

IT'S RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

SPREAD THE LOVE AROUND

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A special thank you to all of our parents who have been extremely supportive during the past six weeks with our online teaching.

We really do miss our students so all of us are really excited about returning to the classroom on Sunday, February 21st.

I am very pleased to inform you that approximately 85% of our teachers will be returning to BCCIS next year.

In addition I would like to introduce you to your new BCCIS East Campus Administration Team for the next school year.

Principal--Ms Lesley

Vice-Principal Secondary--Mr Mo

Vice-Principal Elementary--Ms Marji

ECE Director--Ms Margaret

Vice-Principal Arabic Program--Ms Nesreen

BCCIS Offshore Rep--Mr Bill

BCCIS Superintendent Of Schools--Mr Robert Long

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BIG ANNOUNCEMENT – WE'RE EXPANDING...

BCCIS west "6th of October" admissions are now open.

We are so proud to announce that we`re expanding. Our BCCIS family is getting bigger everyday. "

BCCIS west "6th of October" admissions are now open. For more information contact 01028981999

Email:admissions@bcciswest.ca



British Columbia students rank amongst the top in the world in the Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development's PISA assessments.

AT BCCIS
IT IS COOL
TO BE KIND!



BCCIS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE PINK SHIRT DAY THIS COMING MONTH

This month people around the world will observe Pink Shirt Day on February 24th. Ending bullying, preventing violence in schools, and promoting kindness is an ongoing goal at BCCIS.

In February and March we focus on how we can become more empathetic people and a kinder community, culminating on Pink Shirt Day as a way to show solidarity and unity for caring about others. Activities leading up to Pink Shirt Day will include Kindness activities in classrooms, fun dress up days to raise funds for charitable causes, and a theme of Love is Louder in all of our curricular areas. At BCCIS it is COOL TO BE KIND!



In a world where you can be anything,
be KIND.

BCCIS STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN A VIRTUAL WORLD MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS CONFERENCE

With the recent outbreak of COVID-19 across the world, for many of us, life looks very different. Looking after your students' physical wellbeing is not only important for their physical health itself, but also their mental health, because good physical wellbeing will benefit their academic performance. All of these if combined can have an impact on their mental health .

BCCIS was incredibly privileged to host a virtual international students webinar on Mental Health and well-being, on December 7th- 8th, 2020.

On December 7th, 160 students from 7 countries, these countries included the United Kingdom, Ireland, Taiwan, Jordan, Mongolia, India, and Egypt. The students met via zoom, which was organized and coordinated by Ms. Nesrine. The students presented their ways of dealing with mental health from:

- Medicine wheel
- Creating an open and safe space for Well being
- Yoga Session
- Music Therapy class
- Mental Health Presentations
- Well being song

On Tuesday the students partook in a virtual zoom yoga and meditation session, which was well received by all. A big thank you goes out to Ms. Nesrine for her tireless efforts to bring the world and life skills to the students of BCCIS!





A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER! WINTER MARKET.



Nothing ever seems too bad, too hard, or too sad when you've got a Christmas tree.



A DECEMBER TO REMEMBER! GRADE 4M ENJOYING THE GIFTS THEY EACH RECEIVED FROM THEIR SECRET SANTA.

The best Christmas gift is to realize how much you already have.

UPCOMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gauss Math Contents

This is an opportunity for all strong Grade 7 and 8 math students to challenge themselves and to develop their mathematical problem solving abilities. You will also challenge yourself against other students in your same grade level that compete throughout the world. You must have achieved a 3 or 4 in grade 7 and 80% in math 8 to be able to participate or recommended by your teachers. If you wish to participate in the Gauss Math Contest please email Mr. Blair b.haddrell@bccis.ca

COURSE SELECTIONS FOR 2021-2022

The course selection process for the 2021-2022 school year will begin the week of February 28. Ms. Lisa will be meeting with Grades 9-11 classes to discuss courses that are available next year, answer any questions students may have, as well as give a presentation on the requirements for the Dogwood Diploma. The Course Selection Guide, presentation, and course selection sheets will be emailed to all of the students, so ask your child to share them with you. The course selection sheets should be emailed to courseselections@bccis.ca by April 11, 2021. It's an exciting time, but also one of great importance as students must have an educational goal in mind when selecting their courses. Please sit down with your child and discuss their interests and the different opportunities available to them. Your child should be urged to continue the research they started in their Career-Life Education class at BCCIS as different university programs vary in their required prerequisite courses. If you have any questions during this process, please contact Ms. Lisa as she would be more than happy to assist in fulfilling your child's future aspirations.

School Uniform Policy
BCCIS requires all students to wear the approved school uniform. It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that student complies with the following:

- pants, shirts, shorts, skirts, and jumpers will be red white, beige or black and must be the official uniform as described and shown in the BCCIS Uniform Flyer.

- Logos on track pants/hoodies etc are not acceptable school uniform.

- Track pants must be black or navy blue. Grey is not acceptable.

- Student's not in proper uniform will sit in Ms. Nada's room until one can be supplied.

- Students who break this rule repeatedly will be sent home.



Tough times never last, tough people do.

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Cairo DigiGirlz Day 2021 - Microsoft Advanced Technology Lab in Cairo is hosting DigiGirlz Day once again in Egypt!

March 08, 2021

Don't miss the chance to apply for this engaging, fun and informative day. Eligibility is for girls in High and Secondary School, or grades 9-12. The youth who grasp today's tech will change tomorrow's world. Right now, women lack a clear pathway to technological experience and resources.

At Microsoft DigiGirlz, we're helping girls across the globe—and especially those in under-represented communities—learn the skills they need to realize their passions in a tech-filled future.

For more information go to:

www.microsoft.com/digigirlz

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Deadline for applying is February 12th.

Odyssey of the Mind:

Last year due to covid we were unable to complete our journey of participating.

This year Odyssey of the Mind has gone Virtual, so Mr. Blair and the OM team will be looking into the viability of competing.

If you would like more information on what Odyssey of the Mind is go to the website: <https://www.odysseyofthemind.com>

or if you would be interested in being apart of a team contact

Mr. Blair b.haddrell@bccis.ca

or Mr. Mo at m.basso@bccis.ca



This year, certain Grade 6 students participated in the Beaver Computing Challenge hosted by the CEMC at the University of Waterloo.

It is a problem solving contest with a focus on computational and logical thinking.

It is designed to get students excited about computing! This year, 4727 Grade 5/6 students participated in the challenge.

Everyone who participated showed enthusiasm to try something new and commitment to put in their best effort.

Malek Khalil and Abdelrahman Saad received certificates of distinction for their perfect scores in the challenge.

What an amazing accomplishment for everyone involved!



UPCOMING EVENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Week Author Visit

We will be hosting a virtual author visit on March 4 with Egyptian-American author Dina Elabd. Dina Elabd is an Egyptian-American children's and YA author and critic based in Cairo.

She holds a BA in Mechanical Engineering from the American University in Cairo and a MPhil in Critical Approaches to Children's Literature under the Faculty of Education at The University of Cambridge, UK. Dina has published four books in both English and Arabic.

Additionally, she is a board member in The Egyptian Board of Books for Young People. Dina enjoys reading to children and visiting schools and nurseries to speak about her work and the importance and reading and writing.

We are very lucky to have her joining our lessons to inspire our young readers
STAY TUNED!!



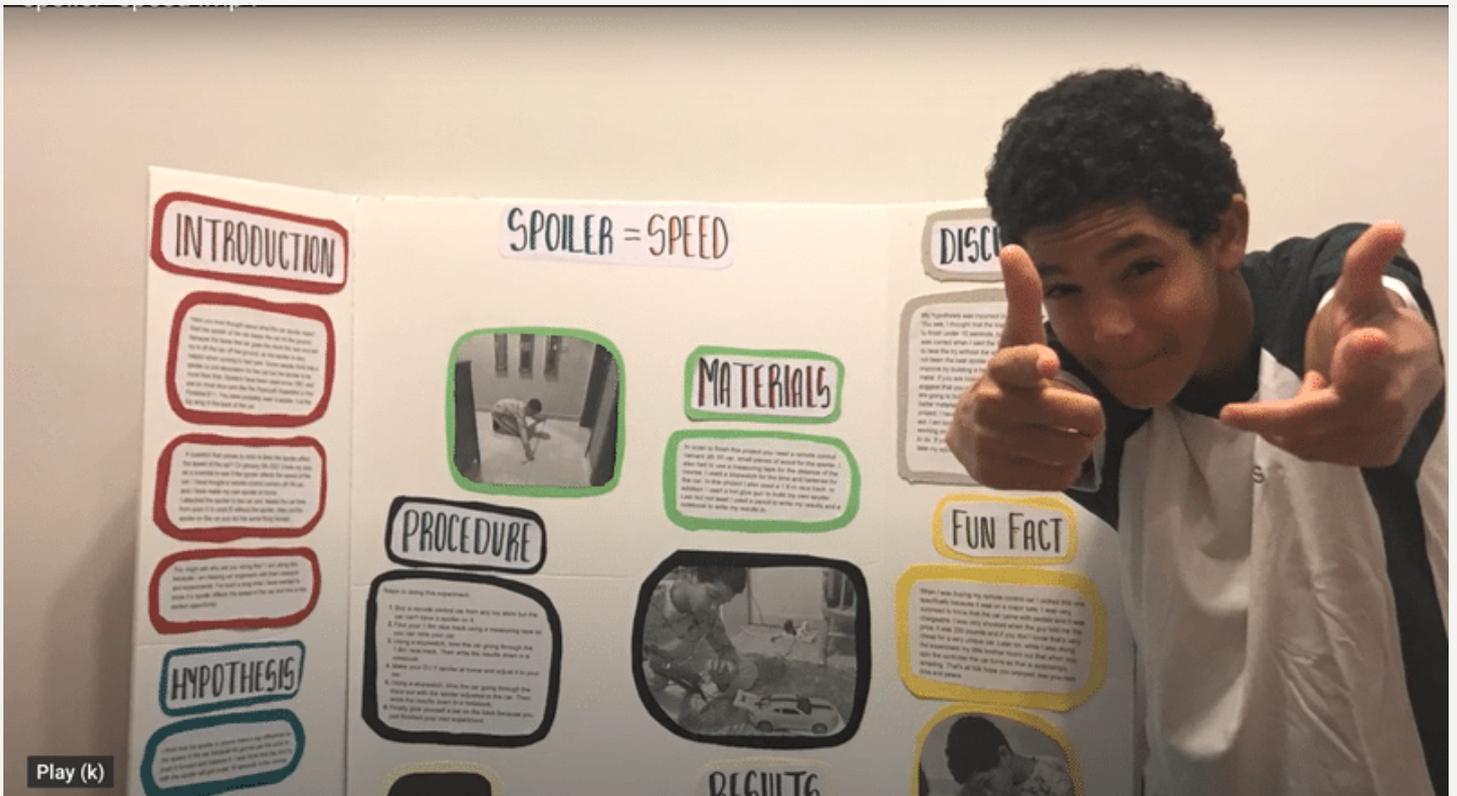
BOOKFAIR week Feb 28 to March 4th

Al Diwan bookstore will be in Cafeteria



A book is a gift you can open again and again

STUDENTS SUCCESS AT BCCIS:



Regardless of whether BCCIS students are at school or online they strive under the adversity of these new challenges.

Many teachers have been innovative with their lessons and what they offer their students.

Ms. Deirdre's Science 8 class was actively involved with a program called Zooniverse Science.

Where they worked with a Scribbler Science project with Diamond Light Source and the Rosalind Franklin Institute.

The students did research with scientists based at the Universities of Manchester and Southampton.

Her grade 8 girls class average was 90%.

There are many examples of excellence at BCCIS .

Our students (Abdelrahman Saad and Malek Khalil) displayed exceptional knowledge and talent. 4727 grade 5 and 6 students mostly from Canada, participated in this challenge, the overall average was 44.51, our average score was 50.3. We are so proud!

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new."

STUDENTS SUCCESS AT BCCIS:

Ms. April's English Studies 12 student work on the impact of Covid on their lives.

School in the Time of Corona

Written by Abdelrahman El Shafie - Staff Reporter

Every aspect of life has been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, especially education. From online learning to part-time school sessions, it's not the easiest time to be a student. In Cairo, Egypt, students have been going through many changes in the educational system with schools trying to adjust back and forth with the current status of cases. With Coronavirus cases still on the rise, most students are in quarantine and attending school from home.

Noha El Shafie, a 10th grade student from the British Columbia Canadian International School in Cairo shares some insights into what being a student has been like in these tough times. There are undoubtedly many adjustments required when transitioning between physically going to school and e-learning. She said, "It's definitely the social interaction that I miss most. It's so much easier to build relationships with your peers and teachers face to face rather than on screen."

Although Noha's generation is considered, "Generation Z," also known as the generation of technology, it's important to note that a direct and person to person communication can never fully be replaced.

However, there are some students that argue that e-learning should become a part of the school curriculum even after Covid ends. Reasons differ from person to person, some would just rather attend from the comfort of their own home, or even bed. When asked, Noha said, "I think when everything goes back to normal, I personally would prefer to go back to school normally as well because I feel like I gain more that way than in an online school environment."

Some students prefer e-learning because it allowed them to have more time to explore other activities and hobbies that they wouldn't necessarily have had the opportunity or time to do while in school. For Noha, she was indeed able to balance her day and hobbies better, with more time to spend with her family, work on her art skills, and take up a pottery course as well as baking desserts.

Although it's not easy being a student at a time like this, one may argue that this "extra time" is a privilege for students, especially those who want to explore or further pursue their hobbies and interests. It could also help with their time management since they currently have more freedom in that area. When asked if the school should apply any changes when things go back to normal, Noha said, "A good change would be for schools to find a way for students that are unable to attend school physically to have the option to join online so it's easier to stay up to date."

Although not all students may identify with Noha's struggles and opinions, it's also important to note that every student processes things differently. Especially something new like dealing with school in the middle of a pandemic. This is not the time to smother students with work and increase their stress, but rather be patient, acknowledge their struggles and allow time for them to adjust.

STUDENTS SUCCESS AT BCCIS:

Covid -19 from a different perspective.

A different perspective...

Written by Raghad Hady - Staff Reporter

Doubtless, the advent of the Covid virus in March has pushed Egypt into a state of chaos. You can already hear the pessimist asking, "could it have gotten any worse in this country?"

According to Mariam Ghorab, the truth of the matter is that Egypt indeed has to readjust to the onslaught of the pandemic. Public health measures had to be developed and instituted.

People are sick and dying. Regardless of what conspiracy theories have to say about the origins of the disease, this is the present reality that all Egyptians have to deal with. Like most of the world, they too, are waiting for the vaccine, which is unlikely to do more damage than that already inflicted by our phones and TV screens.

Is it all bad, though? Mariam has learned to see the silver-lining of Covid. The economic situation of many does not permit them the luxury of working from home. However, Egyptian history has cultivated a powerful sense of solidarity that provides aid wherever possible. People have access to medicine and different forms of financial support.

Those who are staying at home have learnt to appreciate the finer details of life: family, time, good health. The latter seems the only lasting protection against covid. Strong lungs and muscles can withstand the injuries of the disease.

While Egyptians have had to isolate themselves from their compatriots, they have also created smaller social quarantine circles. It is through these smaller clusters that they have been able to rediscover and access values and traditions long-since forgotten by a stronger epidemic: the West.

For the first time probably in forever, Egyptian youth are spending time with their parents and grandparents.

"I used to think my parents and grandparents had nothing useful to say," says Mariam. "Now I can easily sit and talk to them for hours."

It is for the sake of the older generation that the younger must take precautions. The young are sturdy and their systems can take a pounding. Those reckless kids who aren't following precautionary measures have not thought twice about anyone but themselves. The expensive schools they attend have succeeded in teaching them all things useless and obsolete, but have failed to teach them a thing or two about respecting their elders.

STUDENTS SUCCESS AT BCCIS:

Art Students do well at Hayah 7th Annual Art Show:

Emy (Estreed) Meawad - Art Studio 11

1st Place in the "Collage" Category, Hayah Annual Art Competition

"The Year 2020"

During Semester 1, a handful of BCCIS Art Studio 11 and 12 students participated in an art competition between international schools hosted by Hayah Academy. Hayah's 7th Annual Art Competition was themed "The Year 2020." More than 400 students from 18 schools around Egypt and abroad participated in the competition. The categories included Drawing/Painting, Collage and 3D, Photography and Digital Arts. Artists were anonymously judged on the basis of creativity, expression and technical competence with clear description of the specifications.

A very big congratulations to Emy Meawad in Art Studio 11 who was awarded 1st place in the category of "Collage and 3D." Due to Covid-19 concerns, this year's exhibition and award ceremony were virtual. A recorded awards ceremony was posted on Hayah's YouTube Channel:

"Hayah's 7th Annual Art Competition Among Schools 2020-2021"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2E5on7700gl>

In addition, below is the link to the virtual art gallery displaying all contestants' artworks:

<http://www.kunstmatrix.com/en/hayahs-art-competition>

For easier viewing, choose the "guided tour." The link will be up until February 19, 2021.

Again, a big congratulations to Emy and all participating BCCIS art students! Well done!!! We are proud of you!



DEAN'S LIST

Semester 1 - 2020:

BCCIS staff commends the following students for achieving straight A's for Semester 1, in their BC Curriculum courses. Many students had straight A's for the term and we would like to thank them for their excellent effort and hope that they can make the semester 2 Dean's List.

Grade 8:

Ali Ali
Malika El Gamel
Mariam Elkafoury
Renad Emara
Laila Hashem
Elham Istanbouli
Laila Khalil
Farida Mohamed
Yasmin Mohamed
Zeina Mokhtar Fakhr
Kamar Oulabi
Carla Soliman
Leila Yosry

Grade 9:

Habiba Abdlemohsen
Omar Abdelmotelb
Mohamed Aly
Ali Badr Eldeen
Amir Badr Eldeen
Al Hussain Hegazy
Ali Ibrahim
Nour Nawito
Fares Ragheb
Walid Shamssi
Omar Tawfik
Nour Zewar

Grade 10:

Sophie Abdrabou
Mariam Abousaeed
Zeina Ahmed Jano Ayad
Judy Azab
Haya Sherif Dardiry
Hana Elemam
Lina Elkalla
Noha Elshafie
Haneen Gabr
Heidi Gadalla
Nour Kamel
Jessy Naguib
Elissa Nasr
Nour Osman Taha
Salma Rakha
Shahira Shakal
Jana Tawfik
Alia Zein

Grade 11:

Youssef Anwar
Mohamed Elgallad
Omar Elsabbagh
Youssef Eltaher
Hamza Hamda
Omar Ibrahim
Jenna Karama
Kenzy Mahmoud
Emy Meawad
Gana Mohamed
Sharif Mousallti
Khadija Tawfeek
Zeinab Tawfik
Hadel Teirelbar

DEAN'S LIST

Semester 1 - 2020:

Grade 12:

Yehia Soliman
Youssef Aboushady
Laila Alafeef
Lamia Alashrouby
Habiba Eldeeb
Jana Elenany
Moustafa Eleraky
Alia Elmistikawi
Mohamed Eloufy
Fareda Elrakaybi
Mazen Elsakhawy
Sara Elsawy
Hashem Elsayed
Nourallah Elsenary
Maya El Sherbeni
Ali Eltaher

Jana Elyamany
Koutelko
Ioub Farag
Mostafa Fawzi
Daniel Ibrahim
Hanin Mahmoud
Farah Mohamed Aboelmagd
Raghad Rabea
Miray Ragheb
Leila Rashidian
Omar Riad
Hosny Rizkallah
Nezar Sanad
Elmya Sayed
Karma Yosry

THANK YOU