



Sana'a International School

Wednesday Scoop



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Upcoming Events

- Normal schedule begins September 27. Students should arrive to school no later than 7:50
- Marble Tournament September 30. Marbles for sale in the courtyard YR 100
- Elementary students go home at 1:30 on Saturdays, Mondays, & Wednesdays/3:00 on afterschool activity days.
- Eid Holiday - **no school** September 19-26.



At SIS, we settle for nothing less than mastery levels of performance and behavior

Health Concerns Addressed...

SIS has well developed plans to continue with the education of your children, even in the event that there is an H1N1 epidemic in Yemen that forces schools to close their campuses.



SIS has been enrolling students in online learning for a number of years, so this educational medium is not new to us. In fact last year SIS ran an online class for international students. This year SIS has prepared an additional online course to be offered internationally. This expertise will be very useful to us if the need to provide online learning to the SIS

student body becomes necessary.

Over the first couple of weeks of school SIS staff have been coming in early to school. They have been spending some of this time making preparations to ensure that we will be able to continue the education of your child, even if students have to work at home.

Please be assured that Sanaa International School will be in operation all year. As long as it is safe to bring students to the school campus we will do so. If bringing children to school becomes ill-advised we will continue with their education by providing courses online, until the emergency has passed.

Best wishes,

Gordon B Blackie

Director

Elementary Activities

Elementary afterschool activities started this week and will continue until December 2. This activity time begins 8th period (2:17) and runs until 3:00. The elementary staff have planned a variety of activities, including: Drawing Extraordinaire, Chillaxing with Kate, Camp Cucamonga, Fairy Tale Festival, and F1 Sports. Also scheduled are a few "pull out opportunities" such as: archery, gymnastics, and painting. Again this year, Mr. Sharif, the tennis coach will be offering tennis lessons at the school for USD \$60 per term. The first 8 students to bring in the fee, will

join the class. Also in the works is horseback riding lessons (Yemen Horse Club) for the fall term and swimming lessons (at the Sheraton) for the spring term. Not all of the details are worked out yet for the horseback & swimming, but should be set soon...stay tuned for further information regarding the cost of these. If you do NOT want your child to participate in any of these activities, please provide transportation home for them at 2:23, as there is no supervision for non participating students.

PSAT Reminder! "If you would like your child to take the PSAT test on Oct 17 please have them register with Mr. Hauth. The cost is \$13 USD. A practice booklet will be provided upon registration.

Tips for Parents

While the vast majority of educators deserve great praise for their patience, care and competence, most of us have known at least one who scowled instead of smiled, yelled instead of whispered, and pointed out our weaknesses instead of our strengths.

As parents, it's tempting to rescue our kids from such teachers...to demand that our kids be moved to another class.

My parents felt this temptation when I was in the third grade.

I still regard Mrs. _____ (name deleted to protect the guilty) as one of the most negative, demanding, and cold people I've ever met.

She did me a great favor!

After the first week of school, my mom and dad patted me on the back and said, "You are so lucky. This year you're going to learn how to do something that plenty of adults haven't learned yet! This year you're going to learn all about how to get along with really tough people. We will help you with ideas."

I wasn't impressed! But they were right!

When your kids meet Mrs. _____, will you give them this gift...or steal it from them?

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FALL FLEA MARKET



Thursday, October 1, 2009

**City Campus of Sana'a International School
from 9 am to 1 pm**

**New and used items for sale
Games for all
Delicious snack and drinks available**

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Do you have things to sell? Reserve your table by calling 370-191 and leaving your name. Cost per table is YR 2000