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Upcoming Events:

- June 1: Children's Day (no school)
- June 11: Sports Day
- June 12: Last Day of School (noon dismissal)

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Students Present Multiple Shows in Annual Spring Concert



Ms. Enkhee, ASU Elementary School's Music teacher, directed another successful musical in May. Grade 1 and 2 students were cute as they could be in their production of "Bugz." The story follows the conflict and triumph of overcoming differences when the bugs plan a picnic and must decide whether to let the stink bug participate in the party.

Grade 3 and 4 students showed their talent when they made the musical come alive on the stage with their presentation of "At the Bandstand." The show featured popular songs from the '50s and clever characters in a story that set a young girl against the spoiled daughter of the show's sponsor in an on-air dance-off.

The audience was entertained as Grade 5A showcased their creativity with their own production, "5A Got Talent!" The talented singers and dancers of 5B also presented a song.



Principal's Message

Looking Back on a Dynamic, Collaborative School Year

We have had another successful school year, thanks to the cooperation of our entire ASU community. We continue to look for ways to improve the learning environment by making the most of the varied talents and experiences available within our

organization. I sincerely thank our staff, parents and others who have contributed to this year's success in creating an exciting, inspiring atmosphere conducive to learning. Have a safe, relaxing summer with family and friends.

Kindergarten Students Build Skills in Critical Thinking, Collaboration

Kindergarten 1.

Science topics and activities have been some of the highlights of the month of May in Ms. Bell's Kindergarten I class.



Tree Planting. The class planted trees in the elementary school vicinity in line with their inquiry about living things and life cycle. Everybody enjoyed getting their hands dirty as they worked together planting trees. It was a good opportunity not

only to learn about life science but also about teamwork and caring about the environment.

Science Collaboration. The class had an exciting trip to the High School science laboratory. The high school students—under the supervision of their Chemistry teacher, Ms. Berger—



worked on an experiment to find the pH scale of some household solutions. Each KG-I child teamed up with two high school students and the kinders helped them identify the colors on the litmus paper. The KG-I class dressed up like real scientists working in the lab! Both classes also shared ideas about science and their dreams of becoming a

scientist. They also made a poster to show what they talked about.

Science Experiments. The KG-I class has been conducting experiments in class. In the process, they got to know and apply the scientific method and the characteristics of a good scientist. In one experiment, they answered their “I wonder” statement of what will happen to a balloon filled with water when it's put over a flame. At the end, they also got to answer how that happened. In another experiment, they inquired about how a hot air balloon flies up into the air. They conducted a little research survey to answer it and did another experiment to understand

the result of the research they did. As Walt Streightiff

said, “There are no seven wonders of the world in the eyes of a child. There are seven million.” The KG-I class continues to wonder and find answers.



Kindergarten 2.

This month the KG2 class went on a field trip to the Airport which was a most exciting day! The students were all very enthusiastic about this day and were interested from the morning they got to school. When we got to the airport they could barely contain their excitement as they began exploring the many departments and facilities within the airport. We were given rare and privileged access to the Airport Control Tower and Air Flight



Control and the students were given a tour of the facility and their functions were explained. We then ventured onto the tarmac where the tour continued with the fire and safety equipment as well as the MIAT aircraft hangers. The students were also allowed access to a Boeing airliner and explored the aircraft interior. All through this field trip there were numerous presentations given to the eager students by various Airport Personnel who explained the different departments and jobs of employees.

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I look back with fondness and pride on what a wonderful year it has been since the children and their families first stepped through the kindergarten door. So much has changed within each individual child, not just physically but emotionally, creatively, expressively and socially. They have enjoyed discovering and meeting new friends and teachers, and learning through exploration and play. They have also grown more confident and independent and are now ready to move on to the next stage of their education. It has been delightful to share this year with you and your child and I wish every child and their family well as they embark on the next stage of their education in 2016!

Have a wonderful, relaxing, and restful summer! Don't forget to come back and visit!

Kindergarten 3.

With the end of the school year approaching fast, KG 3 has been having a blast wrapping up the year. We have learned so much this year and we love to share what we know.

The students have been studying beginning Reading and Language Arts skills all year. As a class, we are now able to write basic sentences using simple high frequency words such as "like" and "can." We can read simple CVC words using our letter sounds and blending skills. And, every morning, we write our Morning Message as a class and talk about what goes in a friendly letter.

In Math, we have been working with our Everyday Math Curriculum which was new this year. The students are beginning to understand and create their own definitions for math vocabulary such as "addition" and "subtraction." We described basic shapes in terms of how many sides and corners the shapes have. And we learned a lot about collecting data and making graphs about topics like our favorite color and how many days we have been in school.

Science and Health have been fun this year. We talked about living and non-living things, what living things need to be alive, and how living things can stay healthy. We learned about getting shots and germs with video clips like "Sid the Science Kid." But most of all, we had a wonderful time thinking of questions and conducting science experiments to find the answer like "Will my favorite candy sink or float" and "What is gravity?"

While all of our learning was taking place, we still took time for the important things like making friends, singing, and dancing in our classroom. We are all looking forward to the summer vacation and finishing our AMAZING YEAR!

**Pre-K Students Experience Life Through Play-Based Exploratory Learning**

Here we are approaching the end of Pre-K1 and I cannot believe that time has gone by so fast! May was a fun and exciting month. We thoroughly enjoyed our first virtual trip to Hawaii, building an aquarium, learning about seasons and life under the sea, conducting our first science experiment and building a garden outside our homes. We also had tons of fun learning about and exploring with music and finding out all about the alphabet and animals.

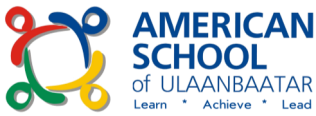


June is sure to be a whirlwind and before we know it we will be saying goodbye to Pre-K1 and hello to Pre-K2. It has been a joyful experience teaching your bundle of joys and we wish them all the best during their journey in life.

They all went from children to super children.



Hand print trees illustrate the seasons.



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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

Mongolian Presentation Celebrates Language Learning

ASU second graders gave a performance showing what they have learned in Mongolian class during the 2014-2015 school year. The performance follows a traditional Mongolian ceremony celebrating achievement in learning the Mongolian alphabet. The presentation included both Mongolian students and foreign students who have learned a lower level of Mongolian language.



First Elementary Science Fair Showcases Student Talent

ASU Elementary held its first science fair in May. The fair has traditionally been held only at the secondary school, but by popular demand from parents, the elementary school joined the effort with a variety of displays, many of which featured projects that were part of the curriculum the students learned this year.



Parents, staff members and fellow students wended their way through the halls and listened to the young scientists explain their hypotheses, discuss their processes and share their conclusions.



Students check out some of the projects displayed at the elementary science fair.