

THE KOZAK'S KORNER

Calendar of Events

December

- 13—Coffee Morning w/MS DI, Mr. Galicia @8:45 am in the Cafeteria
- 13—HS/MS Music Concert @ 6:00 pm in the New Gym
- 13—2nd Quintile Ends. Narratives & Status Reports Issued
- 14—7 y.o. Concert: December Round the World @ 9 am in the MPR
- 14—6P/6K Concert: December Lights @ 2:30 pm in the MPR
- 14—8,9,10 y.o. Concert: An Old-and-New-Fashioned New Year @ 6 pm-New Gym
- 15—MS Holiday Hangout 6:00-8:00 pm
- 16—End of Term 1
- 19-Jan. 6—Winter Break (No School)

January 2017

- 9—Term 2 Begins
- 11—PTO Board Meeting
- 21—SAT
- 25—PTO General Meeting
- 28—Teacher Professional Development Day



December 9, 2016



Incoming KIS Director for 2017-2018



It is with great enthusiasm that my family and I are moving to Kyiv to be a part of the school and community, and I am humbled by the opportunity to serve as the director of Kyiv International School. My wife, Megan, and I are both from Alberta, Canada, so we are not strangers to the cold and snow. I have been with QSI for 10 years and am currently the Director of QSI Dongguan, in China. Before our time in China, we were both teachers in Canada. I have spent my entire career in education and truly love what the QSI program has to offer. I have taught lower and upper elementary, middle school, and secondary, enjoying the wide range of experience with different ages. I have also enjoyed coaching a variety of sports throughout my career, including volleyball, basketball, and badminton.

In my time with QSI, I have been a Resource and Academic Coordinator, MAP coordinator and trainer, SAT/AP coordinator, and Director of Instruction. I completed my masters in Educational Leadership, and am currently pursuing my Educational Doctorate in International Education. As an educator, I am very passionate about school improvement, community involvement, and above all, the success of students and teachers.

My wife, Megan, is an experienced and passionate educator as well who is currently working on her law degree to pursue human rights law. She is very outgoing and lights up any room, but of course, I am biased. We have a 2 year-old son, Jackson, who was born in Hong Kong and knows more Chinese than we do. He is a healthy balance of bossy and fun. We have absolutely loved our time in China, but we enjoy traveling, culture, food, people, and new experiences, so are very much looking forward to our new adventures in Ukraine.

I know that KIS has a long history of quality education and educational leaders, such as Mr. Plese. He and I will be working together over the next months to ensure a smooth transition, and I will be visiting the school in early March. I am looking forward to meeting the school community in Kyiv and serving as the Director of your school.

Luke Woodruff



Office Hours During Winter Break

KIS office hours During Winter break are
Monday—Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

The office will be **CLOSED** on the following days:
December 30th, January 2nd, and January 6th.
 All other days it will be open.

Kyiv International School

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Special Thanks to the Nykornorov Family

Spreading Holiday Care for Orphans and The Needy



The Nykornorov family and their daughter Jenny continue to make a difference in the lives of many children. Words can not describe their compassion and generosity this Christmas season. Brand new bags of Barbie Dolls, cars and trucks, Lego's, children clothes, bath supplies and other items were donated. Once again, Mr. Burke is overwhelmed by their support, kindness, and goodwill! Thank you so much for being the reason so many kids will be smiling and excited this holiday season.



Pre-School / Elementary School Korner

Preschool needs your help!

Christmas is definitely one of the most celebrated holidays all over the world. We all love receiving and giving presents to our family members and those we dearly love. Sharing joy and giving to those less fortunate is what defines this most wonderful time of year for many people. This month, we are talking about thankfulness in our classrooms, and we would like to give each of YOU an opportunity to show kindness to those who are less fortunate! We are collecting **toys/clothes/donations** to organize a Christmas party for children from very poor families in one of the villages in Poltava region. We will take a trip to this village during the winter break, and bring Christmas to kids there! We want to show these children they are loved and show them we care! We are expecting to have about 300 children attend this event at two different villages! Some of these children NEVER had a real Christmas because of difficult family situation, so we want to bring Christmas spirit there!

How can YOU help?

Clothes: anything you want to give away will definitely be appreciated and wanted by these kids and their families. Any age, any size – anything will make a difference! Both kids' sizes and grown-up clothing is welcome, and we will be happy to distribute it to those families

Christmas decorations/lights: let's make their world shine!:)

Toys and games: old or new, - what might look old to you will be LOVED and TREASURED by children who don't have any toys. English games are also great, and will encourage kids to learn English! They LOVE English lessons!

Money: we are planning to buy presents, sweets and food for these children, so ANY amount will be appreciated! There will be a box on reception saying "CHRISTMAS KINDNESS" – feel free to drop ANY amount! Every grivna counts!

We are also planning to set up a **Christmas Bake Sale** and proceeds will go toward this Christmas for those children! More details coming later!



There will be a **box by reception** starting next week, labeled **CHRISTMAS KINDNESS DONATIONS** where you can leave anything you want to donate! Clothes/games/toys can be brought to Ms. Zoya's class (225)

Thank you in advance for your input! We are very excited to show kindness to those who are less fortunate and be a small part of other children's happiness! □ For any additional information, please email Zoya Khimich at zoya-khimich@ukr.qsi.org. Happy Holidays! :)

MS Speech & Debate CEEŞA Update

Baku, Azerbaijan



Last week, MS Speech and Debate attended their tournament in Baku, Azerbaijan. The kids had a great time and showed tremendous growth in their events! Omkar and Nikol participated in the Impromptu category and Srishthi performed an excerpt from Me Talk Pretty One Day for the Oral Interpretation of Literature event. There were two Kozak teams in Duet Acting. Amin and Sasha performed a script titled "Snap!" Nastya and Ada made it to top five with their performance of "Crystal". Ms. Palik and Ms. Caires are very proud of their behavior and efforts, All of them represented the Kozacs well. Good job Nikol, Omkar, Ada, Nastya, Amin, Sasha and Srishthi. Go Kozaks!



Middle School Korner



MS STUCO PRESENTS

Holiday Hangout!

When: December 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00

Where: Cafeteria

Cost: 50 UAH



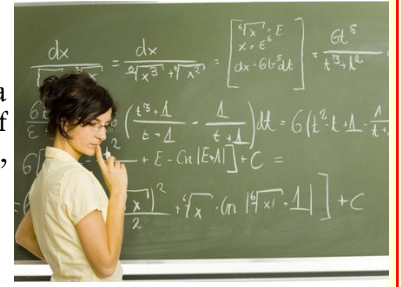
**Collect your
permission slip and
buy your tickets at
Ms. Katie's office
before December
14th**

Secondary School Korner

ASMA Content 3

Ms. Chemerys sends congratulations out to Secondary's math clubbers: Dasha Safarian, Jeehyun Kwak, and Jae Choi, who are the highest-scoring students of American Scholastic Mathematics Association Content 3, which was on Thursday, December 8.

Next content will be on January, 12. See you there!



IB Korner



Students in IB History have been looking at relationships between the United States and Latin America during the 19th century Revolutions. They were asked to create a reenactment of the reasons behind the implementation of the Monroe Doctrine. As you can see, they showed their creativity and really had a blast reinterpreting the past!

Sports Korner

Basketball Schedule

Dear Parents,

Here is the link to this year's MS/HS Basketball Schedule. The format this year will be a google document that we hope is easier to read, and find. Please note that this is a working document and changes will occur throughout the season. If you print a copy those changes will not be noticed come game time so please refer to the online document only.

https://docs.google.com/a/ukr.qsi.org/document/d/10NNZuyR5w9qmhk-iEhs1E2sOpxyowm0_WmoZOiSmKqM/edit?usp=sharing

You will see location maps at the end of the document in case you would like to show your support for our teams on the road.

Thank you for your support.

Marty Curry, Athletic Director

Dinternal Books Christmas Book Fair—Dec. 5-7



MS and HS Music Concert December 13th

Dear Parents,

It is winter concert time! Your children have been working diligently to prepare for our performance. The beginning wind ensembles will present "Winter Fun," a wide range of musical performances that will satisfy everyone's tastes. So please mark your calendars because you and your family and friends are all invited to this spectacular event.



Who: Middle and High School Ensembles

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: The New Gym - KIS



All music enrolled students must stay after school on Tuesday, December 13th to get their instrument(s) ready and have a final dress rehearsal. The music department and KIS staff will provide all the support necessary to ensure all students work together as a group/team, are present, all instruments are ready, students are warmed up both individually and in sections, dressed properly and eat a small dinner. (Food options are below)

Mandatory Rehearsals

- Friday, Dec. 9th- **Level 13 Students**- After-school
- Monday, Dec. 12th- **Level 12 Students**- After-school
- **Level 11 Students** will rehearsal during school hours. *Last Bus will be available for bus riders*

What to Wear (Concert Attire)

All students must wear dark pants/dresses, a nice button-up or collared shirt and nice dark dress shoes.

What NOT to Wear:

Any type of jeans, bright color pants, sneakers, bright color sport shoes.

Food Options:

- Order Pizza (*Mr.A will collect the money, and place an order that morning of the concert to be delivered after school*) **OR**
- Students will bring their meal from home **OR**
- Students can bring money to buy food from snack bar at the school.

We cannot wait to see you! And as always, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We wish you all a happy winter vacation, and thank you for your support and encouragement. It is highly appreciated. We could not do it without you!

Thank you,
Ventzi Assenov



Classifieds

Christmas Brunch 11.12.16

Get together with friends and family before Christmas and New Year!

Do not miss the opportunity to experience Christmas Brunch at GrillAsia restaurant (Hyatt Regency Kiev).

11th of December from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Christmas Brunch offering a vast variety of delicacies from Asia and Europe accompanied by live music. Large variety of seafood selection, sushi station, desserts for any taste.



Children can also enjoy themselves in our dedicated play area with their own buffet (Children under the age of 12 are admitted free of charge at the kids' room)

UAH 1950 per person, including unlimited chilled Prosecco and imported house wines. Free parking provided for every guest.

For reservations and more information, please call [+38 044 581 1234](tel:+380445811234) <https://www.facebook.com/events/1217089541670446/>

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Welcome to Oda Radosti School of Music Aesthetic! Individual and group classes in piano, guitar, percussion, singing and dancing.

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

Housekeeper Available. Reliable, trustworthy, hardworking. Will help with anything that needs to be done. Fluent in English, Russian and Ukrainian. Has experience working with KIS Families. Please contact Natasha directly: 096-960-1797 or 066-133-6473

Family driver is looking for a job. I have 13 years of experience, including 5 years as family driver. Responsible, punctual, know the city well. I have a recommendation letter. Languages: Russian, Ukrainian, and basic English. My cell phone number is 0984685350.

Nanny/Babysitter/Substitute Nanny for kids 2+, Tutor. Cook/ Housekeeper/Substitute Cleaning lady if needed. I have almost 10 years of experience working for expat's families. I am a responsible, reliable, kind and positive person. Will be happy to explore museums, historical sites, opera-house, etc. with your kids. 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 or phone : 093 862 66 32. Olga

Nanny/ Larissa Zaleska looking for a babysitting job. Over 18 years experience with American families, and worked in a German family. Worked with newborn children and children of preschool age. Larissa is honest, enthusiastic and reliable. She speaks some English and fluent in Russian and Ukrainian. Larissa is looking for a fulltime work, or part time work. Cell 067 4657081

Babysitter/Housekeeper is available. Professional, responsible and trustworthy. Great with kids of all ages! Also can help with housekeeping (grocery shopping, cooking, cleaning, laundry, ironing). She has several years of experience. She speaks Russian and Ukrainian. English translation is possible. Contact Tatyana at 098-432-1500.

Four bedroom apartment on 13 Staronavodnitskaya street (Pechersk), new building with underground parking. Total 242 m2, furnished apartment, four bedrooms, large living/dining area, separate kitchen, three bathrooms, balcony. fully equipped kitchen. Rent price: 2,600 USD per month (one underground parking is included). Please contact Olga 067 7716191 for viewings.

Best Nanny ever available! We are leaving Kiev, so Ira, who has worked for us for more than two years, is available for babysitting and cleaning work. She is a very hard-working woman and has a positive, cheerful attitude. She always found age-appropriate activities for the girls (3 and 5 y.o.), who love her very much. She also speaks basic English, so understanding each other was never a problem. She always knew what to do, while doing cleaning/laundry etc. even without me telling her. She has been working for KIS families for several years, she is honest, reliable, bakes delicious cookies - I would take her with us to our next assignment if I could! Call Ira directly on [+380 63 607 0507](tel:+380636070507)

Diplomat Hall, Zhilyanskaya str 59, 2-level apartment on 11th floor, S - 270 кв.м. Beautiful, open space living and dining, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, sauna, big outside terrace. Fully furnished and equipped. 4,000 USD per month (one underground parking is included). Please contact Olga 067 7716191 for viewings.

Four bedroom house at Petropvlyvska Borschagivka, 2 km from Ring Road, 7 min drive to KIS. New cottage with total 400 sq.m., partially furnished. First floor – kitchen, living room with fireplace, dining room, guest toilet. Second floor – 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Lots of storage space. Land 800 sq.m. with garden and BBQ area. 3,000 USD + monthly payments. Please contact Olga 067 7716191 for viewings.



If you are part of the KIS community and would like to contribute a short article (60 words or less) without pictures (in English ONLY) to upcoming newsletters, please contact Katie Sobko at: newsletter@ukr.qsi.org. Or call the school office at 452-27-92/3. Please make sure that your ad is sent no later than Tuesday 12:00 pm. Anything later than that will be included in Next week's newsletter. All ads need to be in English!!! (Times New Roman, size 9). If you wish for your ad to be repeated, please send me an e-mail with the full ad every time/week. Thank you for understanding.



"AP School"



"IB World School"

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8 December, 2016

Dear KIS Community:

It is with a great deal of sadness that I write to inform you that I will be leaving the position of director of Kyiv International School in June, 2017 at the close of the 2017-2018 school year. I have accepted the position of QSI Regional Director for the China, supervising the QSI schools in China and southeast Asia. I will begin these duties in the summer of 2017.

While I am excited to begin a new chapter in my life and am honored by the trust that QSI has placed in my abilities, I have real difficulties imagining saying goodbye to Kyiv International School. It has been a joy to work here, and as I wrote upon first coming here, it has felt like coming home. I am immensely proud to have worked at this school, and feel that the staff, students and community are truly something special. I thank you now, as I will again in June, for all that you have done to make my time here so enjoyable.

QSI has already appointed a new director to take over the school in August, 2017: Mr. Luke Woodruff, who is currently serving as director of QSI International School of Dongguan in Dongguan, China. Mr. Woodruff is an extremely capable educator and has worked with Quality Schools International for the past 10 years. He is thrilled to be coming to Kyiv with his wife and young child. He has sent us a biography which we will print in this week's Kozak's Korner so you can learn a bit more about him, and then he will be making a visit to the school in the early spring to start to get to know our community.

In the meantime, I will continue my work as the director here at Kyiv International School. We have a good deal going on this year, and my attention will be solely focused on making sure that everything is in order here in Kyiv. I have full confidence that the year will continue on a positive path and that the transition to the school's new leadership will go well.

I again thank you, then, for all the support you have given me so far in my time in Ukraine. I look forward to the rest of my time working with you and for you.

Eben Plese

Director, Kyiv International School



Do you know that Cafeteria team would appreciate if you pay for your children's lunch programs and settle all the debts before December 16, 2016. We are looking forward to seeing you in the cafeteria anytime from 8 am to 5pm Monday through Friday. Be bright, eat right.

Breakfast 7:45 to 10:00	1'st Snack (first break)							2'd Snack (second break)	PRESCHOOL		
		MENU 1	MENU 2	DIET	FISH & VEGETARIAN MENU	SALAD BAR MENU	Set Menu		Breakfast 9:00	LUNCH 12:00 to 12:40	2'd Snack 14:30
3d School Week of the Month											
MONDAY											
1222kcal											
Muesli & Yoqurt	Mozzarella	Chicken with Teriyaki Sauce	Beef Stroganoff	Steam Cutlet (veal)	Fish with Special Sauce	Tomatoes Cucumbers	Steam Cutlet (veal) (80gr)	Muesli Bar	Yoqurt Fantasv	Steam Cutlet (veal)	Swiss Cookies
Ham & Cheese Bread & Buns & Pancakes	Baquette Tomatoes	Fried rice Bulgarian Sopsky Salad	Farfalle Pickled Cabbage Salad	Barley Porridge Steamed Vegetables	Omelet with Vegetables Grilled Vegetables	Assortment of Green Salads Eggs	Rice Cucumbers + Egg	Cheese Paprika	Apple Carrots	Farfalle Paprika	Juice
Omelet & Eggs	Lettuce	President Soup	President Soup	President Soup	President Soup	Onion Rings	Fruit	Cucumbers		President Soup	
Fruits	Grapes	White Bread Green tea with Lemon	Wholemeal bread with seeds Juice	Wholemeal bread with seeds Compote	White Bread Compote	Celery Beet Sticks	White Bread Water	Plums		White Bread Compote	
Juices & Tea		Swiss Cookies	Yoghurt	Fruit	Swiss Cookies	Corn		Juice 0,2	243kcal	646kcal	333kcal
TUESDAY											
1439kcal											
Muesli & Yoqurt	Fresh Cheese	Gordon Blue(Chicken)	Pasta Carbonara	Boiled Chicken Fillet Wheat Porridge "Artek"	Fish with Mushrooms Zaziki	Tomatoes Cucumbers Assortment of Green Salads Scrambled Eggs CROUTONS	Boiled Chicken Fillet (80gr) Spaghetti	Cracker Nut	Cheese Crecker	Gordon Blue(Chicken) Fori	Marble pie Cranberry Tea
Ham & Cheese Bread & Buns & Pancakes	Crouton	Fori	Spaghetti	Steamed Vegetables	Grilled Vegetables	Black Olives	Tomatoes	Kiwi	Fruits/Grapes	Cucumbers+ Egg	
Omelet & Eggs	Paprika	Solanka Soup	Solanka Soup	Clear Chicken Soup	Millet Soup	Black Olives	Fruit	Paprika		Millet Soup	
Fruits	Berries	White Bread Cranberry Tea	Wholemeal bread with seeds Juice	Wholemeal bread with seeds Compote	White Bread Compote	Celery Carrots	White Bread Water	Cheese		Compote Wholemeal bread with seeds	
Juices & Tea		Marble pie	Yoghurt	Fruit	Marble pie	Corn		Yoghurt Activia	344kcal	755kcal	340kcal
WEDNESDAY											
1456kcal											
Muesli & Yoqurt	Cheese Babybel	Rice "Kazimir"	Burekas	Steamed Chicken Cutlet	Fish with Tomato-Basil Sauce	Tomatoes Cucumbers	Burekas 1p	Pancakes with Jam	Yoqurt Dino	Stewed Veal	Pundyk
Ham & Cheese Bread & Buns & Pancakes	Muesli Bar Peach	Rice Italian Salad	Salad Stolichniv	Wheat Porridge Steamed Vegetables Clear Chicken Soup	Vegetarian Burekas Grilled Vegetables	Assortment of Green Salads Cheese CROUTONS	Season Salad 1/2portion of	Apple Yoqurt Actimel	Apple Carrots	Rice Steamed Broccoli+ Corn	Fruit Tea
Omelet & Eggs	Celery	Clear Chicken Soup	Clear Chicken Soup	Rossolnik Soup	Rossolnik Soup	Sweet Pepper	Clear Chicken Soup	Blueberries		Rossolnik Soup	
Fruits	Carrots	White Bread Sea Buckthorn Tea	Wholemeal bread with seeds Juice	Wholemeal bread with seeds Compote	White Bread Fruit Tea	Celery Broccoli	Fruit Water	Paprika		White Bread Compote	
Juices & Tea		Pundyk	Fruit, Yoghurt	Fruit	Pundyk	Corn		Bonaqua 0,5	398kcal	688kcal	370kcal
THURSDAY											
1244kcal											
Muesli & Yoqurt	Sausage Bun	Chicken Kiviv	Steak Beef	Baked Cutlet (veal)	Fish & Chips	Tomatoes Cucumbers	Grilled Chicken 80gr	Cheesecake	Toast with Cheese	Chicken Kiviv	Praline
Ham & Cheese Bread & Buns & Pancakes	Green Salad Leaves Cherry Tomatoes	Puree Mixed Salad	Grilled Vegetables Korean carrots	Buckwheat Steamed Vegetables	Vegetable Casserole Grilled Vegetables Pumpkin cream Soup	Assortment of Green Salads Eggs CROUTONS	Puree Korean carrots	Cucumbers Paprika	Apple Carrots	Puree Paprika + Egg Pumpkin cream Soup	Tea with Lemon
Omelet & Eggs	Fruits	Pumpkin cream Soup	Pumpkin cream Soup	Dumpling Soup	Dumpling Soup	Red Beans	Fruit	an Apple	Paprika		
Fruits	Bonaqua 0,5	White Bread	Wholemeal bread with seeds	Wholemeal bread with seeds	White Bread	Celery Green Peas Cabbage Carrots Corn	White Bread	Bonaqua 0,5		White Bread Compote	
Juices & Tea		Lemonad	Lemonade	Compote	Tea with Lemon				245kcal	784kcal	215kcal
HAPPY FRIDAY											
1281kcal											
Muesli & Yoqurt	Toast with Cheese	Home Style Chicken	Fajitas	Stewed Veal	Fish with Vegetable	Tomatoes Cucumbers	Home Style Chicken (80gr)	Marble Cake	Yoqurt Actimel	Home Style Chicken	Pancakes
Ham & Cheese Bread & Buns & Pancakes	Cherry Tomatoes Cucumbers	Potatoes with Vegetables Green Salad with Pomegranate	Fajitas	Artek Steamed Vegetables	Fajitas with Cheese Grilled Vegetables	Assortment of Green Salads Eggs CROUTONS	Potatoes with Vegetables Beets	Actimel Grapes	Apple Carrots/Eggs	Buckwheat Cucumbers+ Carrots + Salad	Fruit Tea
Omelet & Eggs	Carrots	Borsch	Borsch	Vegetable Soup	Borsch	Onion	Fruit	Dried apricots	Pear	Borsch	
Fruits	Grapes	White Bread	Wholemeal bread with seeds	Wholemeal bread with seeds	White Bread	Celery	White Bread			White Bread	
Juices & Tea	Bonaqua 0,5	Fruits Tea	Lemonade	Compote	Fruit Tea	Red Cabbage Beet Sticks	Water	Carrots		Lemonade	
Juices & Tea		Pancakes	Fruit, Yoghurt	Fruit	Pancakes	Corn		Bonaqua 0,5	191kcal	810kcal	280kcal