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Upcoming Events:

- **Apr. 3-7: Spring Break**
- **Apr. 14: Report Cards**
- **Apr. 21: Parent-Teacher Conf.**
- **Apr. 29: Open House**

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ES students prove that ASU's Got Talent during annual show

Students from grades 1 to 5 proved that ASU's Got Talent during the annual competition in March. Acts included singing and dancing, as well as playing musical instruments. The event was the culmination of months of practice, and while some students might have had to overcome a little bit of stage fright, they all gave a great effort and provided a wonderful variety of performances.



The top three finishers at the annual talent show stand proudly with their awards.

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Principal's Message

All-school effort prepares ASU for re-accreditation visit

We recently had a five-day visit from a committee representing the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the organization that does our school accreditation, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the preparation for the visit, as well as all who met with the visiting committee.

In fact, it is the efforts from every member of our school community every day that makes our school successful. While this visit was an important step in our accreditation process, it was just one of many exciting events that happened in March. I hope you enjoy reading about the other events in this month's newsletter.

Grade 3 takes creative approach to science, heritage & math strategies

3A has been learning about Stability in Science. We have investigated how to make tall structures more stable. This can be done by increasing the mass at the base of tall structures. We also investigated how to make paper towers strong so that they can hold a load. We found that this can be done by altering the shape of the paper tower to make it more stable. In a further investigation, we found where the points of balance should be to provide the most stability under a platform. The points of balance under a platform need to be placed evenly in order to support a load. Another



investigation found that structures built from triangles are more stable than structures built from squares. We saw that a triangle shape is strong and rigid and will not twist or bend out of shape when pushed. We are looking forward to doing more investigations on stability.



Heritage & Cultural Identity

The third grade has spent the last term studying heritage and cultural identity in Mongolia. 3B students then went on to study the heritage and cultural identity of a different country!



With the help of Ms. Realeza from the library and Ms. Ari from the computer lab, we did research and identified elements of culture from 22 different countries, from Canada to Nigeria! Students prepared a presentation to teach



their classmates about their countries and then gave a presentation to parents before International Day. It was fun to learn about different countries all across the globe!

Fractions, and Multiplication, and M&M's, Oh My!

This month, 3C has been focusing on two areas in Math: fractions and multiplication strategies. The students have been learning a variety of ways to work out multiplication problems, including doubling, adding a group, subtracting a group and using square numbers as helper facts.

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@ The Library



We held our February Coffee & Conversation on February 24th, 2017. Ms. Geshel was our guest speaker, and she introduced Marcy Cook/Skillboard math to a small group of parents. It was a fun and hands-on gathering where parents practiced their math skills and learned about the kinds of things that we do with the students at ASU. Our goal with these workshops (e.g. Art, Math, etc.) is to give parents the opportunity to learn more about what our students do on a daily basis. There will be more events to come, and we hope to see more parents join us in the future!

Dance Workshop gives parents a chance to learn a few new moves

Ms Zaya, our Elementary dance teacher, held our first Dance Workshop for parents on Thursday, March 23rd, 2017. She led parents through the basics of ballet, Mongolian, and hip-hop dance. It was a hard workout, but a lot of fun! Parents got a better understanding of the kinds of things our students do in Dance class, and how much hard work and effort goes into the wonderful performances throughout the year. This event is part of a series of workshops that the Elementary School is providing for parents. We'll be doing a Music Workshop in May, so keep an eye out for that!



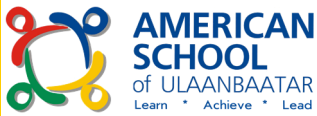
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They were tasked with the job of creating posters that explain each strategy, and are now considered the experts on that strategy in the class.



Students have also been expanding their knowledge of fractions. Last week, 3C students completed an M&M's fraction activity where the students were required to identify fractions using candy. It was a rainbow of fun-filled math excitement.





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(ASU's Got Talent, from p. 1)



ASU students show off their talent through a variety of performances. The annual talent show highlights offers students an opportunity to express themselves through the arts.



ASU students take home gold, silver in table tennis tourney

ASU elementary students competed in the annual ACE tournament at the International School of Ulaanbaatar in March. The event included table tennis and badminton on March 4 and a math competition on March 11. Our students took home a gold and a silver in table tennis and finished in fourth place in badminton. This was the second year they fielded a team for the math.



Spirit Day has students celebrating a 'Blast from the Past'



The March Spirit Day theme was "Blast from the Past," with students sporting costumes ranging from the beginning of human history, through the Roman and Egyptian empires and into the recent past of the 20th century. The Spirit Day assembly also featured violin and dance performances and the monthly awards.



This month's character award focus was "Acceptance."

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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