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Upcoming Events:

- **Winter Break—**
Dec 18-Jan 7
- **Spelling Bee—**
Jan 9-12
- **Dodgeball—**
Jan 29-31

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Grade 5 Students Participate in Mock Protest Against Pollution

Grade 5 students participated in a mock protest against air pollution on December 1 on the school's playground. The protest helped teach students about civic duty and community involvement in conjunction with the students' Social Studies lessons on rights and the Declaration of Independence. In support of our Expected School-wide Student Outcomes—Effective Communicators and Involved Citizens—our students are learning to express themselves in ways that can influence decisions about their community.



Principal's Message

Collaborative effort brings out the best in our students

This month's newsletter features specials classes that focus on creativity and cooperation. These are skills we emphasize as we help our students "actively discover and develop their intellectual, physical and creative potential." I would like to thank our teachers

and parents for being part of this collaborative effort to bring out the best in our students. Thank you to all who were able to join us for our winter concert or other special events that we hold throughout the year. Have a wonderful holiday season.

PE & The Arts: Creativity and Cooperation—Together we can do more

Fine Art—Ms. Ulziimaa



ASU 1st Grade students had a blast re-creating Eric Carl's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, a well-known 1960s American children's picture book.

Our 4th grade students learned all about African head wraps by drawing the wraps' intricate patterns and coloring their beautiful textures with pastels.

The 5th Grade students studied an Analogous Color and Shapes project. This art project taught the children how deeply



interconnected they are with nature by cutting and gluing from unused National Geographic magazines.



Dance—Ms. Zaya

Pre-K students during dance class are practicing their ballroom dance hand poses. Grade 1 students are practicing Mongolian greeting poses and Grade 5 students are doing their spacing exercises.



PE—Mr. Enkhzorig and Ms. Paret

Now that the first semester is winding down with just days left until winter break, our Elementary students, young Howies, have learned the importance of teamwork and fundamental strategies of team sports/games. Being able to decipher needed skills and strategies for a game is a useful ability to have and can be transferred to other similar sports/games. Team activities are about so much more than their physical benefits. Here at ASU we value teamwork, and our students know that no team is successful without

working together to reach a common goal.

Although it is important to know that winning is not everything in our activities, healthy competition and great teamwork can be good for the students. Young Howies can translate the hard work they've put into their activities during Physical Education classes by working harder to be better students and better persons overall. From academics to decision making to mental health, these are a few ways students can benefit from being engaged athletically and academically in teamwork.



Music—Annual concert showcases student talent, celebrates the holiday season

Our students started preparing for the winter concert in September, for this year we had our music concert in December. It has been a hard and long work spanning over three whole



Students demonstrated their talents on xylophones and boomwhackers (above), violins (top right), recorders (below) and more during the annual concert.

months. Besides preparing for the concert, the returning students have been reinforcing important pitch and rhythmic concepts that they learned previously while the new students



caught up with what their peers already know. Activities during music class cover a wide range of different aspects of music and music history, such as rhythm and pitch exercises or games, listening and discussion sessions, singing, acting, coloring or drawing, famous composers and their work, reviewing different musical instruments and their families in the orchestra or band, performing on different music class in-



Grade 5 performs a few songs from the musical, "Character Street," featuring themes of respect and responsibility.

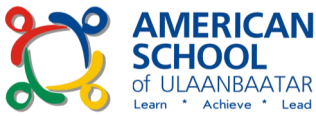


Pre-K students perform "One Little Finger."

struments, assessments for lower primary grades students, and tests for upper primary grade students.

Our winter concert was held on December 7 and included more than 30 songs, from traditional children's songs to Christmas carols and a number of songs from the musical "Character Street." Students performed in front of a wintery backdrop, and the auditorium was packed, as parents enjoyed the annual concert.

Thanks to our Winter Concert Committee and all who helped make this event a success.



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Students share what they learned in After School Activities

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Expected School-wide Student Outcomes

ASU students will be...

Academic Achievers

Critical Thinkers

Involved Citizens

Effective Communicators

Self-Directed Lifelong Learners

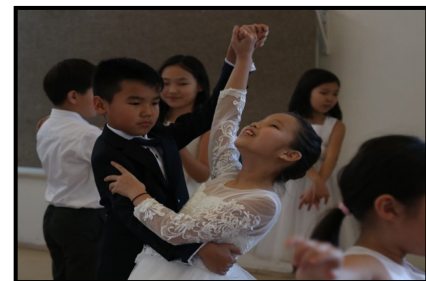


Munkhgerel, Soyul Park and Naransolongo Bazarjargal. Goldilocks and the Three Bears, written by Alyse Sweeney, was performed by Irmuun Batgerel, Enguun Munkhnairamdal, Misheel Mnamara, Amina Undrakh and Khulan Sodbayar. Congratulations to all the students for

After weeks of hard work the Reader's Theatre ASA performed their two plays for the elementary school on Monday 4th December. Anna and the Magic Coat, written by Ruth Silburt, was performed by Nandin-Erdene Uyangaa, Arna Green, Enkhgerel



their hard work and a great performance! The American Folk Songs ASA included 1st and 2nd graders who performed songs from America's past. The students chose the five songs they liked best, learned the lyrics, created choreography, and made their own costumes. They worked very hard this semester and their performance afterward was lovely.



Students from the Dance After School Activity perform during the November Spirit Day Assembly. The crowd was treated to two dances, the first to "Once Upon a December" from the movie Anastasia and the second to Tchaikovsky's "Waltz of the Flowers."