



The ASU Leader

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Upcoming Events:

- Apr 1: Report Cards**
- Apr 8: Parent—
Teacher Conferences**
- April 11-15: Spring
Break**
- Apr 25: Re-
registration deadline**
- Apr 27: PTG Meeting**
- Apr 29: Spirit Day**
- Apr 30: Open House**

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**Check out our
website at
asu.edu.mn to see
more photos
from ASU events.**

Students & Staff Celebrate First Ever “Pride Week”

The elementary school welcomed Spring with a week long School Spirit Week. Students earned special yellow Wolf Smiles the week of March 28-April 1, when they exhibited respectful behavior. Respectful behaviors included: Saying please and thank



you to staff members, walking safely in the hallways, and helping to keep our bathrooms



clean. Grade 5 House Captains made special morning announcements to help motivate students. The entire staff participated, from support staff members and guards, to cafeteria staff, our homeroom and specials teachers, and even our Student Services officers could



present respectful students with yellow Wolf Smiles. Students who earned a yellow Wolf Smile had the opportunity to have a special

face painting design completed on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings. Our secondary art teacher and students lent their artistic talents to create the beautiful face painting designs.

Principal’s Message

Parents: Key Players in the Success of ASU and its Students

The spring season is upon us, and we are entering our final quarter of the school year. Along with that, the weather is getting warmer and our students are enjoying more time outdoors. Please ensure your child wears the appropriate clothing for the changing weather so they can take advantage of the opportunity to enjoy outdoor recess. Also in the final quarter, we’ve got many special activities planned, and we in-

vite parents and staff to participate and make these enjoyable, memorable events for our students. ASU’s Got Talent will showcase the abilities of our young students on April 1. After Parent Teacher Conferences, it’s spring break, and then we are busy again. Please encourage family and friends to come out for our upcoming Open House on April 30. Hope to see you there.

Spotlight on our *English as a Second Language Program*

The ESL (English as a Second Language) program is an important part of ASU. We are here to support and help our students to make as much progress as they can within our English teaching environment. Students' language proficiency affects their achievement in all subjects. We intend to serve them towards a successful future.

Our program functions within the regular school hours. We have several classes for our students including a leveled reading program with First, Second, and Fourth grades and a pull-out and push-in system with First through Fifth grades. A push-in system is when an ESL specialist works directly with the student/students in a whole-class situation. It has been successfully used to support differentiated reading practices, oral practice sessions, and subject-specific lessons such as social studies or science. A pull-out system is when students are pulled out from the mainstream class to receive instruction with the ESL teacher. Students go to the ESL teach-

ers during the language arts or social studies classes. Our main focus is for children to develop important skills they will need to complete work in their general classes.



First grade students have special classes and they develop their fine motor skills and

improve their vocabulary skills.



Additionally, on Wednesdays we gather together in the Storyhall. All three leveled classes meet together to listen to stories, improving their listening and comprehension skills. Also, we encourage students to have conversations on a variety of topics in English.



PreK visits Intermed Hospital on their First School Field Trip

This term, Pre-K has been learning about "My Community." In February, the class took a field trip to Intermed Hospital to learn the important part that hospitals, and the people who work there, play in our greater community. At Intermed, students met a dentist



who talked to us about how to care for our teeth. We also met and spoke with a doctor who talked with us about the ways we can keep our bodies healthy. Along with all the fun we had

visiting the hospital, we also enjoyed our bus ride, which--for many of us--was our first ride on the ASU school bus!

Students in PreK Celebrate Purple & Say Farewell to a Friend

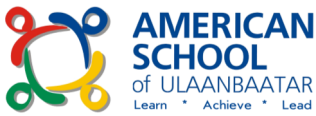
In February we had a "Purple Party" to celebrate learning about the color purple and to say farewell to one of our classmates who moved back to Korea. That day, we experimented with red and blue paint to make purple, ate purple potatoes, made purple headbands, and created a farewell card for our friend, among other fun things!



students learned about South Korea, which helped us understand better where our classmate moved to live. When we see planes in the sky at recess, we often think of our friend who flew in a plane back to Korea and we wonder what she might be doing now.



For International Day in February, prekindergarten



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Grade 3 Workshops Bullying/CyberBullying

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Students in 3A, 3B, and 3C learned about bullying and cyberbullying this month. Bullying is defined as someone repeatedly doing something unkind to another person on purpose. Cyberbullying is when someone repeatedly does something mean to another person, on purpose, but

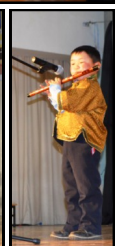
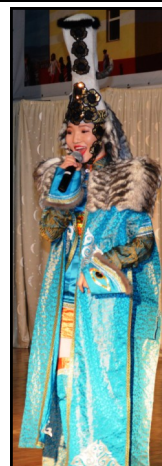


it's done online or through sms texts. The third grade classes had a mini-workshop in the cafeteria to discuss these behaviors, and how they should act if they see this happening in school or online. As a culminating activity, students from each class

were placed in groups of three to work on a bullying or cyberbullying comic book. These books are now being shared with the entire school, and can be seen outside of our Student Services office. Please check them out!

School 60 Shares Talent through Performances

Students from School 60, ASU's sister school, performed for our students on February 26, displaying their talents through a variety of song and dance routines. The performance is an annual event celebrating the long-standing partnership between the two schools. It showcases the talents of School 60 students as performers, as well as their creative talents with the beautiful costumes they create. The event is also another opportunity to bring the two schools together to celebrate Mongolian culture.



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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