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Word from the Director

Dear parents

Our first term of our 8th year has certainly been a busy one. As in all schools the most significant aspect is student's progress in learning skills to ensure they equipped to meet the challenges presented by an ever changing world. The school results in the recently released results of the world wide OECD PISA (Programme for International School Assessment for 15 year old's), compares ISCDIP favorably with the top 5 countries participating in PISA. We are proud of this achievement and with adding the benefits of student participation in the Student Life Organization we witness daily the development of students ready to take on the challenges presented. This newsletter is witness to the active role taken by our students in their daily life at school. Students supporting each other in academics, social interactions, sports and numerous other activities is an everyday event in the school.

I thank all the members of our school community; parents, students and staff, for their tireless efforts. Season's greetings and wishing all a very happy and relaxing vacation.

Mr. Neil Smooker
School Director

Cancer Awareness Campaign



In the first two weeks of November our students from grades 3 to 8 took part in many activities to raise the awareness of cancer throughout the school. They attended informative presentations given by SLO students and participated in funds raising to donate to children's cancer hospitals in Dubai. In addition to the students gaining great awareness about cancer they had the opportunity to help other children.



It's Good to be Back!



At the beginning of every term at ISCDIP we decorate our entrance area with a colorful and fun theme to welcome the students back to school. This provides a motivating, positive environment and encourages students to return to school with a smile, giving them the determination to ensure success for the term ahead.





A yearly highlight of the school calendar is the National Day celebration. This year, on November 28th, the school celebrated the 48th national day with the Jebel Ali Police Department. Students, staff and dignitaries gathered in the School Theater to witness various performances to honor the UAE. The first item on the program was a heart-warming recitation of a verse of the Quran by Saifaldeen Al Zaben. To highlight the historical importance of this event, some grade 7 students put on a play retelling the momentous occasion when the seven emirates were unified. Next, our grade 3 & 4 put on a beautiful performance demonstrating their love of the UAE. The grade 4 students then paid their respects to the Martyrs of the UAE with a touching play. It was then the turn of the grade 3 and 4 gymnastics students to promote their passion for the UAE through a wonderful gymnastics show. Hazza Al Mansouri's recent history making journey into space was recounted by students illustrating this momentous occasion with an entertaining play. Next up, grade 2 ballet students wearing costumes in the national colors gave a brilliant performance which was enthusiastically received by the audience. To further promote another wonderful aspect of the UAE, a traditional Emirati wedding ceremony was staged demonstrate the unique culture of this great nation. Finally, Mr. Smooker gave a closing speech, congratulating the students for their wonderful efforts, applauding all those in attendance for their support and thanking the UAE for allowing all the people who live in this nation to grow and live in a safe and ever prospering nation. In addition to the performances students had the opportunity to visit the heritage village which was set up to illustrate unique aspects of UAE culture. Colonel Jamal Ibrahim from Jebel Ali Police Department officially opened the village while a choir of students from grade 2 to 6 sang songs related to the UAE. We thank the SLO prefects who worked tirelessly to ensure the day ran smoothly, the Jebel Ali Police Department for attending this occasion, and all those in attendance who showed their support for the students and their love for the UAE.



UAE National Day Celebrations



Beach Clean-up

On 23rd October 2019, our grade 11 and 12 prefects volunteered to help with the school's first beach clean-up campaign. Everyone was extremely excited as they boarded the buses after school and headed to the Jebel Ali Beach. They worked with the Jebel Ali Police to gather thrash and clean up the beach. This campaign was organized by the Social Responsibilities Department and all of the prefects thoroughly enjoyed this rewarding experience.



University Fair

University Fairs are an ideal way for students to gain an insight into their next phase of education. ISC DIP held a wonderful fair for grades 10 – 12 with universities from all over world, e.g. Canada, United Kingdom, United States and the UAE, participating. Each stand presented detailed information of innovative majors, campus life and the application process. As each university gave ideas to the students, the students themselves were grasping the opportunity to take a look into their future, as they very well know, education is life itself.



AUD Model United Nation



From the 31st of October to the 2nd of November 2019, our grade 10, 11 and 12 students attended the American University in Dubai's Model United Nations Conference. Everyone was in high spirits as they arrived at the AUD campus and got the chance to interact and socialize with delegates from all over UAE. Soon after the opening ceremony, the committee sessions began, and all delegates presented their arguments over the course of three days. The social night was a really fun chance for everyone to let go of the stress and anxiety of the conference. We would like to congratulate two of our outstanding delegates; Assad Boutros from grade 11 who won the Most Researched Award and Noor-ul Huda Qureshi from grade 10 who won the Best Delegate Award. In the end, all of our delegates performed brilliantly, created wonderful memories and have already made plans to return next year!

KG1 Cupcake Day



What is one thing that all children love, no matter their age? Cupcakes! Our KG1 students were extremely delighted when they got a chance to try their hands in the kitchen for the cupcake and juice activity. They decorated their cupcakes with colorful frosting and loads of candies and squeezed orange juice which everyone loved. Every student enjoyed their cupcakes with huge smiles on their faces.



KG's Dress Up Day

Is there anything more exciting than playing dress up? The KG dress up day was magical. The students looked mesmerizing in their colorful costumes. Girls dressed as princesses, unicorns and snow queens, and the boys became superheroes, ninjas and police officers! The teachers and assistants made a great effort with their costumes too! The seniors made a special appearance and led the young crowd in some dance routines and ensured the students were entertained. Everyone danced the morning away and had a thoroughly enjoyable time.



SLO[®] Hand Over

The annual SLO (Student Life Organization) Handover Ceremony rewards committed students with important positions allowing them to have an opportunity to show guidance and provide leadership to the student body. The event took place at the end of the last academic year prior to our seniors leaving. After the ceremony the new SLO leadership team gathered to cut a cake, hand in hand, as a promise to work as a team and make this 'Mobilizing SLO for Extraordinary Achievements' count.



Arab Reading Challenge

القراءة هي ثروة العالم المخزونة، وأفضل إرث للأجيال والأُمم، قامت مدرسة الشويفات الدولية (مجمع دبي للاستثمار) بتكريم تلاميذها المميزين الذين تمكنوا من قراءة خمسين كتاباً، وتأهلوا لمسابقة تحدي القراءة في دبي، نتمنى لهم دوام التقدم والنَّجاح.



SLO[®] Job Fair



#SLO The ISCDIP SLO team did a fantastic job preparing and promoting this year's SLO[®] Job Fair, where each student was given an opportunity to volunteer to become SLO[®] prefects and fulfill jobs to contribute to the school. The jobs allow students to gain experience by helping other students by assisting them educationally, and providing any kind of support when needed. This increases their expertise, making them more confident. The event was very motivational, with beautifully decorated bulletin boards, each describing the department's responsibilities. The deputy head of each department was present to provide assistance, to students in signing up for these exciting activities, and were an inspiring example to the kids. Overall, the students are thrilled with each responsibility they have assumed, making them the perfect fit for each job. This will allow them to carry out each task with their upmost heart and potential.

SLO[®] Mini Conference

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Our annual SLO Mini Conference was hosted on Thursday and Friday, October 17th and 18th. As every year goes by, our students excitedly prepare, and outdo their efforts from previous years, and this year was no exception. The event was organized by students and the leadership of the SLO. Our prefects enjoyed every moment, from preparation to execution. Day one was filled with happy faces as icebreaker activities took place around the room and presentations about the various aspects of our SLO were given. Day two started off with an energy-filled drumming activity, and a fun round of Zumba! After a few more enriching presentations, we left for our main activity of the day; the Treasure Hunt! Everyone had loads of fun running around the Market trying to finish off their tasks and win the Hunt. Overall, the Mini Conference was an extremely enjoyable and educational event. We look forward to hosting it again next year!

