



# “Emirates City Blog”



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Al Nahyan Kindergarten and Primary School Campus

Our mission is to provide a world class education to all our students



## Celebrating the People who Make Things Happen

We take pleasure in introducing our Curriculum Coordinator **Ms Roslyn Dotterweich** to you. She tells her own story.

I was born and raised in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA, and graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1999.

After graduation I began my teaching abroad career in the Republic of Kazakhstan as a volunteer teacher through the United States Peace Corps. Since Kazakhstan, I have taught in South Korea, and have been working at ENS since 2005.

As Curriculum Coordinator, I have an interesting and unique role. I work with ENS administration, coordinators and teachers to ensure all grade-level objectives are being met throughout the different subjects. I truly enjoy my position, not only because I get to visit classrooms and see all the wonderful learning that is taking place by your children, but I also get to record new ideas from our teachers and share them with the rest of our staff. Another enjoyable aspect of my position is that I conduct educational research for new teaching methodologies, and then help our teachers learn to implement these new methods into their classrooms. My ultimate goal is to help our staff create a pleasant, authentic, meaningful and memorable learning environment for your



children. Thank you.

## The Past and the Future Together

We were overwhelmed by the joy and pride of our students, parents, faculty and staff during the celebration of the UAE National day just before the first of our holiday times this past

December of 2008. Thank you to all of you who contributed to the enjoyment of your child's day by sending and then sharing food with friends and families.

## Ways to Help your Child do Well in School

Teach organizational skills. It is not a news flash to you that children generally, are not organized. **Doing things in an orderly fashion is a brand new idea to most children.** Begin by training your child to be a list maker -- listing things they need to do at home and at school. The list would include chores, homework to be written, projects, books to read, book reports and assignments. We know that list makers are usually more relaxed than non - list makers, because non - list makers must keep everything in their head. We encourage you to be an example to your children in training them to take up responsibility for their own learning.

## Celebrating your children's Poetry Festival performance

Quarter Two and Three has proven to be a very exciting period for language studies at ENS City School. During this time all ENS City students were exposed to the wonders of poetry and rhyme.



Students were shown many different styles of poems, they listened carefully to them in class, considered their favourites and used the language skills they acquired to participate in a wonderful event.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February saw the ENS City School's very first poetry festival. Children arrived at school excited, clutching posters, props and fancy dress articles anticipating their turn to take centre stage to recite their poem. In the morning the playground buzzed with the animated conversations of rehearsals and the corridors were filled with enthusiastic Kindergarten parents waiting to listen to the children recite their poems.

Whilst the younger students recited their poems in small groups or as a class, most of the older students were invited to learn and recite their poems individually. This took a lot of hard work and dedication from all involved; teachers, students and parents.



and props to assist their recital.



The afternoon session began at one o'clock, allowing the Grades One to Four students the opportunity to perform their poems to their classmates, parents and teachers. Not only did the children present their poems with great maturity and clarity, many also took the time to produce excellent posters and props to assist their recital. There was great deal of off to a great start, with everyone having a remarkable time. All the students involved received a treasured certificate, congratulating them on their effort and participation, suitably deserved.

A very big well done to all the students, teachers and parents who helped make this event a great success and platform for further festivals.

Congratulations to all the gold winners, you gave your best and we are proud of you!

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## Scenes from Fun Days at our School

Here are our **PE, Art, Music, ICT** and **Drama STARS!** Well Done!



KG students performing **Arabic Songs** at Assembly!!



KG students performing **Class Songs** at Assembly!!



## From The Vice Principal

### School Awards

Students from specialized classes like PE, IT, Drama, Art, Music, and Arabic, are **recognized for outstanding performance** and awarded in front of their peers at Whole School Assemblies. These take place on a Wednesday for Primary School students and on a Thursday for Kindergarten students.



**Class awards** are given to

students for academic achievement and positive behaviour as determined by their teacher. These awards are given at Grade assemblies: Grade 4 on Sundays, Grade 3 on Mondays, Grade 2 on Tuesdays and Grade 1 on Thursdays.



### Important Dates on the ENS Calendar

Date	Event
8 February	Reports to parents
8-12 February	Book Fair
17 February	Poetry Festival
1 March	<b>Pre – K Sport Day</b>
2 March	<b>KG 1 Sports Day</b>
3 March	<b>KG 2 Sports Day</b>
4 March	<b>Grade 1 and 2 Sports Day</b>
5 March	<b>Grade 3 and 4 Sports Day</b>

### Important Organizational Matters

We are well into Quarter 3 and students are familiar with the **expected standards** we have and continue to teach at ENS Al Nahyan campus. Please discuss these with each of your children:

- Wear only the **ENS uniform** and **no other jackets**. Shirts are to be **tucked** into the trousers on arrival at school.
- **School bags** are to be unpacked and repacked every day as part of tidying up and preparing for the following school day. Only bring what is needed to school – no extra books please as the bags get too heavy.
- **NO FOOD!** Please ensure that everyone in the household understands that **no snacks** are to be brought to school. Students are bringing snacks to eat in the bus as well.

Parents who give their children unconditional love sow seeds of **tolerance, understanding** and **acceptance**. Thank you for loving your children as much as we do.

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