

KYIV INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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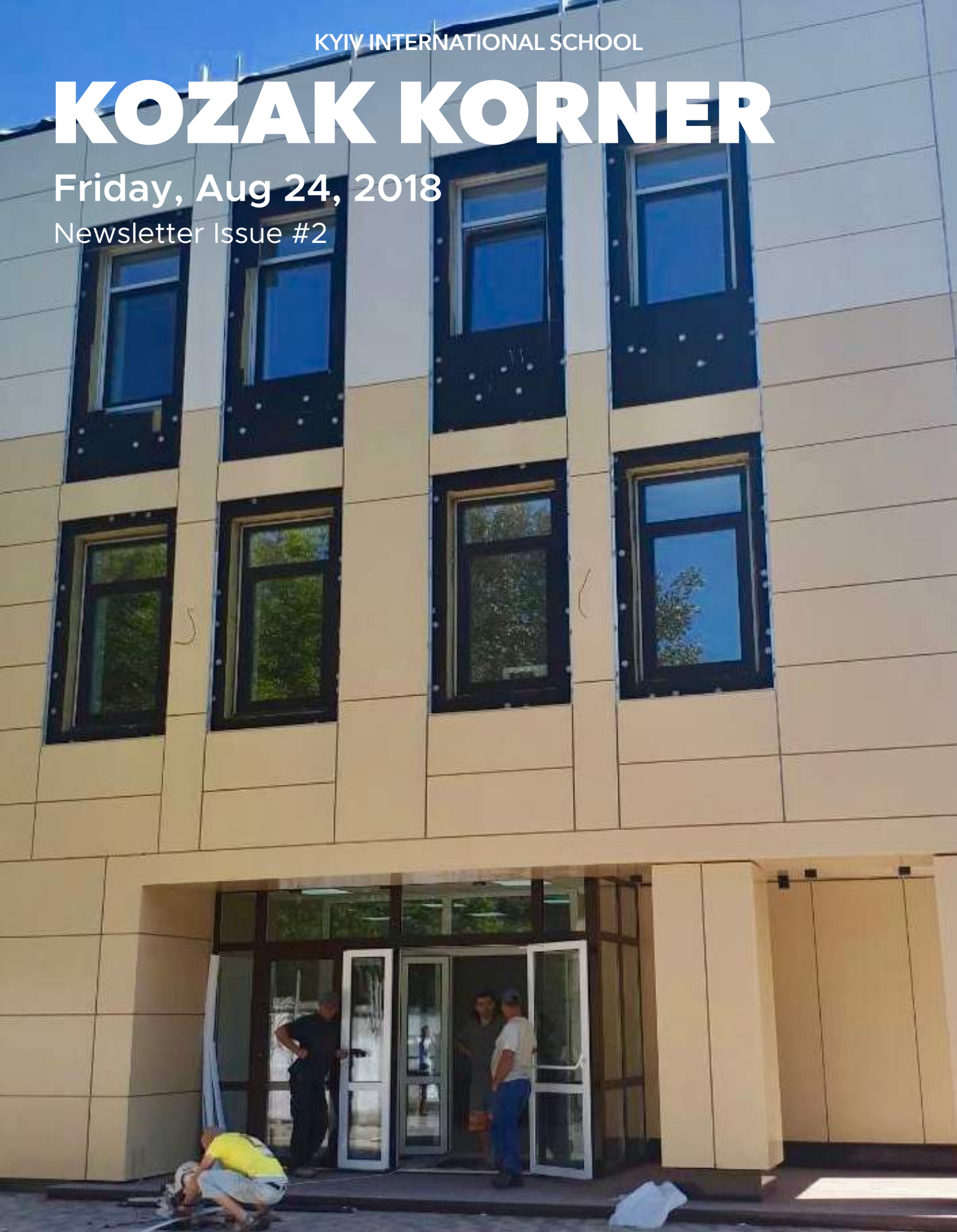


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First Day and Open House!

It was a pleasure to see all the smiling faces, both students and parents, come back to school. I know many parents have been waiting for this day for a while now, but the truth is that we are very happy to have everyone back in our building and on our campus. August has been a very busy month with non-stop work and classroom preparations, as we have been preparing for the first day. Though it has been busy, there has also been something missing this past month that makes all the difference. Having students back has made our school feel like home again. You were missed and welcome back!!!

I know the first day can be a little nerve racking, but it doesn't take long for students to settle in, meet new and old friends, and jump straight into learning! These next few days and next week will be used by teachers to develop positive relationships with their students, allow classmates to make new friends, set up classroom routines, check out textbooks, and get everyone settled. This is also a very valuable time to create a positive and healthy learning environment and classroom culture.

As you may have seen, there have been many renovations and changes around our campus. I hope you were able to look around a little and see some of the new additions and renovated areas. There are a few final touches that will be completed this weekend. The inside of the secondary campus will be fully completed and ready for students and classes on Monday. The outside surface of the building will be installed next week, after school, and will have no impact on any of our daily schedule. The only question that students ever ask about the new space is whether or not we will have WiFi.

It has been great to have everyone back at school and watch this vibrant and lively school community in action. Thank you so much for all of your support and patience during our open house and first day of school. I hope you were able to meet with your child(ren)'s teachers and learn more about Kyiv International School. Our doors are always open, and I hope that you always feel welcome to come and ask any questions.

Sincerely,
Mr. Luke Woodruff

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

24: Ukrainian Independence Day
(no school)

September

3 - 14: Class Portraits

8: ACT Test

11: Advisory Board Meeting

17: MAP Testing begins

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Independence Day of Ukraine

Is the main state holiday in modern Ukraine, celebrated on 24 August in commemoration of the Declaration of Independence of 1991.

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY!

PRESCHOOL



Wow!! What an amazing First Day of School!! Our littlest Kosaks started out with a Bang! Parents were invited to participate in activities with children and meet in a short Preschool +5 orientation! Thank you all for coming and sharing your children with us today! We had very few tears and LOTS of smiles! Several of you asked questions during the orientation and I hope I was able to answer them! If not, please email me at cheri-carpenter@ukr.qsi.org and I will get right back to you. I had a few questions asked during the orientation today, but did not go back to my office right away- Please send me an email to remind me of the questions!!

Couple of things:

- Half day pick up- 11:30 if not having lunch and 12:30 if your child is having lunch.
- Drop off- Preschool to rooms at 7:55-please wait in the Lobby until it is time
- 5 yo on the 5 year old playground-please do not leave a child unattended until a staff member is present.
- All caretakers/drivers will need to leave campus after they have dropped off children. No one may stay in the lobby all day. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.
- Snack: you may send home snack or purchase snack through the lunch program
- Pick up: Preschool pick up from room as of now-this may change. 5 year old will be in the lobby.

We will put more tips for school in the next KIS Informer!
Thanks for a great start to the year!!

Cheri Carpenter
Director of Instruction
Preschool+5yo, IE and LOE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Elementary First Day!

We had a great first day of school. Children were getting used to their new classes and new teachers. It was overall a wonderful day! Here are a some new things coming up to be aware of.

We have new cubbies for each elementary level. Level one for the 5 and 6 year olds will be built hopefully by December. We have 7 and 8 year old cubbies and 9 and 10 year old cubbies. They are coordinated with the hall designs painted on the wall. The effect is awesome. The cubbies will help children organize their school materials, keep wet boots on the floor under their coats, and have a place for children to store backpacks. These are an excellent addition to our hallways.

Swimming will be done differently this school year to accommodate the varying needs of our students. The homeroom group will be divided into experienced swimmers and new to swimming swimmers. Then the groups will switch each quarter. Your child will have a half a year of swimming in total but divided between two different sessions. Below are the four different sessions. The pool will be ready for swimming during the week of September 10. Our swimming teacher will be emailing families what they need to bring to be prepared for swimming. We will also make sure that you know which sessions your child will be swimming in. When your child is not swimming, they will be with their homeroom teachers get extra enrichment and support time to help them in reading, writing, and mathematics with their homeroom teachers. Teachers always want to have extra time with your children.

Swimming Session Dates for 5-10 year old Classes:

Session 1: 27 August 2018- 2 November 2018

Session 2: 5 November 2018- 25 January 2019

Session 3: 28 January 2019- 12 April 2019

Session 4: 15 April 2019- 20 June 2019

We will enact a new homework policy for our students that will be based on spending a certain amount of time on homework based on the child's age. There will be no homework on breaks. We will focus on literacy-reading and mathematics. We should launch this in a few weeks. Stay tuned!

We will also be adding a robotics/coding teacher for our students ages 6-10 year olds. These extra classes will allow your child to be exposed to computer programming languages and building robots. This is preparing them for the future in technology and actually something that keeps students highly engaged and motivated. The second tech class will continue as before to teach typing, productivity software, and presentation software. Both classes are a well rounded technology program.

If you are a new family to our school and have not chosen a language to study that is other than English, please click on the link so that you can fill in the survey:

<https://goo.gl/forms/A7OWcwl7QMLWiDh12>

Monday Languages Other than English (LOE) begins. Please note that children learning to speak English for the first time will be in Intensive English in the morning and during the LOE time to allow for more help and support in writing in English.

If you could not make it for my beginning of the year assembly for parents, please stop by or email me if you have questions. My door is always open! Thanks, Maura Martin the Elementary Director of Instruction.

MIDDLE SCHOOL



The First Day Vibes in Ms. Sheridan's Classroom))



We are happy to announce that this year:

- 1) All LOE classes are in the same place - the third and fourth floors of the former HS building, Rooms 1300 -1309 and 1400 -1405;**
- 2) The number of students allows us to open French Native classes and this program will be offered again;**
- 3) We have a new French teacher, Remi Marec;**
- 4) We will keep providing extra help for our students within LOE Safety Netting;**
- 5) We will continue our collaboration with German school;**
- 6) French, German and Spanish students will take external exams (DELFF, Goethe Zertifikat and DELE) and get international certificates;**
- 7) We are planning to organize several events with your support.**

We are eager to start.

Welcome to LOE!

If you haven't chosen yet your language (French, German, Russian, Spanish or Ukrainian), you can do it during the first week of school, by September 1st. Please, hurry up!

Sergey Berezhny, LOE Coordinator, is always ready to help you. You can contact him by e-mail: sergey-berzhny@ukr.qsi.org or pass by his office, Room 1307.

SPORTS

Dear KIS Parents,

Welcome back to another year of KIS Activities. There have been many exciting changes over the summer and we are all eager to get back on the pitch and in the gyms.

Elementary Activities

Our Elementary activities program will once again offer a variety of activities this year. This year 5,6, and 7 year old students will have elementary activities period 8 on Tuesdays and Fridays while 8, 9, and 10 year old students will have activities period 9 Tuesdays and Fridays.

In an effort to offer a more in depth experience for the 8, 9, and 10 year old students, we will have them take part in the same activity each day. This means parents must only sign up for one activity for 8, 9, and 10 year old students. The 5, 6, and 7 year old students will continue to do two different activities each week.

A list of activities will be sent home soon and session 1 sign ups will begin on August 31st and will close on September 16. Please make sure you are able to access your moodle account.

Middle School and Secondary School After School Activities

We have a large number of returning and new activities this year. We will offer CEESA sponsored activities where students will have an opportunity to compete in a CEESA sponsored event and may travel to a CEESA school to compete in the event. We will also have a number of KIS sponsored events such as HS and MS Drama. Students do not have an opportunity to travel but will have an opportunity to put on an amazing show for our KIS community.

One of the most important changes in our MS/HS After School Activity (ASA) program is that students must sign up for these activities on your moodle account. I realize that this was a problem in the past but it is important that parents sign their children up for ASA's or are at least a part of the process to ensure the form has been seen by a parent and information on the form is accurate. If you need assistance with your moodle account please contact moodle help at moodlehelp@ukr.qsi.org.

As usual we ask that all parents indicate three events being held at KIS that they would be able to host. It is important that you are available to host these dates. If all parents participate you should only be asked to host one event. Families who have children participating in multiple events may be asked to host 2 events. If you sign up to host events and at the end of the year were not available to host any of them your child may not be eligible to participate in future ASA's.

We are currently building a new Athletics and Activities website where you can get information on all of our after school programs.

<https://sites.google.com/ukr.qsi.org/athleticsandactivities/home>

It is a work in progress but should be up and running at top speed very soon.

I am looking forward to seeing our students take part in our activity programs throughout the school. These activities offer our students valuable opportunities for personal growth and to learn important life lesson.

If you have any questions about our programs please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you and have a great year.

Marty Curry
martin-curry@ukr.qsi.org

Kyiv Junior Soccer League & Junior Soccer Training School 2018

Kyiv Junior Soccer League & Junior Soccer Training School is coming up! Inaugural games and practices will be played on Saturdays at KIS, starting **from September 08, 2018**. The registration will be opened online next week (under your KIS Moodle profile). Please register your child online.

The goal of this developmental league and training school for players (boys and girls under 11y.o) is to have FUN and improve their soccer skills while engaging in a sport they enjoy. We are planning to have 8 players per team for League and 25-30 players for Training School. Junior Soccer League and Training School will consist of five Saturdays (see schedule below). All soccer league participants will receive medals. The League and Training School will be run by Mr. Prima (anatolyprima@ukr.qsi.org, tel: (093) 207 48 90). Please feel free to approach Mr. Prima with any concerns, comments or questions you may have. If you are interested in coaching your son`s or your daughter`s team, please let me know.

Dates: September 08,15,22,29, October 06, 2018

Cost: Training school \$30 and League/games \$45 (for all 5 Saturdays)

In case of rain all games will be moved to the gyms, but cleats and marking shoes NOT Allowed to wear on the new gym floor (indoor shoes only).

Age	Time	Event
9-10 y.o (boys & girls)	10:00-11:00	Soccer Training School
7-8 y.o (boys & girls)		
5-6 y.o (boys & girls)		
9-10y.o boys and girls	11:00-12:00	League / Games
7-8 y.o. (boys and girls)		

September 8, Saturday	Junior Soccer #1
September 15, Saturday	Junior Soccer #2
September 22, Saturday	Junior Soccer #3
September 29, Saturday	Junior Soccer #4
October 6, Saturday	Junior Soccer #5, Awards for League players
October 13 - October 20	Fall break

Interest Groups

September 2018-August 2019



Existing Interest groups:

Food delivery group, Singing group, Monday Morning Coffee, Walking group, baby and toddler group, ladies night out, ceramics, Pysanka for beginners, international cooking group, Turkish cooking, Theater visits, Japanese conversation group, English conversation group, sewing, crochet, knitting group, movie night group, ski club, bridge, magic stones, mahjong.

Dear Parents,
IWCK has many existing interest groups to join and we welcome you to start a new one. Come join us and discover more.

Contact: Sarah Poole
KIS parent & Interest group coordinator
www.towritetosarah@gmail.com

Interest Groups that exist but need a leader

Walking group

Want to begin a new one? ideas....

Zumba/pilates/yoga, dining out, book club, urban sketching, photography, Turkish paper creation, ice skating group, inline skating group, bowling, eco shopping group, gluten free group, etc....

Classifieds

Professional English speaking driver

Professional driver (categories B,C,D) with 26 years of experience is looking for a job. Previously worked for VIP families and diplomatic mission. Safe driving, punctual, executive, patient.

+38 (067) 239 73 34 Vitaliy

Housekeeper

Good evening! My name is Anya, I'm 23 years old! I have been working in foreign families for more than 4 years! In my duties were: ironing, washing, complete cleaning, washing windows, cooking, taking care of children! ann.shirli@mail.ru

+38 (050) 254 68 84 Ann Shirli

Piano teacher is available (for Russian speaking students)

My name is Vitaliy, I'm high educated piano teacher. Will help you and your child to love music.

+38 (093) 726 92 83

Kittens for sale

Two adorable Scottish lop-eared kittens for sale. Two months old boy and girl. Always in a good mood, best price.

+38 (093) 214 34 96 Anastasia

Housekeeper / Nanny

Hello, my name is Jeanne, I'm 25 years old!

I work as a housekeeper, work experience in families of foreigners for more than 5 years! Often it was combined with looking after children!

Responsibilities: complex cleaning, washing of windows, washing, ironing.

+38 (066) 928 29 71

Nanny/Housekeeper Available

Part time, full time or live-in.

Tanya is reliable, efficient and hardworking. Willing to do everything that needs to be done in your home. Please call

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