



Virginia

International Private School

December 13, 2017

Hot Topics

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There are several new things happening at Virginia this year. We need parents to help and support these initiatives to improve our students' success!

1) Math Bee

Math Bee winners:

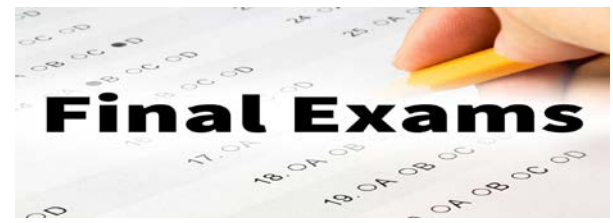


2) Behavior Celebration!

Congratulations to more than 110 students who celebrated their PERFECT BEHAVIOUR in November! The top 2 students in each class receive different kinds of awards each month. They also get the chance to enjoy their time in school in different ways!



All students will be on Vacation for the winter break starting 17th of December, 2017. School will resume **on 7th of December, 2017** for the beginning of term 2 ☺ We wish you and your family a very pleasant and restful Winter Holiday and look forward to seeing you again in January! Happy New Year! Enjoy your break!



Final Exams

While we reach to the end of the 1st term students are getting ready for the Final exams and studying.

Teachers are solving the revision sheets with the students to prepare them for their finals!

Final Exams for Grade 5-8 have been scheduled to occur on the **10th to the 14th of December.**

Dismissal time for students:

KG to Grade 4: 12:30 p.m.

Grades 5 to 8: 10:00 a.m.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3	4	5	6	7 Math bee
10 Final Exams	11 Final Exams	12 Final Exams	13 Final Exams	14 Makeup Exams
17 Winter Break	18 Winter Break	19 Winter Break	20 Winter Break	21 Winter Break
24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27 Winter Break	28 Winter Break

Important Events in Term 2!

- School Start date: 7th of Dec. 2017
- MAP testing
- City wide Bee
- UAE sports Day
- Arabic Spelling Bee
- Dr. Suess B-day
- Science Fair
- Mother's Day



Kindy Korner

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KG 1:

We love integrating technology into our learning in the KG1 Department. Each room has a Promethean board and two iPad's, which are fantastic learning resources. These resources aid the students independent learning and critical thinking skills.



In KG1 we love celebrating our color days every second Thursday. We appreciate the involvement and support of Parent's who always participate fully.



We are very proud of how far our students have come since September. They are now responsible members of the class and can work independently and collaborate in small groups.



KG 2:

We have been teaching the children about responsibility and are very proud of all the children that received their certificates for being extra responsible this month. We have been lucky enough to have been provided with iPads for each class and the children have been thoroughly enjoying utilizing these during class time. We appreciate all the contributions that have been made towards the Imagination room, the children enjoy using this space and these contributions help us improve this learning space. We would also like to thank you for the decorations and food that was brought for National day, we all had a fantastic day!





Epic Elementary

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ELEMENTARY SECTION

Though December is a short month here at Virginia, we are no less busy. We started off with a very festive National Day celebration in which our students sang songs, performed for our families, and created beautiful art in their classrooms. Our teachers even joined in the fun, donning their finest local dress and trying homemade Emirati favorites like Luqaimat, Balaleet, and Basboussa.



When we returned from our long weekend, we immediately became more serious, revising for our upcoming exams and learning the last of term 1 material. Though we were studying hard, we had a little time for fun and games with our Math Bee. Students first competed with their classmates, and the top 3 in each class were sent to a grade wide Math Bee. The winners will be announced in front of the whole school at assembly and receive their prizes! They were also told a secret- The top 3 in each grade will be competing against other schools in Abu Dhabi to **find the best mathematician in the city!**



TIPS FOR THE WINTER BREAK!

Soon we will be breaking up for a well-deserved holiday. Though the children will want a break from their studies, we highly encourage you to continue practicing with them. Read to them every evening- in both English and Arabic. Let them write about their day or their plans. Give them opportunities to practice their math. Their teachers will send suggested activities to help you keep them active, but feel free to be creative and add your own activities. Don't forget to have them moving throughout the day as well. Being physically active is just as important and revising!



ACTIVITIES DONE BY THE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS:



Math Bee Winners:

Rank	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4
1 st	Hamdan Mohamed	Mansour Alawadhi	Mubarak Awadh	Fatma Ahmed
2 nd	Quinnaya Sarah Hidayat	Mzown Amjed	Amina Al Rawi	Aziza Mohammed
3 rd	Sarah Tareq	Mohamed Abdalla	Mansoor Adel	Sarah Naser



Master Minds

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SECTION

STUDENT IN CLASS PRACTICES

The teacher used for this lesson Kegan strategy "Quiz Quiz Trade". She gave each student a flash card about family members. One side of the map has one question and the other provides the answer. Students start practicing this method: Stand up/hands up/pair up for students to find a partner. Partner A holds up the flash card to show Partner B the question. Partner B answers. Partner A praises if correct or incorrect. After thanking each other and switching cards, Partners A and B raise their hands to find a new partner and repeat this process. **This cooperative learning technique allows students to examine information with other students Working with peers in a non-threatening way builds confidence, encourages greater participation and strengthens newly acquired skills. This is how we teach in Virginia International School!**



DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION CLUB

Another adventurous week in design and construction club attempting to build the 'world's longest domino train'. The boys have worked hard all term on exploring how design effects the aerodynamics of airplanes, constructing origami creations and developing a knowledge of chain reactions. Below is a picture of them proving STEAM can be fun.



LOGO DESIGN



In the middle school a competition was held among the boys and another in the girl's section. It was consisting of designing the best logo for the technology competition. Two of Virginia students have won for designing the below logos.

- **1st place winner from the Boys Section:**
Talal Badawy

LOGO:



- **1st place winner from the Girls' Section:**
Nouf Alhamadi

LOGO:



Math Bee Winners:

Rank	GRADE 5	GRADE 6	GRADE 7	GRADE 8
1 st	Sara Basel	Nouf Ahmed	Shamma Saleh	1 st . Mohammed Adel
2 nd	Maani Alramsi	Mariam Eissa	Shama Hilal	1 st -Hamad Rashed
3 rd	Khadem Khalifa	Khaled Waleed	Mohamed Saif	Hind Saleh