submitted to the journalism teacher in room 311. The first three students with the right answer will be given the permission to order food to school.

ADVICE

How to Make Traveling Successful?

By AYA SHOUKAIR

Are you suffering a lot when traveling? Do you want to boost up your fun during traveling?

Here are some advices that will help you make your trip easier :

Make a list – One week before your trip, make a list of things and activities you want to do

Take an extra camera battery – Who doesn't want to take pictures of good memories?

Travel First Aid Kit – Be prepared for any injuries you might face during your trip.

Make Photocopies of Important Documents – You never know if your passport will be stolen or your civil ID will be lost.

Use a guidebook – guidebooks will make it easier for you to go from one place to another.

Note your Room Number & Hotel Address in Your Phone

Don't keep all of your money in one place – put some in your bag, credit card, wallet and others

Did You Know?

- Dragonflies have 6 legs but can't walk
- Apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than coffee
- The first sailing boats were built in Egypt
- Monopoly is the most played board game in the world
- Rubber bands last longer when kept refrigerated
- India has the most post offices than any other country (over 100,000)
- Bill Gates began programming computers at the of age 13
- The word typewriter is the longest word that can be typed using only the top row of a keyboard
- An egg contains every vitamin except vitamin C
- You take over 23,000 breaths everyday

Take a look at Me Now

By MARIAM ALSHAKHS

In this section we will take a look into the new life and experience of one of the students that graduated from AAG. An interview was conducted with Zahra Al Shakhs that answered a set of questions about her past, present, and future.

1. "I am Zahra AlShakhs. I graduated from AAG in 2014." "I am studying at Penn state university (architecture) and at Robert Gordon University (pharmacy)."
2. "In university you are more independent, gain more experience, have a lot more responsibilities, and you discover your identity as who you are as a person. In regards to studying, you are a lot more spoon fed in high school compared to university where you have a lot more self studying to do."
3. "I miss AAG. I miss being around the people I was used to seeing everyday in high school. It was one big family. I especially miss how easy life was comparing to now where there's a lot more matters to consider."
4. "I am studying in Aberdeen, Scotland and there were several reasons I chose this place, including the fact that my brother studies here as well which makes it a lot easier for me or for anyone in general to deal with being homesick. Knowing you have someone with you by your side makes studying abroad much more bare-able. Another reason was that the university I'm in offers me a masters degree in my major which not all universities do, in addition to it being one of the best pharmacy schools in the U.K. This city is the perfect for when you want to be able to focus on your studies but also have a good time when you want to, offering you a perfect balance."
5. "I can't confirm where I see myself after graduating or even 5 years from now because your goals, objectives and interests change all the time as you keep learning matters beyond your knowledge and so the plan is to expand your knowledge and gain new experiences along the way."

