

PTA Achievements

(As of May, 2016)

The PTA executive board is composed of five elected parents and five assigned teachers. The PTA includes head of committees who have volunteered to work with us for the duration of the two-year term. We meet on a monthly basis throughout the school year.

The mission of the BBS PTA 2015/2017 is to promote partnership between parents, teachers and the school community at large in supporting the mission of Al-Bayan Bilingual School. Our goals are to complement the school curriculum with additional opportunities for parents, teachers and students to learn, socialize, communicate and grow.

We believe in promoting action, progress, and achievement among parents, teachers, and school administrators. This year we have looked for opportunities to allow parents to learn more about the school and become more involved with their children school life from a health and values point of view. We also focused on community building activities within the school. In addition, the PTA was committed to promoting art enrichment programs for our students.

COMMUNITY GATHERINGS

New Teachers Welcome Lunch

Our first major event after setting up the PTA and electing PTA seat members was the New Teachers Welcome Lunch that was hosted at Crumbs restaurant in Murooj . It was a wonderful event that the PTA provided to bring the new staff together to get to know each other over a delicious lunch. The 15 teachers who attended the event felt part of our BBS family and were presented with jar of sweets with pistachio nuts from CRUMBS who graciously hosted the whole event.



Teachers Appreciation Luncheon



On December 16, 2015, before the end of the fall semester, the PTA organized a Teachers Appreciation Luncheon, sponsored by The Sultan Center, to thank teachers for their marvelous effort during the past semester. Teachers enjoyed music and some fun games over a yummy tasty lunch that included the best of dishes from Sultan Center and some home cooking too.

Event Program:

PTA Teacher's Appreciation luncheon

Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015

Venue: P5 between the two gyms

2:30 ~ Welcome of Teachers and Parent Volunteers

3:00 ~ Complete Arrival of all Teachers (Live DJ Music)

3:10 ~ PTA President Speech - English

3:15 ~ PTA Treasurer Speech - Arabic

3:20 ~ Open Buffet

4:00 ~ Raffle Prizes





Teacher testimonial: "Talking with the other teachers, everyone was thoroughly impressed with the party (the food was fantastic) and it was very kind of the parents to acknowledge the dedication of the BBS teachers."

Old Kuwaiti Hot Pot



To encourage a healthy snack/lunch at Bayan, we decided to resurrect an old Kuwaiti government school tradition of healthy dishes. Both HS and MS enjoyed servings of lentil soup, sambosa, bajela, hareesa etc. all displayed in old Kuwaiti pots ("jedder") to further enhance the cultural feel.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES & PARENT ENGAGEMENT

Feb Old Kuwaiti KG Games



During February we had a few interesting events for the young students. We introduced old Kuwaiti games to reinforce the spirit of national day in a fun and exciting manner. Parents volunteered to run these games for after school club KG students.

The games were:

- طاق طاق طاقيه - Duck duck goose
- خروف مسلسل - Catch
- عماكور - Marco Polo
- الحيلة - Hopscotch



Parents Nursery/KG Reading with a Kuwaiti theme



This was an initiative to educate all Nursery & KG students about the history of Kuwait and get parents involved. PTA volunteer Miss Rana Halabi created a simple PowerPoint presentation that tells a story about two neighbors, Hamad and Lulu that set is set in old Kuwait. This was followed by short song with the kids to dance and have fun.



Movie Night for MS



During MS fun night on Thursday the 31st the PTA ran three award winning short movies for 70 students during the event to enhance tribes' values. We played

1. Papa about being a good father so he makes a robot to replace him only to discover that he was the best dad to his young daughter in the little things he could do with her. Keeping our children busy is something appealingly to parents but technological replacement has its unexpected side effects is an interesting idea that will likely be familiar to many, too.
2. Ave Maria, the 2016 Oscar nominated short movie directed by Basil Khalil is about nuns of the Sisters of Mercy Convent, in the middle of the West Bank wilderness, have their daily routine of silence and prayer disrupted when a family of settlers come knocking at their door for help after crashing into the convent's wall. It aims on the social transitions that limit communication and understanding, in the West Bank and elsewhere.
3. Growth: a short film about humanity and life and explores growing up through the eyes of those who have experience it first hand

Creative Healthy Recipes



We want to encourage healthy eating from an early age. As such, we are inviting all parents to send us some healthy recipes to use for our kids in their lunchboxes. A recipe book will be created as a result and posted on the BBS website for everyone to make use of.

FUND RAISING

Fund Raising Campaign



The PTA established a fund raising committee comprised of BBS parent volunteers. This committee met with the Principals and the Acting Director to establish a wish list of projects that the PTA could fund raise for. The committee is currently in the process of studying different fund raising methods.

PTA WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

Compassion & Empathy workshop



Our volunteer Dr. Joan Hands from the Kuwait Counselling center joined Dr. Perez from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology conducted a workshop for parents targeting anti bullying behavior through Compassion and Empathy theme. The workshop was useful because it gave parents strategies to tackle behavioral challenges that our kids face on daily basis at school. The workshop presentation was uploaded to the parent resources on the website to reach more parents.

KG to Grade 1 Transition Activity

As parents, we want the best for our kids, and we want them to be happy. Since early experiences in education have such a profound effect on how our children perceive learning itself throughout their lives, we felt it is important to make this time as positive as possible for both the students and their parents. The KG2 to Grade 1 transition was a joint effort between the PTA and the school which included orientation for parents and students, leading tours of the premises and welcoming activities for the KG2 students.

After School Drama Club for Students



An international affiliated Actors Centre offered our elementary kids in BBS a platform for basic speech, performance and communication skills through an introductory after school class. The young students used many tools to develop their artistic capabilities like acting, miming, and introductory Public speaking.

PTA COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dental Health Checkup



In cooperation with Ministry of health, the PTA arranged for the dental check up by the Department of School Health to check all ES and MS students.

Safety in progress



Addressing traffic congestion and dangerous and illegal parental parking too close to school entrances is one of the greatest challenges facing the BBS. In an effort to highlight the dangers that parents and guardians are creating outside schools, the PTA working closely with Hawali governor and Hawali governorate to solve the issue of road traffic accidents around Hawali campus.