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Health & Safety News

The flu and cold season is upon us. To be proactive, we are carefully detailing the cleaning of classrooms focusing on commonly used surface areas to minimize the spreading of germs.



Each classroom has available to them sanitizing gel for students to use and sanitizing wipes for the teachers. Additionally, we will be installing sanitizer in our school cafeteria to assist with a more hygienic environment for our students. Parents, please remember our policy, a child must stay home if they show signs of infection or fever. Should a child fall sick during the academic day, parents are contacted and required to collect their children within one hour of being notified of an illness. If children are unwell, they will be provided with a quiet place to rest in the medical facility. A staff member will remain with the child until the parent(s) arrive.

In the month of October, 65 school personnel were trained in fire safety by Dubai Civil Defense. A four hour course with a performance based assessment of using extinguishers ensures us that we are safe.

Our quarterly practice of the first fire drill at school also showed quick evacuation in our lowest time yet.



STEM Olympiads

Grades 1-5 participated in a morning of STEM centered and critical thinking activities. Teachers facilitated over twelve activities which students rotated through in 30 minute intervals. Grade 4 and 5 students led the groups to their designated areas. Activities included: egg drop, airplane races, barge building, puff mobiles, mystery architecture, metric olympics, calculate this, pentathlon, science bowl, surfing the net, write it-do it, and mystery powders. A great day was had by all!



INNOVENTS SECONDARY DEBATE COMPETITION

Collegiate American School hosted the annual debate on topics focused around the National Agenda. Representatives from all four Innoventure Schools participated.

The outcome was:

- 1st Place Raffles World Academy
- 2nd Place Dubai International Academy
- 3rd Place Collegiate American School
- 4th Place Raffles International School



BridgeU

Preparing for university can be stressful. BridgeU is a program that assists students in their preliminary planning of university with consideration of factors such as preference, GPA, activities, and grades. The program shares the probability of getting accepted into the university of their choice and steps to increase the probability. All Grade 9-11 students participated in this enlightening session.

Kris Fade Visits CAS

Virgin Radio Kris Fade show DJs visited CAS on their tour of 20 schools in 20 days. The DJs were welcomed to the school with drumming and singing. Jump ropers shared their mad double dutch skills as Kris tried to replicate. Students from the elementary school who are participating in the talent show gave a sneak preview of what to expect in November.



"Cheese"

Cheese from the Harlem Globetrotters spoke to G3-11 students on bullying in support of international Anti-Bully Month. Hard work and dedication was also discussed as he demonstrated his dribbling and spinning skills as he discussed strategies for anti bullying.



Collegiate American School has dedicated the month of October proudly sponsoring the UAE *Can Collection Drive*, in conjunction with the Emirates Environmental Group (EEG). On 29 October, along with all the other all participating groups and institutions, we dropped the collected cans at Al Barsha Pond for a weighing. **This year we accumulated 9kg of cans.** This campaign saw the commitment and cooperation of not only the students and faculty, but also all the parents and other members of the community.

Our commitment to conservation does not end with this campaign. You are still encouraged to bring in cans, paper and cardboard. This year, the Environmental Club is not only tasked with igniting a passion for conservation across the school, but will lead up efforts for Collegiate American School to qualify for The Green Flag School status. There will be ongoing efforts to promote our passion for educating everyone on the campus and the surrounding community about Energy, Litter, Waste/ Recycling, Water, Transport, Healthy Living, Biodiversity, School Grounds and Global Citizenship.



You are welcome to express your interests in supporting or joining in the events, President of Eco Club, Radhika Kalra has planned for the remainder of 2016:

November - Partnering with the Dubai Municipality to organize a 2016 Clean Up the World event the week of 14 – 17 November, along the school gates.

In addition, The Eco-Committee will conduct an Environmental Review of Collegiate American School, looking at the products and services we use in school and investigate their environmental impact. From this, the Eco-Committee, will develop a 'Green Procurement Policy'.

December – Schedule to participate in the 15th Clean Up UAE campaign organised by Emirates Environmental Group (EEG).

The Green Flag School Award is an internationally benchmarked program that aims to empower students to be the change our sustainable world needs by engaging them in fun, action-orientated and socially responsible learning. Each school follows a change process and empowers their young people to lead processes and actions wherever they can.

Over time and through commitment to the Eco-Schools process, improvements will be seen in both the learning outcomes, attitude and behaviour of students and the local community, and ultimately the local environment. Evidence of success in these areas will eventually lead to a school being awarded with the International Green Flag.





Read-a-Thon

Enthusiastic Secondary School pupils at Collegiate American School read everything from comics to classics, raising **AED 3748.50 to support the GIVE Foundations efforts to build schools in Nepal.**

The Global Initiative to Advance Entrepreneurship (GIVE) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation that is dedicated to addressing the growing problem of global poverty in the developing world. GIVE works to reduce global poverty by using a unique multi-faceted approach to advance entrepreneurship among individuals and nonprofits in struggling countries.

Quote from Maleha Arif ORGANIZER:

"I recommend the implementation of Read-a-thons to any teacher or librarian who wants to get their students reading for pleasure. Read-a-thons create a real buzz about books in the school. I found children talking about books, sharing and swapping favorites and genuinely motivated to read. Parents became involved in what their children were reading and shared precious time together talking about books."

But don't stop reading!

We have several **#UAEYearofReading** events in November as well:

Read for Popcorn – aims to give Secondary School children a reading incentive of winning free popcorn to get them reading beyond the assigned novel.

Time Travel Tuesdays – aims to give Secondary School students' insight into UAE Studies by making cross-curricular connections – geographical, historical, cultural, technological, and practical.

17 classic by 2017 – aims to give Secondary School students a chance to boost their vocabulary for SATs, increase their index of literary references for the 4,000-word essay in IB, while simultaneously building their knowledge of the world one book at a time.

Thus far, we have raised **8, 580.25 AED** towards our goal of 30,000 AED for this academic year. Proceeds go directly to GIVE and we are building schools in Nepal through Dubai Cares. **Please see our GIVE page on the school website (<http://www.casdubai.com/about-us/give/>) for updates.**