

The Climb Times

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Climbers!

There are many exciting things happening on Mt. Summit. You can subscribe to our one of our YouTube channels [with this link](#). Just watch the short video, then hit the Subscribe button.

All announcements from grades 1-12 are sent via Toddle. You can get the app for your phone [here](#) for Apple users, and [here](#) for Android users.

We had a wonderful October honoring Breast Cancer month and culminating in an exciting schoolwide Pink Day. Our students and families collected relief supplies through the auspices of The Red Crescent, and our older students attended a career and college fair. It was a month full of cooperation, collaboration, and lots of climbing. What follows below is the schoolwide happenings for October. Enjoy and send your feedback to info@summitschool.ae

November will be very busy, we well. Make sure you read through to the last page for all the important information. All students grades 3-10 will take the International Benchmark Test (IBT); a test of their Arabic Language skills.

Thank you,
Mr. Lee

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Kindergarten

KG had so much fun this October! After a month of adjusting to school routines, meeting friends and learning daily expectations, they are now fully immersed as Climbers. Our Climbers are beginning to show their confidence and independence. We could not be more proud!

KG has begun more targeted academic work and is working tirelessly to ensure all Climbers get the unique support they need to succeed.

We, of course, will never stop encouraging the importance of social and emotional growth as well. We have continued to build friendships and care for others as we celebrated Anti-Bully Month. Special days like yellow and pink were also included to show school unity and connect our Summit family.



Primary

Our students also completed their MAP testing in Reading, Language, Math and Science. Well done Climbers, you did a fantastic job.



Primary

We have had a very busy month of October here on Mt. Summit in the primary department. Our students completed their Performance Based Assessments and you will be amazed at what some of the students were able to create.



Primary

We also celebrated Yellow Day here at Summit on October 6th.



Grades 3, 4, and 5 Poetry Recitation Competition

We are excited to share the results about the **poetry recitation competition** conducted by our Summit English Department.

Round 1 was held on **28th September 2023** with a turnout of 19 talented Summit Climbers presenting their recitals. Certificate of Participation has been awarded to our 15 participants for all their efforts. We awarded Certificate of Recognition to 5GA Samishta and 5BA Ahmed Adel for their exceptional efforts during Round 1. Finally, 4A Clark and 5BA Liam were awarded the Certificate of Excellence for **winning Round 1**, which qualified them to compete in Round 2.



Round 2 of **poetry recitation competition** was held on **13th October 2023**. 4A Clark has been awarded a Certificate of Recognition for his exceptional efforts. **5BA Liam** won Round 2 and has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence. He has been selected to represent Summit at the *Emirates NBD Poetry For All Competition, to be held in November*.

It has been an incredibly insightful journey so far and we are rooting for our young climbers to continue climbing higher to their Summit.



Middle & High School

October has brought much success for our MS/HS climbers. We completed the performance based assessments, and our climbers were able to showcase their understanding along with creativity in applying what they learned into models.

Grade 6 science students were able to create a 3D representation for one of the eleven body systems. Then, they were able to discuss some issues that might occur in a body system by identifying its cause and effect on the whole body.



Grade 10 Biology students worked on modeling fluid mosaic models of the cell membrane as they were asked to apply what they learned in class to design a three-dimensional model that accurately represents the key components and features of the cell membrane using the fluid mosaic model.



STUDENT COUNCIL

The SIS Student Council is off to a running start! Only less than a month into their term, the newly minted council has started out with two major initiatives. The first took place Tuesday, October 31 when they closed out the month of October with a PINK DAY to celebrate and support those impacted by Breast Cancer. With the support and assistance of our beloved PE teacher, Ms. Sara Fisekovic, Student Council is also currently running sports tournaments for Grades 8-12 – boys are competing at football and the girls will be showing their skills on the basketball court. We can't wait to see what else the Student Council has in store for the year!



Counselor Corner

Please click on the link below to connect with our Counselor :

[📄 The Counselor Connection Volume 2_231030_140231.pdf](#)

Pastoral News

SAT FALL Exam Dates and Deadlines

Fall 2023 Test Dates

SAT Test Date*	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes, Regular Cancellation, and Late Registration
Nov 4, 2023	Oct 5, 2023	Oct 24, 2023
Dec 2, 2023	Nov 2, 2023	Nov 21, 2023

LIBRARY

We hope this message finds you well. We are excited to share some of the wonderful activities that recently took place in the school library, including our special Bookmark Week event.

Bookmark Week was a great success! Our climbers had the opportunity to showcase their creativity and love for reading. Each climber designed their own unique bookmarks, using various art supplies and their imaginations. It was truly heartwarming to see the enthusiasm and effort that went into each creation. The bookmarks will not only serve as a useful tool for keeping their place in a book, but also as a library card to borrow a book.

In addition to that, we have launched a booking system for break visits of MS/HS students in the library. There is also lots of collaboration with the MS/HS teachers to prepare for the coming Book Club and Book Fairs. All these activities and events are aimed at promoting information literacy and love for books.

Today is the kick-off of the first round of the Readers' Cup. We would like to thank all of you for promoting this event to your children. Thank you for continued support in promoting literacy and a passion for reading in our school community. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in library activities, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

We believe that a library is not just a place for books but a hub for nurturing a lifelong love of reading and learning. We encourage you to visit the library with your children and explore the wide range of resources.



ASSESSMENT/STUDENT SUCCESS



Summit International School is registered for a comprehensive baseline assessment in Arabic Language for both native Arabic speakers (Arabic A2 Test) and Non-native Arabic speakers (Arabic B Test). The test is called International Benchmark Test (IBT) and is taken by Grades 3 to 10 climbers. Our test will start on November 7th until November 13th at School. The IBT reports will provide the school and the students with regional and international percentiles to compare and benchmark students' performances in Arabic Language.

There is no need for preparation at home. We have been working with our students towards mastery of the Ministry of Education standards and skills.

Please read the [IBT letter to parents](#) (Grades 3 to 10 only).

Final Summative Assessments will start on November 16th until November 30th. Make-up tests and recovery plans will be completed by December 7th. Final Assessment schedules will be shared with students and parents by November 10th.

Students' attendance is mandatory after the completion of the final assessments to mark "Engagement and Participation" aspects accurately in classrooms.

College and Career

We have a lot of events going on, make sure to read all our Toddle announcements. As for the month of October we have encouraged our students to attend all the events listed below:

- **The Gulf '23 University Fair** Took place on Wednesday 4th October, from 5pm to 6:45pm UAE time.
- **Rize University Fair by ADEK** This year's event features more than 80 universities from 15 countries including 10 of the top 25 in the 2024 QS world rankings.
- **Najah Abu Dhabi University Expo!** We are taking our Grade 11 and 12 to Najah EXPO on the 31st Oct 2023.
- **GITEX YouthX Unipreneur 2023** The third edition of UAE's youth innovation event on 15th to 18th October!
- **Virtual Event for School of Humanity** This is a virtual event happening on November 4th and 11th hosted by School of Humanity.
- **UK Student Visa Information Session by UKVI & Industry Experts in UAE in (BISAD)** Auditorium on Saturday, 4th November from 10am – 12pm.
- **Introduction on COMMON APP: How to apply to college with Common Appl**
- Reminder for Grade 12 to **Register for SAT!** Digital SAT Dates and Deadlines
- Reminder for Grade 12 to **Register for EmSAT!**
- We have shared a link for **Scholarship for Liberal Art- Goucher College in Maryland USA.**
- One of the most exciting news is the **ADNOC Internship for Engineering Pathway Students during winter!** This program is initiated through our school in collaboration with ADNOC.

IMMUNIZATION FOR GRADE 8 STUDENTS

Consented Grade 8 students received their 1st dose HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccine last October 13, 2023. This vaccine is known in preventing cancer-causing infections and pre-cancer affecting mostly the reproductive system. SEHA team came to conduct the vaccination. The second dose will be taken after 5-6 months.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month this October, we had two sessions of lectures last October 26. One for the MSHS female students and one for all female staff. We have invited Dr. Anju Bhagtana, a surgeon from Medeor Hospital to share and reiterate essential information about breast cancer. Dr. Anju highlighted the importance of early screening and detection to get timely treatment.





Date	Event
Nov 3	UAE Flag Day Celebration
Nov 10	Green Day
Nov 24	Orange Day
Nov 16	Final Assessments begin
Dec 8	Last Day of Term 1

General Reminders:

Assembly is mandatory for Climbers. The anthem starts at 7:45 and ALL students should be there.

For color days, the dress is the color of the day OR the uniform. Please be aware of your Climbers' dress before he or she leaves