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## 'KUWAIT NATIONAL DAY - 2018'

CBS celebrated National Day on Thursday, February 22. Students and staff enjoyed a program of dancing, singing and drama. The day began with our very first oral presentation competition. Students from grades 3-12 prepared and presented speeches related to national day. After participating in class and grade competitions, two students from each grade were selected to compete in Thursday's celebration.
Thanks to parents and staff for making this day a resounding success. A special thank you to the National Day Committee, along with our music and Arabic staff for their support and leadership.

## EDITOR'S Note

## WRITING MATTERS

Many of this month's writing samples are narratives as we have been preparing for our Young Author's Day celebration in the elementary school. As you can see, story writing with very beginning writers starts with pictures as they draw a simple beginning, middle and end.


Stories at this level may also be more of a retelling or a new take on a familiar story. Stories become more original as students become more familiar with the format and genres of narrative. As students become more proficient, character and setting play a greater role. An essential element of a narrative is the problem or conflict. Students begin with very simple problems that are easily solved. As they become more familiar with plot lines their stories contain a more fully developed middle and may include sub-plots.
Narrative is a very complex genre and many students struggle to create an original or creative piece. It is through instruction, practice and feedback that they become more comfortable and familiar writing this form. But more importantly, students need to read and listen to stories every day as reading helps to build their understanding of how stories work; how characters interact; how problems are solved; and how figurative devices enhance the writing. Reading a wide range of genres in the narrative form will help to spark imagination which will then be reflected in the personal narratives they create. Therefore, picture books, early chapter books and longer novels should become part of a student's daily reading diet.

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## The little Fish

Once upon a time there was a little fish who lived in the sea near the beach. One day a huge wave came and the little fish was on the beach. On the beach there was a boy who was relaxing and enjoying the sunny day. The boy saw the fish and hurried to catch the fish. The boy threw his net and he tried to catch the fish but he could not. After that he took his stick and hit the fish and it turned into a beautiful girl. The girl told him her story that the wicked witch changed her into a fish. The boy fell in love with her andmarried her and they lived happily ever after.


Long ago in a land far away lived unicorns and mermaids in peace. One day, unicorn Jana said, "Let's go visit the mermaids." When the unicorns arrived to the sea, the mermaids were not there. "Mermaids!" shouted unicorns Lamar and Sheikhah. The queen found a note on the starfish. It said, "We kidnapped the mermaids and took them to our lair. Sincerely, Hussain and Saif, the monkeys. The unicorns went to the lair. On their way they met Nathan the troll who eats unicorns. He lived on a bridge. The unicorns used their magic to fly over Nathan. They arrived at the lair, the tallest tree in the world. It took them an hour to get up there. Luckily they were on time to save the mermaids. The monkeys were upstairs preparing a potion to drain the magic from the mermaids. The mermaids were free but the monkeys caught Jana. Her magic was too powerful. In fact, the monkeys were shot into space. And the unicorns and mermaids lived happily ever after.

## Island Miracle

There used to be a peaceful island located in the corner of the GCC called Failaka island. Their citizens were known to be happy and used to have good manners. Other people from the GCC countries like Qatar, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia used to visit Failaka every now and then. Also, Failaka's citizens used to invite tourists to some feasts, Diwaniyas and they were really hospitable. Tourists would be treated as brothers until one day, some magicians heard about how happy people were on the island. They got super jealous since their lives were awful and unlucky. They decided to transport to Failaka on a boat to threaten them. They told the people to pick one of the following options: either become sad forever and live depressing lives or have the island destroyed. The people thought the magicians were joking so they ignored them. Unfortunately, the magicians weren't kidding and decided to do both choices. But, before they did it in milliseconds the gods made them hit Kuwait with their powers by mistake. Soon after, the gods threatened the magicians to either die or leave the island. They decided to leave the island but while the gods slept the magicians came back and destroyed the island. The magicians felt really powerful until the next day when the gods rebuilt Failaka and tried to revive Failaka's citizens. But, the gods had trouble bringing the people back to life. Instead, only the souls came back and they will haunt the island forever.

## Sayyid AI Ansari- 6B

## Frost Land

Once upon a time there was a frost queen called Eliza and her sister Lizzi. They were walking in the frosty forest when they saw a wicked witch. She said, "Take this magic map. It will take you anywhere you want."
Lizzi and Eliza took the map, but they didn't know that she was lying. Instead it took them to a cave! They met a nice wizard there who gave them his best spell book. He took Lizzi and Eliza through a maze where the secret room was for the wizard. They said the magic spell and it took them back to the frosty forest. The wizard made them a map that actually took them anywhere using his strong magic. The frost queen Eliza called the frost fairy. The frost fairy took Lizzi and Eliza through a secret underground tunnel that led them to the ice castle. The frost fairy put a spell on the witch and they never saw her again. And the frost fairy told them, "Don't talk to strangers!" They kept the wizard's book in a special place. They lived happily ever after and never talked to strangers again.


One of the best and worst trips of my entire life was to Gothenburg, Sweden in July 2016. My brothers had a soccer tournament there and my parents told us we were all going to go with them. I was really excited because not only is Gothenburg a beautiful city, my best friend Aisha was also coming on the trip since her brother played on the same soccer team as my brothers. We booked our flight on Turkish Airlines so that our transit could be in Turkey. A day before we were supposed to travel, we heard about a bombing that happened in Turkey and worried that it might affect our flight. The next day at around 10.00 pm we left to the airport. Our plan was scheduled to take off at around 2.00 am but we went early so that we could grab a bite and walk around the airport before our flight. We met up with the rest of the team and Aisha's family and sat at the nearest Starbucks. At this point we weren't sure that if our flight was delayed or not. We tried to find our what was going to happen but none of the staff would give us any useful information. My father had finally decided he'd had enough of their nonsense when the time became 1.30 am . He wanted to speak with the manager, so he could tell him exactly what was going on. The manager told him that the flight got cancelled 2 hours ago and they let all the passengers know. We were shocked when we heard what he said because we had been asking a lot of the staff and no one told us anything. My father and Aisha's father had a huge argument with the Turkish airline staff while us kids just sat in the corner bored. By now, it was already 3.00 am. They finally came to a decision that they would take the next flight out which was at 9.00 am the same morning. We decided to go home and wait until it was 7.00 am and then head back to the airport. At this point, we were all very tired. We came back 4 hours later and thankfully got the flight. The main problem was that my brothers had their first match 2 hours after we arrived. Even though they were exhausted from the long flight, they still played. Unfortunately, they lost but played very well. That trip turned out to end pretty decently. We went to many different places and my brothers won and lost some matches. Even though it hadn't gone as expected it to go, it was definitely an unforgettable trip.

## By Zaina Alaa, Gr 8A

The worst trip I have ever been to in my life was Houston, Texas. I planned my whole trip until there were warnings for a level 4 hurricane. Soon after they called it hurricane Mathew. I can't believe all the plans I paid for just went to waste because of a hurricane. Anyway I got really angry so booked a ticket to Biloxi, Mississippi. We landed in Gulf Port International Airport. My parents booked a hotel for us and stayed there for like 2 days until hurricane warnings for Mississippi came on TV. We then booked another flight to New York as soon as it came on. Six hours later, we arrived Maryland, New York. We went on a fishing trip and had lots of other activities. I was relieved and happy for being able to find a place to enjoy. We booked a British airways flight to come back to Kuwait. The seats we chose this time was in the economy class as we had spent a lot of money on flights already. We finally arrived in Kuwait and I was so tired of the chaos that we and my family went through. Even in Kuwait I wasn't that lucky, but my luck was about to change, I got chosen for the Kuwait baseball team, got good marks in school and I'm going to Dubai for the baseball tournament.

## Advice from an Amateur

As a senior, it is hard for me to let go of school not just CBS, but school in general. I've been to three different schools, and it was hard to say goodbye to all my friends each time. Every time I left I felt a brief sadness but as I transitioned to CBS, I had a warm welcome so I didn't feel sad anymore. Although I am saddened to part ways I am excited to start a new journey and meet new faces in college. So, I would like to share some of my wisdom to the younger generation and soon-to-be graduates.
Work hard, play hard. That saying goes so well in school. Working hard and trying your best and then seeing an A on your report card is the most satisfying feeling ever. That feeling of being proud of yourself, no matter how small the accomplishment is, is your way to success because you know how capable you are. After that, you can release all the stress you had, and party as hard as you can.

Participate in every school activity and always say yes when they come to you. Make memories! I am quiet and shy ever since I was young, but even then I pushed myself out of my comfort zone. As a kid, I joined the student choir, won best design for a bookmark, was one of the first set of mentors in my old school, and won a prize for French. It's not about being the best, it's about trying your hardest. Remember, that you don't have to excel in every single subject. Some people excel better in sports and arts, others are better in science and maths. So, don't let what people say bother you. You know what you're good at so continue doing what you do best. Most of all, don't let any one bad grade define who you are. Just like the justice system, the school system isn't perfect either.

CBS Grade I2 Student

## PAST EVENTS - CANDY GRAM AND ORANGE DAY!



Candy gram and orange day held on February 15 was a huge success. The sales exceeded our expectations as students purchased candy grams for their friends, teachers, and families. Student Council would like to give a big THANKS to everyone for their interest and generosity making this the most successful candy gram to-date. As well, many students wore 'orange' to show their support for this spirit-building and fundraising day.

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## PUZZLE TIME!

## UPCOMING EVENTS at CBS

> Sports Day JK - Gr $12-$ March $1^{\text {st }} 2018$
> Young Author's Day - March $8^{\text {th }} 2018$
> Book Character dress-up Day - March $8^{\text {th }} 2018$
> MAP Testing (Spring) : Gr $3-10-$ March $18^{\text {th }}-22^{\text {nd }} 2018$ Mother's Day Celebration - March $21^{\text {st }} 2018$ Healthy Living Week - ES - March $25^{\text {th }}-29^{\text {th }} 2018$ Gr $4-6$ Assembly : Courage - March $26^{\text {th }} 2018$ Gr $1-3$ Assembly : Courage - March $28^{\text {th }} 2018$ Grade $5-6$ Parent Engagement Event -March $28^{\text {th }} 2018$ Healthy Living Event- HS - March $28^{\text {th }} 2018$ HS Assembly : Courage - March $29^{\text {th }} 2018$

## MOTHER'S DAY

The day that celebrates the essence of a mother is Mother's Day. People across all regions, religions, cultures and genders have strong emotional ties binding them to their mothers. To help commemorate this important day, Student Council is planning a Mother's Day celebration on March $21^{\text {st }}$. More information to follow.

- Student Council


Sports Day JK to Gr 12 Thursday, March 1

Young Author's Day SK to Gr 6 Thursday, March 8

