



# The ASU Leader

## Elementary Edition

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### Upcoming Events:

- Mar. 8: Women's Day
- Mar. 17: ASU's Got Talent
- Mar. 23: Dance PTG
- Mar. 31: Library Coffee & Conversation
- Mar. 31: Spelling Bee Finals

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Check out our website at [asu.edu.mn](http://asu.edu.mn) to see more photos from ASU events.

## International Day highlights ASU's multicultural community

We celebrated our International Day event on February 23, with booths from dozens of different countries that offered food, artifacts and information.



The event is held annually in conjunction with the Tsagaan Sar holiday. It originally featured Mongolian culture but later expanded to highlight the multicultural nature of our school community.

Students, staff and parents hosted and visited different tables during the morning celebration, and in the afternoon, we were treated to the annual performance from our sister school, School 60.



(See **International Day**, p. 4)

### Principal's Message

## ASU students demonstrate ESSO: 'Involved Citizens'

One of our Expected School-wide Student Outcomes is "Involved Citizens." Our students had several opportunities to demonstrate that over the past month, by donating to the NHS-sponsored Food and Fuel Drive and by donating clothing to School 60. Our fifth graders also participated in a mock protest against air pollution for their Social Studies class. These were all great ways for our students to become more aware of and active in the world around them.



## Grade 4 students use practical math, learn about multiple cultures

### Grade 4A

Grade 4A students learned about the importance of “repurposing” in Science class. They made something useful from items that would have been otherwise thrown away as



garbage. Among those pieces are a birdhouse, pencil holders, wallets and a purse/trinket box. The class also learned about ancient Greece in Social Studies and about Ja-

maica as part of their participation in International Day.



**Grade 4B students practicing measurement on the playground.**

### Grade 4B: Math is fun!

This month, we are starting our new unit on measurement. Students will be participating in a variety of fun activities to demonstrate their understanding of linear measurement, perimeter and time measurement. Grade 4B started by measuring the playground with their own foot measuring tape. Each student traced their foot and cut out six of

them. They then glued the feet together to make a six foot long measuring tape.

### Mad Research Skills

Equipped with our knowledge of Ancient Greece we have begun our inquiry on our topics. Students are learning to ask complex questions and to extract important information from a non-fiction text. They collaborated with Miss Ari and put together a presentation to allow them to share their learning. As a class, we had a special presentation day where we invited our parents. It was a great success and a wonderful experience for our students.



**(Left) Grade 4A students proudly displaying their various pieces depicting aspects of Ancient Greece. (Above) Students showing off their creative pieces as a part of a Science project on Repurposing.**



**Grade 4B students work on research projects about ancient Greece. The project involved some traditional skills as well as use of technology.**



# @ The Library

After School Activities started on February 20th, 2017. Students in Library Club had an



opportunity to do a variety of things depending on their interests. Some built towers, drew pictures and puppets, played games, and of course, read books! One first grader said, "I read eight books!"

There's a lot of fun and learning happening at the Library!

(Grade 4, from p. 2)

## Grade 4C

On February 23, the American School of Ulaanbaatar had their international fair. Over 15 different countries from around the world were represented. Each country had its own booth set up with information about the country, interesting artifacts and lots of delicious food! Our class, 4C, chose to do South Africa.

We had the help from fellow South African teachers Gerhard Swart and Jacolien Coetzee to learn a little about their culture, and they even made some South African dishes for us. Mr. Swart made frikadelle, which is a pan fried dumpling minced meat dish. It was a little spicy for students but really delicious. Ms. Coetzee made us two dishes, the first was biltong. Biltong is a cured meat that originated in South Africa. It tasted a lot like beef jerky. The second dish was called "bunny chow". Bunny chow was a very interesting dish! It was a type of curry that was inside a bread bowl and you ate the whole thing.

For our booth we focused on 3 things about South Africa. First, we explained some general knowledge. Like how it has 3 capitals instead of 1, its major exports, the different official languages, its biggest city and population of the country. Next we had inspirational quotes from Nelson Mandela. Our favorite was, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Finally we had a game. South Africa has all 5 of the most dangerous animals to hunt on foot. Can you guess what they are? If you guessed elephant, lion, leopard, cape buffalo and rhinoceros, you're right!

Here's what some students throughout the school had to say about the fair:

Munkhchimeg from pre-k said, "My favorite part of the fair was eating the food from Israel because I like hummus."

Momoka from 1C said, "I liked the Australian flag the most because it had all my favorite colors."

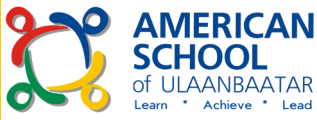
Enerel from 2A said, "I liked all the food on the second floor, especially from India and the Philippines."

Anand from 3A said, "I loved the games because they were fun to play."

Sophie from 4A said, "I liked Germany the best because I helped out and I am from there and love my dad!"



**Grade 4C students answer questions about South Africa at their International Day booth.**



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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

#### Home of Future Leaders

(International Day, from p. 1)



**ASU students celebrate a variety of cultures during International Day.**



#### School 60 entertains ASU students at annual performance



ASU has partnered with School 60 for 7 years, with our school donating items and doing construction improvements at the sister school, and School 60 giving a wonderful show featuring bright costumes and talented singers and dancers. The event is held annually just prior to the Tsagaan Sar holiday break. This year, School 60 students also had the chance to visit our Elementary School and learn about other cultures during the International Day celebration.