Hello everyone,

We are fast approaching the winter break which means that Quarter 2 is halfway completed. Please encourage your students to continue to work hard and study to improve your grades. Also, over the winter break please encourage your daughter(s) to read a little each day.

After we return from the break the students will be receiving their Study Guides in preparation for the exams. Please look at the exam schedule below for dates and times:

QUARTER 2 EXAM SCHEDULE
Grades 5th – 8th schedule
JANUARY 14 – 21, 2016

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Leave time if students have finished
9:30

All students have until 10:00 for the content exams if they need it, but if they are finish we will release them starting at 9:30.

7:20 - 7:30  All students go to homeroom/restroom;
7:30 – 8:00  Review for exam in homeroom (questions allowed), only for content subjects. No review for Arabic and Religion exams, exam will start at 7:30;
8:00 – 10:00 Students take exam (no more questions allowed during this time);

NOTE: Students will be dismissed at the above listed times. (Content exams: English, Math, Social Studies, & Science. Parents/drivers please be here at 9:15.) For Arabic and Religion exam dates, Jan. 20th and 21st parents/drivers be here at 8:15 to pick up students.

STUDY GUIDES TO GO HOME BY JANUARY 7, 2016 - Grades 6 – 8 students will receive the study guide through their e-mail system, and grade 5 students will receive a copy from their teachers.

Please take note of the important dates listed below. Thank you again for your continued support of the middle school of AAG.

Important Dates:
1/4/16: Students return to school from Winter break;
1/7/16: Study Guides go home;
1/14-21: Middle School Exams;
1/21/16: Quarter 2 ends;
1/24/16: Quarter 3 begins;
1/28/16: Quarter 2 field trip;
1/31/16: Quarter 2 report cards go home

Regards,
Dr. Katrina Franklin, Ed.D., Principal
Interview with the students of November

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Interview with Ms. Amy W

1) What are the advantages and disadvantages of being a teacher?
Advantage: being creative
Disadvantage: testing
2) Who is your favorite artist?
Prince
3) If you weren’t a teacher, what would you be?
An artist
4) What is your favorite music genre?
Jazz
5) Who do you look up to in life?
My parents
6) What are your hobbies?
Photography
7) Do you like teaching?
Yes, I like teaching.
8) What is your favorite color?
Orange
9) What is your favorite food?
Lasagna
10) Why did you choose AAG?
AAG is in Kuwait
11) What was your favorite subject as a child?
Art
12) Where would your dream vacation be at?
Cuba
13) How do you spend summer?
Travelling
14) What is your favorite season?
Fall
Done by: Roqaia Al Kazemi and Dareen Hayati
Fashion corner

Autumn is coming up, so that means over-sized sweaters, leggings, boots, scarves, and never forget pumpkin spice everything. Dark colors won’t make you look like a Goth. Dark lips are so in on autumn, and soft bronze or soft brown smokey eyes are going to be in. Over-sized sweaters with tight pants (like leggings or jeans). Don’t wear bright colors like neon pink, or yellow; wear dark colors for clothes. For shoes wear: boots, knee high, thigh high, ankle high, booties, boots... all kinds of boots.

By: Mariam Al shanfa

Kuwaiti Haba!

These are adidas "Xeno" shoes. They are very comfortable and stylish. They have been seen by everyone and everywhere in Kuwait. They are worn by men, women, and kids! They change colors depending, on the lightning. Very recommended by me!

Sports corner:

The sport that I like the most is soccer. I am a fan of FCB players. The most important player is Messi. He is the most powerful player in the FCB team.

Here are some rules that I found you should follow for soccer:

1. Safety
2. Fun
3. Fairness
4. The object of soccer is for a player to get the ball into the other team’s goal by using any part of the body except the player’s hands and arms.

5. The goalie is the only player allowed to touch the ball with the hands and arms and then only while he is located in his own penalty area.

6. A referee’s main objective should be the safety of the players.

Done by: Mashael Al Ajmi
This month, there are two famous singers and songwriters who each released an album, and I am pretty sure everybody loves them. Then we have Kanye West, a famous singer who wants to be president. 13 year old YouTube sensation had sadly passed away. 

First we have Confident. Confident is the fifth studio album by American singer and songwriter Demi Lovato. This album was released on October 16, 2015. Then we have Revival, the second solo studio album by American singer Selena Gomez. It was released on October 9, 2015. Kanye West said that he is running for President in 2020 during his acceptance speech for the MTV Music Video Awards. If you could vote, would you vote for him? #voteforkanye

A 13 year old YouTube sensation, Caleb Logan from Bratayley, had sadly passed away because of natural causes. This had been a shock for us. We will all miss him.

Done by: Dania Shamsdeen

What’s new in the cloud

Book review

Book: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
By: J. K. Rowling
Rating: 4.6/5·Barnes & Noble
Series: The Harry Potter Series

The first book about the story of a young boy who’s known as the Boy who Lived. Harry Potter, son of James and Lily Potter was born into a family of Magic. Both parents known as great people in the Wizarding World, a part of a great organization. When Harry was 2, him and his parents were attacked by Voldemort, or he who shall not be named. Both of Harry’s parents were killed, and Voldemort tried to kill Harry as well but he couldn’t. Instead the spell left a scar on his forehead. After that incident Harry was taken to his uncle’s house, by Professor Dumbledore, Head Master of Hogwarts. Harry lived there for 10 years, getting treated horribly by his uncle and aunt, being bullied by his cousin, and sleeping in a tiny room under the stairs.

When its Harry’s 12th birthday he starts getting letters in the mail to join a school, Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, but his uncle never lets him read it. Strange things start happening in the house so they decide to move to a place where they can’t be found. After they move Hagrid shows up and gives Harry a 12th Birthday cake, and then takes him to get ready for Hogwarts. Harry joins Hogwarts and meets Hermione Granger and Ronald Weasley, who become friends, in the train off to Hogwarts. Harry reaches Hogwarts and everybody starts talking about the Boy Who Lived (know him from his scar). During the school year Harry and his friends face many challenges and together start the mission to rescue the Wizard World and The Muggle World, and save it from Voldemort.

To know more READ the book it’s AMAZING.
Or watch the movie if you don’t like reading.

Done by: Wed Suhail 8C
**Top 3 restaurants**

**Burger Boutique (B+F):**
- Burger Boutique serves a variety of American burgers, sandwiches, and fast food. It delivers in many areas in Kuwait and you can now enjoy their great food delivery when you order online through Talabat.com.
- You can visit the restaurant in Al Raya and 360 Mall.
- Burger Boutique’s most selling dishes from their menu are:
  - From Sliders: Midnight
  - From Fries: Commando (zap it - air fried with 60% less oil).
  - From Accessories: Maple Sticky Buffalo Shrimps

**Katsuya:**
- You can visit the restaurant in The Grand Avenues mall and in Arabella.
- Katsuya’s most selling dishes from their menu are:
  - From Starters: Corn Tempura
  - From Classic rolls: California Roll
  - From Starters: Creamy Rock Shrimp

**Rice to Riches:**
- Rice to Riches serves pudding with different kind of flavors and sizes.
- You can visit the restaurant in The Avenues Mall (Phase 2).
- Rice to Riches’s most selling flavors of pudding are:
  - Cheesecake and lotus
  - Ice karak (not pudding, a drink)
- Done by: Joud Al Ali

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**Character of the month**

Dennis is a character in the movie Hotel Transylvania.
Dennis Denisovich is the half human/half vampire son of Jonathan and Mavis. His parents were waiting for him to get Dracula teeth, but he couldn’t because he is not a Dracula he even wanted to fly but he couldn’t because he is a human. His goal was to grow his vampire Fangs (succeeded).
- His quote was “Me, me, like a superhero.”
- He was raised mostly human, being fed healthy food and taught by his parents.
- He often played with werewolf kids and watched Katie The Kate Monster.
- Dennis’s lack of powers seem to be because he looks more like his father then what he is, a vampire like his mother.
- Done by: Fatima sharqawi
**Movie Review**

**The Walk**

- With a rating 7.8 stars, and the overall rank of this movie is #6.
- This story is based on a true story in the year 1974. Philippe Petit would do anything to achieve his goal or dream. As a child, Petit wanted to be a high-wire artist.
- One day, he went to the clinic because he got a toothache from eating a candy a child has given to him while performing earlier. He then sees the newspaper and saw the Twin Towers, so this French man devises a plan to walk on a tightrope attached to the north and south towers of the World Trade Center.

Done by: Ritaj Al Ebrahim

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**Fun facts**

- Facebook, Skype, and Twitter are all banned in China.
- Slugs have 4 noses.
- The first alarm clock could only ring at 4 am.
- Starfish don't have brains.
- Rats and horses can't vomit.
- It is impossible to lick your elbow.
- A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- Butterflies taste with their feet.
- You breathe on average about 5 million times a year.
- Months that begin on a Sunday always have a Friday the 13th in them.
- Only 11% of the World is left handed.
- Some fish can walk on land.
- Tigers are the largest members of the cat family.

Done by: Deema Al Houli

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**Middle School News**

**Sports Day**

On November 25th 2015, middle school had sports day. We went to Al Jeel Al Jadeed School. We had a lot of fun activities and games such as dodge ball, soccer, and kickball. We also had the fastest girls run in the race against each other. We had a very interesting game of teachers against students. The winners of sport day are 6C, 7D and 8C. They will watch a movie and will be able to bring Starbucks during the movie.

**Anti-Bullying**

On November 19th 2015, the middle school had an anti-bullying presentation by Dr. Joann. We learned about the people included in bullying, the kinds of bullying, and how to avoid bullying. We also recognized the people who won the competition for the anti-bullying poster and essay.

**Quarter 1 Award Ceremony**

On November 16th 2015, the middle school recognized the honor and high honor students. The honor students have an average of A/B, and the high honor students have an average of an A. The counselor also gave the high honor students gifts.

Done by: Farah Abul