



Newsletter

2022-2023

Hand in hand for a better tomorrow!

Introduction

Focus Areas & Committees

Being the first post pandemic elected PTA meant a bigger responsibility and higher expectations from us to deliver. One of our main objectives was to boost morale and increase social interaction between our community members after two very stressful academic years. We conducted a survey at the onset of our tenure to better understand the community's needs and priorities.

To work more efficiently we decided to focus on few core areas to which we wanted to dedicate our time and resources during our two-year tenure. Our three main areas of focus are:

1. Emotional and Physical wellbeing
2. Arabic Language
3. Environment and Sustainability

Further to that, we formed joint committees from PTA members and volunteer parents to help with those initiatives.

Our Activities

Welcome Back to School - Sept 2022:

We collaborated with a local business that provides healthier versions of popular lunch box snacks that were available during the welcome back to school nights. The physical well-being and mental health of our school community is one of our top priorities as the PTA. We will always support and strive to shed light on all that positively impacts our health and day to day life.

Teacher's Day - Oct 2022:

On Teacher's Day we acknowledged the amazing efforts of our teachers with a treat of coffee and cookies!





Health Week:

Preschool & Elementary Health Week - Dec 2022

The PTA was happy to invite the children's Dental Health Awareness Team from the Ministry of Health "The Dino Dentist" to provide dental checkups. We also distributed fresh fruit cups to the students that week.

Middle & High School Health Week - Jan 2023

The PTA Invited speakers from different backgrounds in the health sector to speak to students on both physical and mental health topics. We also provided healthy soups for all students to enjoy during recess.

Arabic Language Competition - Jan 2023:

BBS PTA sponsored an Arabic language competition for Pre School and Elementary students titled "I Read and Express Myself". Students were encouraged to read an Arabic story of their choice and film a short video of themselves, verbally expressing what the story was about and what they learnt from it. All participants were acknowledged and awarded a medal and certificate for their participation.



BBS Grand Carnival Feb 2023:

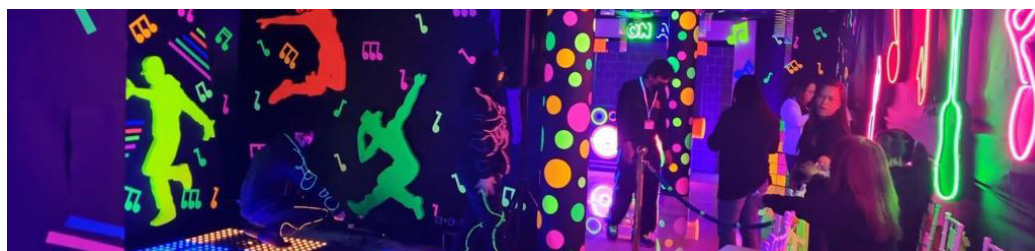


When planning for the carnival we aimed to put together an event that would stand out. Not only that, to make up for lost time and missed carnivals, we felt we owed our community, fun and lots of it!

We were lucky to have had the support of all our amazing sponsors, an incredible group of parents, teachers, and student volunteers without whom we would not have been able to pull off an event of such magnitude.

From the onset we were very much focused on selecting quality food vendors, activities and aesthetics to ensure the overall experience was a success. We made sure we had many "firsts" at a school carnival such as ice-skating rink, glow in the dark experience and a padel court.

We ensured that the stage entertainment program was diverse enough so that there was something for everyone to see and enjoy. We also ensured that our BBS students were included and that their talents were highlighted.



During the carnival we also held a charity raffle to support the victims of the earthquakes in Syria & Turkey. An amount of one thousand Kuwaiti Dinars was raised and donated to the Kuwait Red Crescent Society.





National Day:

We invited a local cultural singer and his band (Belal Al-Shami) to perform and sing national day songs for all our students and BBS community. We distributed National Day giveaways for our younger students in Pre School and Elementary.



Mother's Day:

To celebrate Mother's Day, all BBS students received roses to take home to their mothers' and all our BBS female staff received orchids.



Ramadan Activities:

To celebrate the beginning of Ramadan, we distributed nut free dates and chocolates to all our BBS staff. We also provided Ramadan food baskets to all BBS support staff.

To celebrate Gergaia in mid Ramadan, the PTA carefully selected customized non-food Gergaia giveaways, to all our younger students in Pre School and Elementary School. This was in collaboration with two local businesses run by Kuwaiti women. We also hosted a local band that included the character, Abu Tbailah, from our Kuwaiti folklore.

Anti Bullying Program - April 2023:

We introduced an Anti-Bullying Jujitsu Program during PE classes to all our students of grades 3, 4 and 5. This program aimed to ensure students were able to build the skills needed to recognize, report and respond to bullying.

PTA Town Hall Meeting – May 2023:

The PTA invited all community members to a meeting to present all the previous events, activities and get feedback to plan and enhance future initiatives.

Other Activities:

We were happy to support great initiatives of the BBS community such as Family Math Night by the Elementary School. The PTA was also the Platinum Sponsor of the BBS Art Exhibition.

PTA Funded School Projects

Indoor Vertical Garden:

We are very excited to announce that the PTA has fully funded an indoor vertical garden at BBS which will be located between Gate 5 and Gate 6. This will be integrated into the curriculum and serve as a living classroom, allowing our students to engage in hands-on learning experiences.

It is our hope that this initiative will inspire and instill a love for nature, foster environmental stewardship, and cultivate a greater understanding of the interconnections between plants, people, and our planet.

Drinking Fountains:

A bigger project that we are working towards is changing all the drinking fountains throughout the school campus.

We are currently in the process with the school management of shortlisting vendors who specialize in delivering high quality drinking fountain installations, ensuring that we select the best options that meet our school specific requirements.



Upcoming Announcements:

We will be providing and facilitating the purchase of back-to-school supply boxes for grades 1-5.

We will be sharing more details soon.