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Upcoming Events:

- Nov 6: Report Cards
- Nov 12: National Pride Day
- Nov 13: Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov 25: PTG Meeting
- Nov 30: Spirit Day

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2015 Fifth Grade Camp Fuels Memories & Bonds



Fifth graders enjoying the nature, sunshine, and fresh air of Terej National Park.

ASU fifth graders and teachers enjoyed an overnight ger camp trip just before Fall Break on October 15th-16th.

Camp kicked off with the bus trip to Terej National Park! Everyone was excited and anxious to get going. That energy was fueled with snacks and electronic games during the drive. After the customary, "Are we there yet?" questions, the group arrived to Terej Lodge where students handed in phones, unpacked the bus, and set off to their gers.

After a picnic lunch, Ms. Geshel and Ms. Ari took the classes on a hike, while Ms. Parkerson, Ms. Moran and Mr. Kurtzweg hid items for the scavenger hunt. Students were organized into teams and then set off in all directions, searching for the items that matched the clues they received. The items found were then used to create skits concerning the month's character trait, 'Caring.' These skits were performed after a delicious, fancy dinner. Finally, everyone gathered around a huge campfire and told collaborative ghost stories.

Marshmallows were roasted on sticks collected on the day's hike and everyone made



s'mores—certainly a highlight for all!

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Principal's Message

As Winter Descends, Help keep our Students Warm & Healthy

The temperatures are dropping quickly, and we've already had snow and ice as the winter months approach. We want to keep our students safe and healthy, so it's important that they arrive at school every day with the proper clothing for outdoor play. We appreciate your support in ensuring that they have warm coats, hats and gloves, and boots if necessary. Students will be expected to participate in outdoor recess unless the temperature drops be-

low -20 degrees Celsius. While we don't want your child to miss any more days than are necessary, they should remain at home if they have a fever or anything that might spread illness to other students. This also allows them to get the rest they need, and ultimately they will miss fewer school days and be more productive when they return. Thank you for your continued support to keep ASU a happy, healthy environment.

KG1 Mixes Fun and Learning in Diverse Hands-On Activities



The Kindergarten class’s trip to the High School Science Lab was a great experience to learn more about bacteria. Our friends in Chemistry class talked about germs and what they can do to your body. Using a microscope, we were able to observe good and bad bacteria. The Kindergarteners were surprised to know that there are good bacteria!



P is for pancake, pan, pot holder, plate. What a fun way to learn the letter P! KG I cooked and ate pancakes. Along with the practical task of making pancakes, there were many learning opportunities in Math, Language, Science, Health, and Personal & Social Development. That was a yummy learning experience!



“I can do it!” exclaimed KG I as they fixed sandwiches—peanut butter and jelly--for themselves. Decision-making and independence were the focus of this



activity as they learned other concepts along the way and practiced their fine motor skills. And the best part? Students got to enjoy the fruit of their labor. Yummy!!

KG I continued to explore how to take care of the body. Making healthy food choices is one way to keep our bodies healthy. The students made fruit



salad to celebrate their new knowledge about nutrition.



To learn about the senses, KG I made hot chocolate and sipped it with pretzels. The children explored their senses through the feeling of hot and cold water, the tastes of sweetness and bitterness of different chocolates, the sight



of water changing color when the chocolate is mixed in, the sight of hot steam, and the sound of pretzels crunching.



KG2 Loves Halloween!

This month we learned the difference between a pumpkin and a Jack O'Lantern, and we made our own Jack O'Lanterns! First, the students made predictions about what would be inside the pumpkin. Many hoped it would be green or pink inside. Then it was time to get messy! We learned the pumpkin was yellow and orange inside with white seeds. We also found out it was very sticky and squishy. Many thought the pumpkin smelled bad.



After we took out all the seeds, we voted on which faces to give our Jack

O'Lanterns. We voted for one happy face, one angry face, and one cold face. Finally, the teachers cut out the faces and took the pumpkin seeds home to cook. The following day we enjoyed eating our pumpkin seeds at snack time. Some students said they were delicious!

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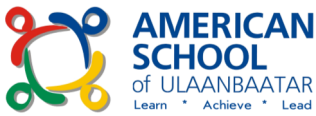
As the campfire waned, students and faculty set off for their gers to hit the sack. But did they sleep? Absolutely not! Excitement, fun, and thrills kept most everyone up for most of the night—sucking every ounce of joy they could from the place and people they were with.

On Friday morning everyone packed up their gear and enjoyed a fantastic buffet breakfast. After some game playing, the group headed back to school. Everyone was so tired that the bus ride was fairly quiet—with students sleeping or listening to music.

The group arrived safely back to ASU and coasted through the afternoon and into Fall Break. However, stories about adventures and fun are yet being shared in the halls.



Grade 5 Camp, in its second year, is a successful addition to the Primary School Program and we know this year's fourth graders are already looking forward to their adventure next fall!



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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

Fall Sports Day wrapped up our September Happenings



On September 25th, primary school students participated in the Fall Sports Day. House Colors competed against each other in a semi-competitive environment. Throughout the games—there were 14 different stations--

students worked hard and cooperated with their team members. It was



Faculty House Spirit

an exciting afternoon of fun, games, and teamwork in action. Many thanks to all ASU staff, parents, and HS volunteers for making Sports Day a memorable day for our kids.



Snapshots from around our Lively Elementary Campus



From Pre-Kindergarten: (left) Students work on "My Body" drawings for their recent Letter B week.



From the Library: (left and above) Students from 3A practice putting Fiction books in order by the Author's Last Name before having time to checkout books and read silently during their Library Specials time.

