



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

February 8, 2018

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School for MS students on Wednesday and Thursday

Thank you for using our online sign up system this week to book your time slot for the Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you haven't registered yet, please do so by the end of this week. **Conferences will be held on Wednesday the 14th and Thursday, the 15th.** Conferences will be held in the MS classrooms, hallway, and MSLC. Maps of teacher locations, as well as student schedules, will be distributed for your convenience.

We look forward to discussing your child's progress and hope to see you on February 14th and 15th. There will be no school for middle school students on either of these days, though we encourage you to bring your student to the conferences.

Classes for MS students will resume on Sunday, February 18th
It will be a day 6.



Congratulations to Embla, Sara, Maysa, Dante, Mujtaba, Hudson, Ola and Laszlo for competing at the MSSL Cross Country Run. Seventh grader Hundson Kemp finished first in the U14 3K race. We are also proud of our boys and girls soccer teams who competed at MSSL Soccer Tournaments this week. The U14 boys brought back a trophy which is now displayed in the MS office.

Sleep Tight...

Back for its 7th consecutive year, the MS Battle of the Books is underway, this time with more student volunteers than ever before! And, for the first time in Battle-of-the-Books history, we have a teacher volunteer to join the students!

The Battle of the Books begins every year during the mini-course units prior to the Winter Holiday, where a cohort of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders come together to choose the theme and then scour the internet to find suitable young-adult books to fit the theme. From many exciting ideas, students chose to focus on the horror genre, and came up with the name for this year's Battle of the Books, "Sleep Tight..."

Starting last week, 31 student-volunteers and 1 teacher-volunteer began the battle, the goal being to take 16 of the top young-adult horror books in existence and, using a tournament-style process of elimination, whittle down those 16 books to one eventual champion, the best of what the horror genre has to offer. Student volunteers work in small groups, each reading two books at a time on the Kindle apps on their iPads, and then meet together during lunch period to discuss the merits of each book before deciding which tales deserve to move on to the subsequent round and which books are eliminated. Overall, the Battle of the Books provides a fun way for students across grade levels to interact, enjoy discussing entertaining books, and be a part of crowning a champion.

The battle begins in earnest on Sunday, February 11, when the students will pile into Mrs. Kuti's room at lunch to narrow the field down from 16 to 8. Over the following weeks, the field will continue to diminish. The champion should be crowned before Spring Break!

Want to know more about this year's Battle of the Books? Check out the website at <http://callawayr8.wixsite.com/battleofthebooks2018>.



International Day News

It's less than a month before one of the biggest events is hosted at TAISM – **The International Day 2018, to be held in March.** The event is open to all TAISM families and their friends.



So far, the following nationalities are hosting a food booth at this year's International Day – **Oman, USA, Algeria, Bahrain, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Palestine, Peru, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Spain, South Korea, Sudan, Syria, Turkey, UAE, Ukraine and Venezuela.**

If your country is a part of the above list and, if you would like to be a part of that food booth, then please contact Natasha Fernandes (Parent Volunteer Coordinator) for details of the food booth coordinator.

There are slots available in our stage performance program, which plans to showcase the various talents within our TAISM community. **Last date to submit a Stage Performance form has also been extended to Tuesday, February 13, 2018.**

Registration for Vendors' Market is still open for all until Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Hurry! Book your table now! To get forms or to submit completed forms, or, for any further information/assistance, please contact Natasha Fernandes, Parent Volunteer Coordinator, at fernandesna@taism.com

Terry Fox Campaign of Courage a Success! THANK YOU, TAISM!

Our Terry Fox Courage Campaign, raising money for cancer research in Oman, culminated last Thursday afternoon with the Terry Fox Courage Pep Rally and 11th Annual TAISM Terry Fox Run. Students sat with their Courage Buddies during the pep rally, where the results of our fundraising efforts were announced: Together we raised an amazing 5500 OMR - a TAISM record!

After stretching and warming up during the pep rally, students, staff and parents enjoyed the beautiful, breezy weather while running for a good cause. Parent volunteers prepared a wonderful, healthy picnic for all participants in the outdoor area - a lovely way to celebrate the finale of our community efforts.

Many, many thanks to all participants, volunteers, and organizers. Every single donation makes a difference. #TAISMcourage!



SCHOOL MEAL PLAN - WEEK Beg 11/02

DAILY LUNCH COMBO MAIN

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Peperoni Pizza bread
or
Margherita Pizza bread
Salad of the Day
Mango Mouse

Penne pasta bake with chicken
or
Chili con carne (vegetable)
Steamed white rice
Salad of the Day
Whole fruit

Roasted chicken
mashed potato & steamed rice
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Spinach & pumpkin wellington
Roasted winter vegetables
Custard brownie
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MS After School Activities

Math Lab/MASH - Math assistance for Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Campbell math students.

Makerspace - Calling all scientists & engineers! Do you have a design you want to build, an experiment you want to test, or want to learn a skill or two? Bring your goals to the makerspace to collaborate with peers and get support to develop your ideas and expertise.

Power Hour - Want to work on your homework before you go home? Need some help from a teacher? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, Power Hour might be for you. Power Hour is a quiet, supervised homework time where you will have access to a laptop, if needed, and teacher assistance.

Net games/volleyball - Come to the blue gym on Thursdays to play some net games. Please watch out for announcements as the gym may not be available every week.

Chess Club - No sign-up needed. Join the chess club in the HS Commons. If you beat Mr. Gibney - Mrs. Gibney will give you a tasty treat.

Art - An artist's workshop can include many things: a painting and drawing studio, illustration tips, sculpture, calligraphy or craft. Come join me and explore all kinds of artistic mediums as we get CREATIVE!

Running Club - Don't just chase your dreams... Run them down! Runners of all levels are invited to experience the exciting world of sprinting as fast as you can, running long distances, and even jumping into a sand pit or over a horizontal bar. At MS Running club, no two days will be the same! I hope to see you there long distance runners, fast sprinters, and acrobatic jumpers!

SALSA - (Spanish Afternoon Language Session ¡Arriba!) - Come to review your notes, to ask questions and get extra help, read a Spanish book, play a Spanish game, or to just practice using our familiar apps (Duolingo, Quizlet, or Sr. Wooly).

TRACK & FIELD SEASON STARTS

Mr. Newman announced the start of the Track & Field season at this week's assembly. Practices will be on Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school and Mondays at 7 AM. There will also be Saturday practices later on in the season. Students interested in joining should sign up with Mr. Newman.

