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Upcoming Events:

- **May 14: Spring Concert** (auditorium)
- **May 21: Grade 2 Mongolian Class Performance** (auditorium)
- **May 22: Science Fair**
- **May 27: Parent-Teacher Group Meeting**
- **June 1: Children's Day** (no school)

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

Annual Open House Draws Huge Crowd from Community

ASU held its Open House on April 25, drawing a huge crowd of parents and students – those currently part of the ASU community as well as those considering the school for the fall. On the Elementary School campus, while Student Services busily answered questions and helped families complete registration, there was plenty of other activity happening around the facility.

The event started with a presentation about the school and student-led tours for the first hour. The day was rounded out with food vendors, games for the kids, and a raffle draw for the adults.



This annual event is held to showcase our school facilities and allow the community to meet the school staff while learning about our programs. One of the additions to this year's Open House was a Parent-Teacher Group table, where some of our most dedicated parents offered information about the organization and encouraged other parents to become involved. Thanks for all who made this a huge success!

Principal's Message

Parent Participation Makes for More Successful Events

April was another busy month, and it culminated with some big events, including the Open House. Parents were again involved in many parts of this major event, providing donations for the Cake Walk and Raffle Draws, and leading efforts at the PTG table. It was also encouraging to see such an outstanding turn-

out. Even the weather cooperated this year, making for a fun, informative experience for everyone attending.

With just over a month left of the school year and a few more happenings up ahead, I encourage parents to continue being an important part of school activities.

Mongolian Nationals, Foreigners Learn Local Language, Culture

Grade 2 students have been learning Mongolian and they are very excited about what they can read and write in their mother language. During class activity, students are encouraged to read Mongolian comics and fairy tales. The Book Center is full of Mongolian comics, and this is the most exciting place to read in Mongolian. This is the motivation tool for my students to read in Mongolian.

Students are happy that they completed the Mongolian alphabet. Join me in congratulating them for their success. Soon we are going to perform what have learnt. They are looking forward to this event.



Non-speaking Mongolian students are also enjoying learning Mongolian. They come to Mongolian class and show their classmates what they have learnt. It was a great encouragement for them. They are also looking forward to performing what they have learnt along with their classmates.

– Ms. Nasaa

My students have been creating shops and restaurants in the classroom to support and increase their vocabulary during conversation. Students are in a role play, taking turns being the customer, waitress/waiter or shopkeeper. Every student has a wallet with money (paper-made) and they spend it when they play.

– Ms. Chimgee



Keeping Up with Technology: Students Take Journey Down Google Pathway

This year brought the school its very own Google Domain (www.asu.edu.mn). This has been a very exciting change for our Elementary

School students. It has supplied them with all the Google tools they need for their journey down the Internet Highway. They have Google



Chrome to browse with, Docs to write with, Sheets to cipher with, Slides to present with, Apps to learn with, Search to search with, Forms to collect with and Drive to save with. Each grade level has progressed at a different pace so the learning curve is easy for them to manage.

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For example, the grades KG, Grade One and Grade Two are at different stages of opening and closing software, developing mouse skills, developing decision making skills and learning and enhancing their typing skills. These skills are incorporated with the learning topics from their regular classes. Grade's Three to Five are at a more advanced level. They all have access to their own email accounts, which gives them access to all the Google Tools. These tools are used to complete projects related to their class-work. For example, the Grade Fives have made their own web sites and are working on their own E- Books; the Grade Fours have completed projects using formulas in Google Sheets and presentations in Google Slides. Finally the Grade Threes are presently making their own Story Book in Google Slides. They accomplished this by writing a story in Google Docs and then moving the information to Google Slides where they then design the book and add pictures.



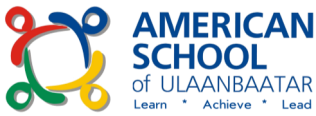
All in all, it has been a lot of fun for both the students and me. It has been a distinct pleasure for me to share in their excitement travelling along the Internet Highway.

Elementary School *Abuzz* with Excitement Surrounding Annual Spelling Bee

In April, the Elementary School was buzzing about our second annual spelling bee. Grades three through five competed in fun class and grade level rounds, before moving onto the semi-finals. The semi-finals were exciting and suspenseful, with the words growing harder each round. There were victories and losses, but ultimately ten students moved on to the finals. The spelling bee finals proved to be the most exciting yet, with head- to-head competitions in the last rounds. Congratulations to fifth grader Connie Ganburged, who won first place in this year's spectacular bee! Second Place went to Dalai Cavalcanti (4A) and third place to Tushig Bilguun (5A). This year's finalists were Alexa Horbasz (3A), Vlad Davain (3A), Magsar Elbegsaikhan (4A), Irmuun Bayarsaikhan (4B), Tuul Bayasgalan (5B), and Irmuun Ganbaatar (5B).



Spelling Bee top three finishers (l-r)
Connie Ganburged, Dalai Cavalcanti and
Tushig Bilguun.



Home of Future Leaders

Spirit Day Assembly Not Just Another Day at the Beach

Students were recognized for many achievements and contributions at our April awards ceremony, and some were also noted for demonstrating our monthly character trait of trustworthiness.



Many of the students at the assembly were supporting the Spirit Day theme by wearing their beach attire. Those with the best attire were among a special vote for students showing the most spirit. The winner – designated by a vote of applause from their peers – earned some extra points for their Spirit House.



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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