



Sana'a International School

Wednesday Scoop

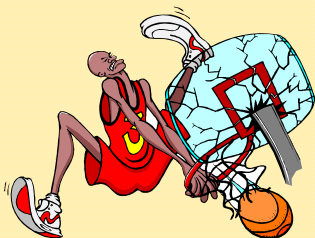


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January Upcoming Events

- Elementary Activities began January 10. Activities are on Sundays & Tuesday until 3:00
- After school basketball in the dome has begun. Students 12 years old and older can participate.
- After school track from 3-4:20 for 12 and up
- ITBS testing February 6-9



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

Contentment as a Character Value

What makes a truly happy person? Ah, the age-old question! Is it lots of stuff and lots of entertaining activities? Or...could it possibly be something that resides inside the person?

Truly happy people learned early in their lives how to be content whatever the circumstances.

Yes! Sincerely joyful people understand that basing one's happiness on the acquisition of material possessions and participation in exciting activities leads to ever-increasing unhappiness and stress. Because of their wisdom in this matter, they focus on finding contentment in healthy relationships.

Do you want your kids to spend their lives searching for the pot-o'-gold at the end of the rainbow? Do you want them

spinning their wheels, racing toward something that doesn't exist?

As early in life as possible, start teaching them that happiness comes from having loving relationships with people...rather than things.

Because of the materialistic culture we live in, I think all of us are finding this a bigger challenge than ever. That's why it's more important than ever to do two things:

- Spend loving time with our kids.
- Say "No" when they ask for lots of stuff.

Charitable Actions

Sanaa International School is an educational institution. Our function is to provide a top quality international style education for the children of expatriates living in Yemen, and to also make this available to Yemeni citizens who also wish this for their children. Our function here is educational, and neither the school nor its foreign hired staff engages in political activities in Yemen. We work hard not to be in any way, a political entity. This can be a challenge when political and/or military events flair up in the Middle East region. We wish to be sensitive to local feelings, but know that it is important for the school to remain separated from political controversy. This does not mean we do not share the humanitar-

ian concerns over the latest Middle East conflict and we are looking for ways to support the people in need.

SIS does support a number of charitable/humanitarian initiatives. Examples of these activities would include the Secondary Community Service week and also various food/clothing drives, usually around the Eids. These both help local charitable organizations. We also support a conservation initiative to preserve the Arabian Leopard in Yemen. These activities help reinforce with our students some of our Success Orientations such as Responsibility, Concern for Others, and Aesthetic Appreciation.