



Dasman Model School
Bilingual School

KG / Elementary Department

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To: Parents of KG/Elementary Students

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! It gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your children back to school. As the new KG/Elementary Principal I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about myself. I am from Vancouver, Canada. Before being appointed as the KG/Elementary Principal, I was a teacher at Dasman Model School. During the past five years I have taught grades 4 and 5 at the school. As a teacher, I met many wonderful students and parents at our school. Now that I am the Principal, I look forward to meeting many more wonderful students and parents.

I would also like to introduce our departmental coordinators this year. Ms. Gema Otero is our new Elementary Senior Coordinator, Ms. Adriana Jawli is our new KG Coordinator, Ms. Samar Dizmen is our ESL Coordinator, and Mr. David Coffey is our LSU Coordinator. Ms. Otero, Ms. Jawli, Ms. Dizmen, Mr. Coffey and I will work closely to ensure that our children get the best educational experience at our school.

We have made several changes to the academic setup of the Elementary Department in our continuing goal of providing quality education for our children. You will find information about some of these changes in our new 'Student-Parent Handbook'. The handbook will be sent home this week. More details about changes to our department will be outlined in upcoming newsletters.

School hours during Ramadan for the entire school (KG-Grade 12) are from 8.00am to 1.30pm. Please make sure that your child is in his or her classroom by 8.30am. Students arriving after 8.30 will be required to get a 'late slip' from the Elementary Office. Please note that KG students will not be dismissed before 1.30pm during Ramadan. Please be advised that the canteen will be closed during Ramadan.

Parents interested in crèche are required to pick up an application form from Ms. Adriana Jawli, the KG Coordinator. Crèche is our after school childcare facility. More information about the crèche may be obtained from the Elementary Office.

All students are expected to wear proper school uniforms to school. School uniforms are currently being sold in the Dasman 1 gymnasium.

This year we intend to use technology to disseminate information about our department. All newsletters will be published on the school website (www.dasmanschool.com.kw). Class timetables for KG and Elementary have already been posted on the website. Please make sure you visit our website on a regular basis.

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Teachers in each grade level will be sending home newsletters this week. In the newsletters teachers will introduce themselves and indicate materials that students need to purchase for the school year. Grade level newsletters, with detailed information about the topics that your child will be studying at school, will be sent home at the beginning of each month. All newsletters will also be posted on the school website. Both the Ramadan timetable and the regular school timetable will also be sent home this week.

After the holy month of Ramadan students will be able to sign up for various after-school clubs. In addition to the after school sports clubs we offer every year, this year we hope to offer study clubs for all of our students. More information about the after school clubs we plan to offer will be provided before we stop for the Eid Al-Fitr Holidays.

Thank you for your support and involvement in making an education at our school a positive one for your child. I am looking forward to a great school year!

Kind regards,



Andy Mirhaj



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