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Upcoming Events:

- June 19: Sports Day
- June 20: Grade 5 graduation
- June 21: Awards Ceremony
- June 21: Last day for students

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

ASU hosts 2 events to educate school community about bullying

Bullying is something that happens all around the world, but at ASU we have made it a point to say that it will not be acceptable at our school. To bring about awareness, Ms. Geshel, Ms. Ari and Ms. Realeza held an Anti-Bullying Seminar for parents and students after school on Tuesday, May 9th. Many parents and students attended this event, and



learned a little bit more about this important issue.

As a school, ASU celebrated Pink Shirt Day. We had two assemblies (one for PreK to Grade 2 and one for Grades 3 to 5) to help inform our students about what bullying is and what they should do if they see it happening. The students were encouraged to wear pink or stickers to show their commitment to stop bullying. The Anti-Bullying assembly helped students realize the importance of empathy and treating others with kindness and respect. As a school, we decided that bullying will not be tolerated...NOT IN OUR SCHOOL!



Principal's Message

Thank you for another successful and memorable year

We are nearing the end of another school year. I would like to thank everyone – staff, students and parents – for making this a successful and memorable year. I have seen more participation and collab-

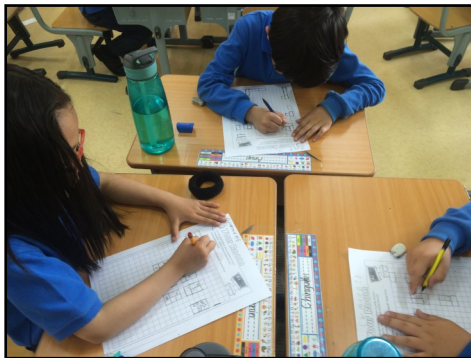
oration this year, and that goes a long way toward achieving our mission. I wish everyone a safe summer and an enjoyable time with family and friends and look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

First graders welcome younger students for a day in Grade 1



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bet song, and have them listen to rhyme song and skip-counting song.

KG students and their buddies also had the chance to play



together during recess time on the playground.

IA students felt more responsible in safely taking their buddies to and from the playground.

The experience of visiting grade one classes generally gave our KG students the opportunity to be familiar with not only the directions as to where first grade classrooms are located, but also gave them a glimpse as to how first graders are learning.

The Grade 1 students are currently studying a newly implemented Social Studies unit. In this unit, students are learning about families, community, neighborhood, citizenship, mapping and directions.

The students in IB have read some books about families, and gained knowledge and understanding that not all families are the same. They have also learnt that families belong and make

up communities. IB has talked about various occupations, and formed understanding and appreciation of the importance of different occupations in a community.

IB is currently continuing their studies on comparing and contrasting neighborhood, mapping their surroundings, learning the skills related to understanding and giving directions, and understanding citizenship.

This May, Grade 1A class had visitors from KG classes. The incoming first grade students were introduced into different learning centers we have in the class. Each of our KG visitors was given the chance to work with a 1A buddy. 1A class excitedly welcomed and helped in making KG students become acquainted with what 1A students do in different working stations.

We also sang different songs which are familiar to our visitors, like number song and



@ The Library

On Friday, May 26th, 2017 the Library hosted the very last Coffee & Conversation of the year. Ms. Realeza, our Teacher-Librarian, went through some of the events that have happened this year (e.g. Dance, Music, Art and Computer Workshops, Anti-Bullying Seminar, etc.) and asked for feedback from parents about what they would like to see in the next school year. It was a great way to catch up with parents, socialize and, of course, have some coffee and baked goods! We will be following up with many of the suggestions and hope to continually improve as a school.

Spring Concert combines variety of songs for entertaining show

The auditorium echoed with the sounds of our elementary students singing and playing instruments for the annual spring concert on May 11. Students performed in front of a vibrant background highlighting the theme: A Better You! A Better Me!



The program featured a variety of genres and showcased the many talents of our students, who were also joined by secondary students for a violin performance. It was another fine performance, well attended by our supportive community of parents and friends. Special thanks to the director, Ms. Tina, for putting on a wonderful show.

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In June, the Grade 1 students will go on a field trip to Zaisan Hill. The students will use and reflect on their learning from this unit to complete an assessment.

In IC we have been learning about maps, directions and how to use a compass. We looked at different kinds of maps such as political, geographical and community maps. Together IC drew a geographical map of Mongolia and then the students created their own country and drew a map for it.

To help understand the scale of maps IC measured out the playground using



their steps as a unit of measurement which we then mapped onto graph paper. Most recently small groups of students have used compasses to identify true north and follow directions around the playground on a treasure hunt.

Finally, the students have been working with magnets to understand why compasses work. IC's Science Fair project will be to make their own compass.



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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

Science Fair encourages critical thinking and collaboration

Students demonstrated their knowledge of the scientific process at our annual science fair on May 31. Every student participated, with the lower grades collaborating as a class and the upper grade students teaming up in two's and three's. The upper elementary student projects were judged, with awards going to the top three projects. The science fair incorporates lessons learned throughout the year, emphasizing critical and creative thinking, as well as learning from mistakes and improving on processes. The science fair was held in conjunction with our monthly Spirit Day, with this month's theme being "Mad Scientist."



Music Workshop presents curriculum, tests parents' skills

Our Music Teacher, Ms. Tina, held a Music Workshop for Parents on Thursday, May 11. She discussed pitch and rhythm through various activities and lessons that she has done throughout the school



year. Parents got a better understanding of what our students learn in Music class and had fun in the process. This was our last Workshop for Parents this year. We look forward to more parents joining in next year!

Tournament gives students last chance at popular sport



Coach Zinck held a final dodgeball tournament for the year on May 29. About 60 students in grades 3-5 enjoyed an exciting afternoon of healthy competition with their peers. Thank you students, for doing a great job trying your best and being respectful throughout the event.