

Canadian Bilingual School

Bringing Talent to Life



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SK GRADUATION

On Wednesday, April 18, CBS recognized the accomplishments of some of our youngest learners as we hosted the Senior Kindergarten Graduation. The students proudly showed off their accomplishments by presenting poetry readings, preforming a play and singing in both English and Arabic. The highlight of the event was the actual ceremony which began with a march down the centre aisle in caps and gowns. The Dr. Seuss theme, *Oh, the Places You'll Go* provided inspiration for the colourful decorations, costumes and student writing. It was a proud day for parents, students, and staff. Congratulations to all of our graduates and a big thank you to all of our staff who assisted with this memorable event.

EDITOR'S Note

As many of you know, there are four main forms of writing: narrative, expository, descriptive and persuasive. They are designed to entertain, explain, describe and persuade. Within each form are many formats that can be explored. The Ontario Language and English curricula provide each grade with specific formats to ensure that students practice all four forms every year.



Each form and format has word choice, voice, sentence structure, organizational patterns, grammatical patterns, literary elements and content requirements designed to enhance the author's message. As we begin a new form/format of writing, teachers prepare success criteria to ensure that the students are aware of the required elements and to know what they will learn and need to demonstrate throughout the unit of study.

Along with explicit instruction and modelling, teachers provide feedback which is an essential part of nurturing student writers. As well, our student writers read and deconstruct samples of the format to familiarize themselves with the way it looks and sounds and in some case to enable them to write in the same style and voice. This is an excellent strategy to help writers get better at the craft of writing.

In this month's issue of CBS Express, we hope that our student writers describe for, entertain, inform or persuade you as you peruse their work. Happy reading!!!

Past Events -

Secondary School Authors' Day

On Thursday, April 26th CBS celebrated writing as we hosted our first secondary Authors' Day. Students were placed in mixed teams with representation from every grade. A teacher was assigned to each team and team names reflected both literary and contemporary works of fiction. The event was highly successful and will be hosted quarterly in the coming school year.

Secondary School



Authors' Day

TALENT SHOW

Our annual Talent Show, hosted by the student Council, left little doubt that CBS is filled with talent. From solo acts of singing to paired and group dance troupes, students entertained an enthusiastic audience of their peers. Judging was difficult and in the end awarded a first place tie to Edrees in Grade 12 for his outstanding rendition of a Michael Buble song and to Hashem in Grade 4B for his outstanding dance moves.



SAVING THE PLANET

CBS celebrated Earth Week -April 22-April 26 – with a host of events. We showcased environmental education, highlighted efforts to 'green' the school and encouraged the student body to a difference. Events included: a workshop to educate and encourage students to recycle, a fashion show where students walked the runway with clothes created



from recycled materials, a litter free lunch day and **GREEN** Day. The Student Council Coordinator as quoted as saying, "The Earth Day celebration offers opportunities to both teach about the issue and to make a tangible environmental impact. Together we can make every day Earth Day and each one of us in the school can make a difference."



"Heal the world, make it a better place" - Michael Jackson



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Poetry in Motion

Nature is like heaven A harmony of birds singing Leaves flying in the air with the cool breeze Flowers on the ground creating a rainbow The clouds are happy and white But sometimes they cry Isn't nature pleasing to the eye? Feely Faisal 7A





As I walked and observed The wind was hissing The leaves were dancing The flowers were bouncing I felt like the sea was waving at me The leopards roared The bats screeched The frogs croaked Nature awaits

Othman Mishary 7A

My parents are like flowers They are so beautiful My parents are helpful like the police They help me with everything Their smiles are like sunshine Their eyes are gold like honey So sweet



Fahad Nawaf 7A



Students were required to write a very short story and to incorporate the following words:

knocking, shadow, suddenly, toilet, Monday

On the calendar it was written <u>Monday</u>, and Sam hated that day. He always hated that day of the week because he felt like there were too many problems happening all at once. That night however, it was silent and the best time to go to sleep, Sam thought. But before he went to bed, he had to brush his teeth. He then went to the <u>toilet</u> or restroom, but it didn't matter what Sam called this place. As he went in, he <u>suddenly</u> heard a <u>knocking</u> on the window. He slowly turned around to face the window and saw a giant <u>shadow</u>. Sam screamed as hard as he could, and so did the shadow as he fell from the window. Sam rushed downstairs to see who it was, only to find out it was his cable man who had come to fix his satellite. Sadly, he was knocked out by the fall, and Sam had to wait until next week for his satellite to be fixed.

Yousef Ali 12 B





Muneerah Al Mutairi - SKI







Yousef Al Dalloum - SK4



Jana Saeed- SK3



The assignment required the students to persuade their readers that Goldilocks should not go to jail for vandalizing the bears' cottage.

IS GOLDIE INNOCENT?



Picture this: You are just a small innocent girl playing with your bffs. Suddenly you walked in the deep dark woods. You go further along until finally you come to a small hut. You knock on the brown door. No one answers but you really need to call your mom so you step inside the house. I do not think that this is a reason for a small child to be arrested.

When Goldilocks smelled the delicious porridge she had so much desire for it. She ate all the tasty porridge because she was super hungry. Then she went to sit on a chair. It was a very old and rusty chair. She sat and only one leg broke off so she did not mean to break it.

The she went into the other room where she found a bed. She decided to take a small nap. What is wrong with that? Right when you know it the ferocious bears came home. Goldie was very frightened so she went out the window and never came back. I think that we can all agree that if we were in her shoes we would have done the same thing. This is why she should not be arrested.

Zaid Alaa 5A

GOLDILOCKS LOST?

Imagine this: You are lost and need to find a place to call your mom. All of a sudden, you find a small hut. You knock on the door but no one answers so you go inside to find a phone. Should you be put in jail for this?

That innocent girl goes inside and smells a delicious smell. She was so hungry after walking miles and miles that she tried three tasty porridges. She tired the first one but it was hot. She tried the other one but it was cold. She tried the last one and it was perfect so she accidently ate the whole bowl.

Next the poor little girl sat on a chair thinking of what she had done but she accidently broke the heirloom chair because it was just made of sticks. Darling Goldilocks was still on the hunt for the phone but found three beds instead. She tried the first bed but it was too hard. The second was too soft. The last one was good so she went to sleep. Now I ask you. If you were sleepy wouldn't you try the bed? Of course you would.

The big scary bear family came back from their walk. They found baby bear's porridge empty and baby bear's chair broken so they knew that someone without permission was in their house. They went to check their beds. They found innocent adorable Goldilocks in baby bear's bed. Sweet Goldilocks woke up from her tall nap and found the terrifying, man-eating bears. She was afraid so she screamed and ran away. She felt sorry for what she had done.

Now I ask you. Is this any reason for her to go to jail? I am sure that you would all agree that she does not need to go to prison.

Abdulhaty Marzouq 5A



JAIL OR FREEDOM?

Picture this: You are a little girl running briskly in the woods all by yourself. You find a small house in the woods. The door is open so you do not see any harm in going inside. I would say that people would agree that any lost little girl in the woods would need to call for help. That is exactly what Goldilocks did and should not be a reason to send her to jail.

First, she entered the house and was starving until she smelled the delicious food so she decided to have some. It you were hungry you would eat it too. This is another point as to why she should not go to jail.

Second, she smashed baby bear's chair but it was only made of sticks. It isn't that big of a deal and it's not even worth a penny!

Third, Goldilocks was tired and so she tried the beds. She didn't see any harm in trying them out. She just messed up one bed and it would only take 5 minutes to organize the sheets. I strongly urge that she should not go to jail for sleeping.

Finally, Goldilocks did not do much damage so I say that Goldilocks should not go to jail. I think that you will all agree that jail is not the place for this young girl.

Fahad Edgiem 5A

The following pieces are excerpts from character reflective journals:

Dear Journal,

February 22, 2149

This is the third day after landing on earth. Right now survival is always on my mind. Thalia, the only friend who came with me is badly injured as she fell off the ship while landing. She broke a few bones and she has a deep cut on her leg. It seems like she might be able to survive, but an infection is spreading around the wound. The biggest problem right now is that all the medicine got lost in the landing. All of us are getting exposed to germs that our bodies have never encountered. We need to find medicine for Thalia and for the people that might get sick. It's been a rough couple of days. I feel like I have a lot on my shoulders, a bunch of people need my help but I cannot help all of them if I don't have the medicine. My only useful ability is to make bandages and stitch cuts. Hopefully we find the medicine soon.

Since we've landed, I've been thinking about Wells. It has been comforting and frustrating that he came down to earth with me. I don't know why he would come with me considering that he had betrayed me. I'm going to try and stay away from him because I don't know why he is here. Even though Wells and I were together, I don't feel safe with him anymore. People say that he came down to protect me but I doubt it.

On the first day of landing, I met a girl named Octavia, He mother defied the colony's rules and had a second child. Only one child is permitted to be born to a couple. As a result, the colony executed her mother. They also confined Octavia until they sent her down with us. Her brother, Bellamy shot the chancellor to be able to go down with her. I will try to get to know him as he seems to know how to survive. He was the first person to hunt an animal on earth in over a century. I feel like we can all survive but all we need right now is the medicine. After I talk with Bellamy I will ask him to help me find the antibiotics for Thalia and the others.

Adel Mamoud 10A



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Dear Journal

July 26, 1923

Yesterday I got to work with my team again who were all such good people. I hoped that everyone of them would make it out of this war alive. On this island we have to constantly prepare for enemy attacks. Everyone on the team must be on his guard. Sometimes I would hear soldiers screaming in their sleep and when this happened I would tell them to go back to sleep and to quit yelling. This war was taking a toll on me.

Without warning we experienced a large attack to our base. I couldn't believe it was happening. We woke up in the middle of the night to the sounds of guns and shouting. Following our orders, we burned every document and escaped and I didn't see anyone on my team after that. I was so alone. I could only think of surviving and getting home to my wife and family.

I noticed a few Japanese soldiers passing by but thanks to my blanket I was able to blend in. Even though escaping the attack was better than I expected, I hadn't eaten and was only able to find water. I remembered hearing that nothing on the island was poisonous so I tried eating something that looked like wild celery. This vegetable kept me going but I wondered how many days I could last. I had lost all connection with my team, it was so exhausting. I kept telling myself that I was okay but in reality I was lying to myself. I thought of surrendering to the Japanese. I didn't know if I would be killed and I was angry that this seemed to be my only option for survival.

When I arrived at the Japanese base I was surprised. Instead of attacking me in hopes of getting information they gave me food and a place to rest. At that time, I felt like I might be able to make it back home and I dreamed of going home to Marie and seeing my daughter.

Mansour Maher 10A



PUZZLE TIME!





DID YOU KNOW?



UPCOMING EVENTS at CBS

Gr 8 – 9 Transition Workshop – May 2nd 2018 Science Fair – May 3rd 2018 DRA Testing (Spring JK – Gr 8) – May 6th – 10th 2018 Gr 6 – 7 Transition Meeting – May 7th 2018 Spring Concert – May 10th 2018 HS Student Awards Ceremony – May 10th 2018 Creative Day/Blue Day – May 14th 2018 Ramadan Schedule Begins – May 15th 2018 Gr 6 – 7 Transition Day – May 17th 2018 Girgian Celebration — May 20th 2018 Gr 4 - 6 Assembly : Caring — May 21st 2018 Grade 1 Parent Engagement Event – May 21st 2018 Gr 1 - 3 Assembly : Caring – May 23rd 2018 Grade 2 Parent Engagement Event – May 23rd 2018 Workers Appreciation Event – May 24th 2018 Grade 12 Exams – May 27th – 31st 2018

Spring concert

Mark your calendars for the CBS annual Spring Concert to be held on **Thursday, May 10th**. Come and support your children as they sing, dance, and play musical instruments. This event is not to be missed and is sure to have your toes tapping and your hands clapping!!





Grade 12 Exams May 27th - 31th

Grade 3 - **11 Exams** June 03 – 06th

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