

# THE KOZAK'S KORNER



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KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



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## A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents:

Two years ago this August, I arrived back in Kyiv after 10 years away. We arrived late afternoon, so after getting my family situated in the apartment, I went for a short walk down to the supermarket. Outside on a warm summer afternoon, I remember taking a deep breath and just feeling the air deep in my lungs. It felt like home.

Yesterday morning, I arrived at school at my usual time, and walked through the lobby with my children, all of us hand in hand. I was greeted by the smiling faces of our PTO, setting up the teacher appreciation celebration. They told me I couldn't look yet. I didn't, but whatever was going on in that corner of the lobby, Matvei sure couldn't keep his eyes off it.

The surprise was worth it: a beautiful cake, colors of the school and designed with Ukrainian themes (a traditional towel and poppies all over), with a touching, kind thank you note on it from the parents of the school.

I feared that coming back to Kyiv would be difficult, as "you can't go home again." I feared that the return would spoil a place that I truly love and cherish. What happened instead is that I was able to keep the Kyiv that I love, and add to those memories. I've gained friends and experiences, and I've only come to appreciate this place even more.

This is the last of these notes I will write for you, and it's hard to sum up everything. I'm excited about my future and about what comes next, but standing next to that cake, surrounded by a group of people who have made this stay so pleasant, I felt such a sadness that I'm already saying good-bye.

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## Calendar of Events

### June 2017

17 — Last Day for Teachers

19-30 — Summer School

### Summer Office Hours:

9:00 am — 4:00 pm

Monday—Friday

### August 2017

KIS Administration arrives in early August

30 — New Family Orientation  
from 1:00—3:00pm

31 — First Day of School



Those of you who are reading this, you have made this time fantastic for me, and I thank you. I thank every child who walked by me in the halls and yelled hello to me, waved, showed me pictures of dinosaurs. I thank my the teachers for my two children during these two years: you taught them to read, you taught them to love being in school, you taught them to love writing and reading, the planets and biology and, somewhat miraculously given my background, you taught my daughter to love mathematics.

Thank you to the teachers who never taught my children, but who welcomed me in as I wandered the halls, who stopped me to talk about what is happening in their classrooms, or who just stopped me to say hello and to talk. And thank you to the parents who saw my office door open and dropped in, to check in, to talk to me about concerns, to talk to me about things they like going on in the school.

I will miss you, all of you, and I will come back to visit. Thank you for making my time here pleasant, and for all that you have done to make this school into a place that I'm proud to have been a part of, that I'm thrilled that my children have studied at.

Have a good summer. Hope to see you soon.

Eben Plese,  
KIS Director

## Teacher Appreciation Day

Yesterday was Teacher Appreciation Day. Thanks to the KIS PTO for putting together a nice morning for all the teaching staff that included free gourmet coffee, cake and chocolate-stuffed gift bags.



# Pre-School/Elementary Korner

## Preschool Sports Day



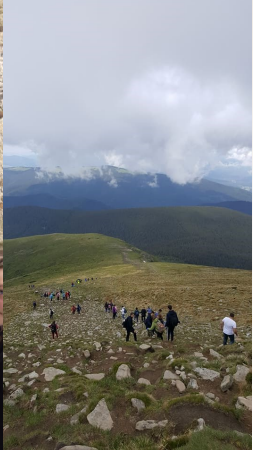
# Middle School Korner

## MS Sports Day



## MS Week Without Walls





# Secondary School Korner

## Secondary Week Without Walls





## KIS Gradation—Class of 2017





## PTO Korner

### Letter from the PTO President

As the 2017 school year draws to a close, I want to thank all the extraordinary parents and teachers who have helped contribute to the success of the PTO this year.

This has been a great year for the PTO! In Looking back on my four years with the PTO, it is amazing to see how much we have grown and evolved into a strong and vibrant organization.

I would like to welcome again our new Board:

President - [Andrea Hak-Kovacs](#)

V. President - [Iuliana Dima](#)

Secretary - [Anastasia Karaer](#)

Treasurer - [Halida Erlich](#)

Events Coordinator - [David K Conover](#)

Elementary School Liaison - [Nga Xuxu](#)

Middle School Liaison - [Viktoriya Rosinska](#)

High School Liaison - [Rachel Geary](#)

Board Advisor - [Cindy Carole Galvin](#)

This board promises to bring fresh dynamic ideas and leadership to the PTO at KIS for the coming school year with a new level of collaboration between parents and teachers for new ideas, events and activities.

Wishing the New PTO Board good luck for the 2017-2018 school year!

Ann Ferm

KIS PTO President 2016-2017



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**We are looking for a native speaker English tutor.** Please contact Adassa 050 512 7909

**Experienced tutor for elementary and middle school students Available.** Familiar with the QSI Curriculum. . Please call 063 563 8090.

**Experienced Tutor for: Middle and High school Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry.** Also can help with English and Spanish. Familiar with the QSI Curriculum. Please call: 095-216-2874 (Mr. Ivan Salazar)

**Teacher of Russian and Ukrainian to foreigners.** Education: Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University, Veliko Tarnovo University (Bulgaria) Faculty of Slavonic Philology. Experience: a teacher of Russian for foreigners in NAU (National Aviation University, 10 years). At a moment I teach Russian and Ukrainian languages to embassy staff in Kiev. Knowledge of foreign languages: English, Bulgarian. Contact: [ngordieieva@gmail.com](mailto:ngordieieva@gmail.com)

**Music Lessons.** Can provide acoustic, electric or base guitar lessons, drum lessons, piano lessons, solfeggio, theory of music and music literature lessons. Speaks fluently in Russian and English. Please call David at 093-299-0424

**Piano Lessons - for children and adults.** 30 year Experience from 5 year olds and older. Contact: [050 6145017](tel:0506145017), e-mail: [vshtepa@online.ua](mailto:vshtepa@online.ua)

**Piano Lessons for children & adults.** For beginners & advanced. Classical Piano Education & also Making up, Improvising and Invent Music... Classical music, Popular songs, Rock & Jazz... Also Guitar lessons. Recording on computer. Roman 050 968 71 58

**Super Guitar teacher: Due to our relocation,** our guitar teacher has an opening for new students. Eugene is a very experienced musician who plays in a band and gives private lessons to both adults and kids. He speaks Russian and English. Please, contact Eugene on (093)4543099.

**Female Taxi Driver.** Fluent English. Nice, clean, smoke-free, spacious Hyundai Tucson car. Ride to Boryspil airport - 17 USD. Within Kyiv - regular low rates. Can make errands to the grocery and hardware stores, post office, vet clinic, beauty parlor, restaurant. Can pick up children from school or extra curricular activities. Courier services. Can act as tourist guide. No extra charge for advance booking. Safe driving. Call Lada at [050 218-33-01](tel:0502183301). Skype code: ladatop077

**Driver: I am looking for a job as a family driver.** Age: 31 years old. Very responsible and always willing to help with errands, around the city. Accident-free driving, category B, business etiquette, mobility. Ukrainian and Russian speaker. Please, contact Ruslan on [+38 \(063\) 963-70-41](tel:+380639637041).

**Driver Available with his own car** (Volvo XC 70). Please call Daniel 063 766 9666.

**Driver Available.** Age: 49 years old. All Categories. 30 years experience of accident-free driving. Master car driving trainer. Worked for a KIS family as a family driver for the past 3 years. Looking for a job due to family moving away this summer. Responsible, patient, no bad habits, resume and recommendation letter upon request. Vasily Mykolayovych 097-388-5707

**Driver Available.** 32 years of experience. Worked as a family driver for the past 4 years. Disciplined, punctual, responsible. All categories. Have my own car voltwagon Transporter. Without bad habits. Vladimir 067-234-8755 or [vladpiul@ukr.net](mailto:vladpiul@ukr.net)

**A housekeeper is seeking for a job!** Hello! My name is Tatyana. I offer: - perfect cooking skills: international cuisine, delicate baking. - cleaning a house. About me: age 55, sociable, active. I have an work experience for international families, organizing dinners for various occasions and kids' B-day parties. I can read in English with vocabulary. Contacts: 066-324-10-31

**Nanny, cleaning lady, housekeeper/cook** is looking for a full/part time job. My name is Olga and I am a hardworking, trustworthy, good-natured and very friendly person. I am 53 years old and I've got 5 years of experiences working with children (in the kindergarten and babysitting) and brought up

two wonderful children of my own, who I am so proud of now! Speak basic English, Russian, Ukrainian. References upon request. For more info in English please contact Yulia 0689346455

**Nanny Available.** 38 years old. Fluent in Russian and Ukrainian. Basic English. Loves children very much. Please call 097-308-6967

**Nanny/Babysitter/Substitute Nanny, Tutor.** Cook/Housekeeper/Cleaning lady /Substitute if needed. I have almost 10 years of experience working for expat's families. I am a responsible, reliable, kind and positive person. Can also take care of your pets and plants. I speak Ukrainian, Russian and fluent English. University degree. Full or part time job is considered. References upon request. Please contact me by e-mail: [ovi55@ukr.net](mailto:ovi55@ukr.net) or phone : 093 862 66 32. Olga

**Nanny, Housekeeper, Cook Available in July.** Do you want a nanny, cook, housekeeper, and dogsitter - all in one wonderful woman? Look no further than Tanya Litvinenko. She has taken great care of our family of four + dog for the past three years in Ukraine. I could not recommend her more highly. She helps the kids with homework, cooks a healthy meal every week night, cleans up our home, runs errands, pays bills, and goes shopping for us as needed. She has had a background check by the US Embassy. She speaks Russian and Ukrainian, and knows some basic English (providing the added benefit of our kids learning to speak another language). She is incredibly dependable, flexible, trustworthy, and affordable. Contact her. You will not be disappointed. She is available full-time starting in mid-July and is open to part-time work. Tanya's mobile: [+380-96-502-4710](tel:+380965024710). My email if you have any questions: [beverlyhoover427@yahoo.com](mailto:beverlyhoover427@yahoo.com).

**Housekeeper.** Oksana. Tel. 0992229753

**Houses for rent in Pechersk area - Yagotyn's'ka str,** 220 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, not furnished, 3200\$ // **Verhnegors'ka str,** 560 sq.m., 4-5 bedrooms, swimming pool, terrace, 4500\$ // **Mendeleeva str,** 250 sq.m., 4-5 bedrooms, partially furnished, 3500\$ // **Raevskogo str,** 180 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, terrace, 1500\$ // **Ol'shans'ka str,** 360 sq.m., 3-4 bedrooms, partially furnished, 1600\$. Please contact Olga 067 7716191 for viewings.

**Apartments for rent: 13 Staronavodnitskaya street,** 242 m2, furnished apartment, 4 bedrooms 2,600\$ // **Kruglouniversitetskaya 3-5,** 7th floor, S - 192 кв.м. 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. 3,000\$. // **Gonchara str and Yaroslaviv Val (Golden Gates)** 3-4 bedrooms, 3,000\$. // **Circus area - Pavlovska and Turhenivska str,** 200 sq.m., 3-4 bedrooms, 2200\$. Please contact Olga 067 7716191 for viewings.

**Houses for RENT, No commission from Tenant!** Petropavliv's'ka Borschagivka, 15 min driving to KIS, 360 sq.m., 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, furnished and fully equipped, wardrobes, 2500 usd + monthly charges. // Petropavliv's'ka Borschagivka, 10 min driving to KIS, 480 sq.m., 3 bedrooms, study, big play area, furnished and fully equipped, wardrobes, near lake. 2900 usd // House in quiet neighbourhood, near forest, 450 sq.m., land 1300 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, partially furnished, 1500 usd per month. // Petropavliv's'ka Borschagivka, 15 min driving to KIS, 450 sq.m., 5 bedrooms, big play area, not furnished and fully equipped, wardrobes. 2800 usd No commission from Tenant. Please call 050 4469357 for viewings.

**Four bedroom apartment on 4 Ivana Franka.** English architect designed 230 m2 modern unfurnished apartment located in the very core of the city. The property comprises four bedrooms, large reception/dining, two balconies and terrace. Three bathrooms (master bedroom en-suite). Fully equipped kitchen. Extensive storage space. Clean secure entrance. The building has fenced-in front and rear yards. Tenants (employees of Embassies and multinationals) enjoy shared use of a back garden with outdoor heated swimming pool. Please email: [ladah@joneeast8.com.ua](mailto:ladah@joneeast8.com.ua) <applewebdata://519DE508-8656-4242-912A-AA5AF6B5E209/ladah@joneeast8.com.ua> <mailto:[ladah@joneeast8.com.ua](mailto:ladah@joneeast8.com.ua)>, [+38 050 441 91 80](tel:+380504419180) for pictures: [http://fn.ua/view.php?ad\\_id=9755767](http://fn.ua/view.php?ad_id=9755767)

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