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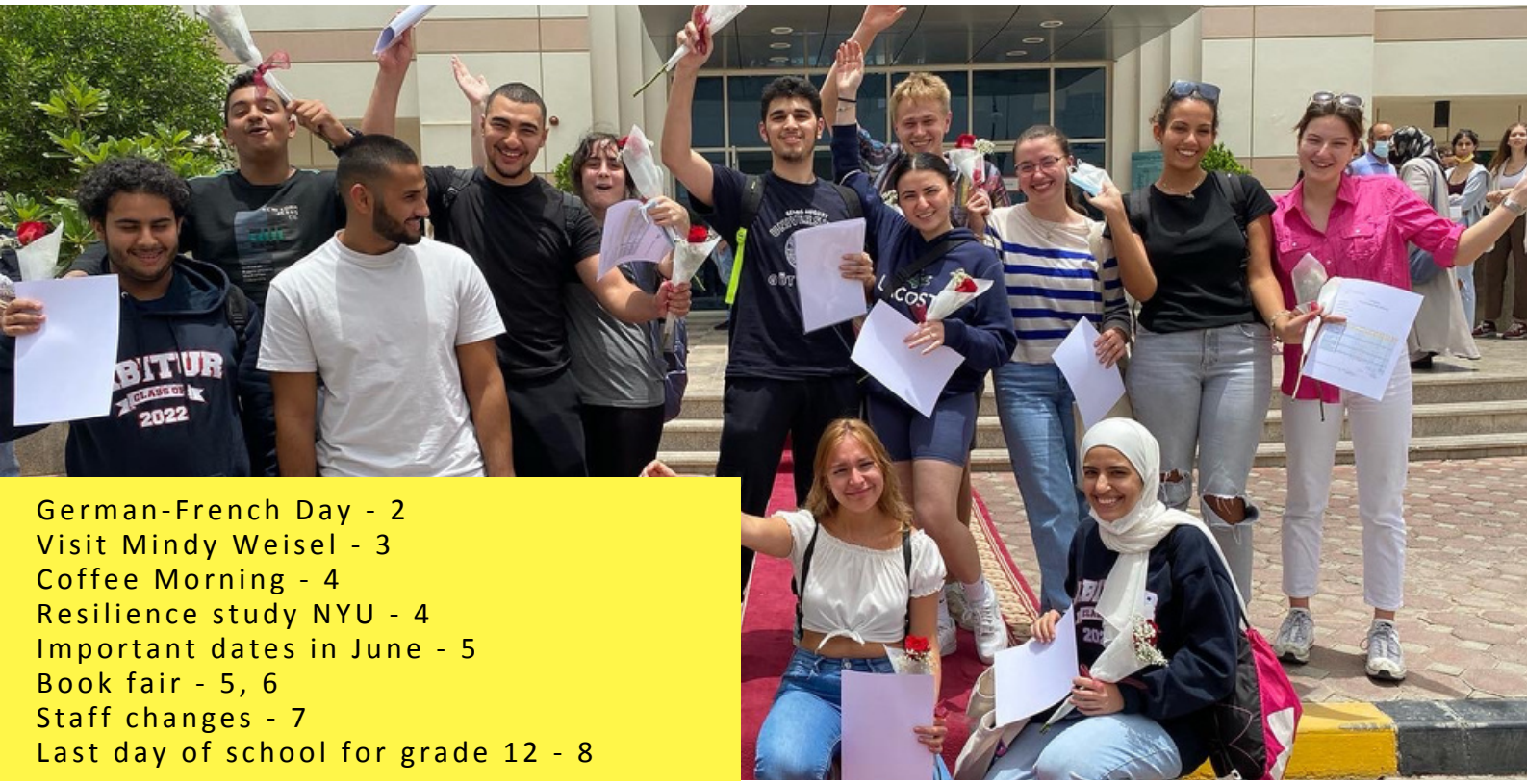

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Dear valued GISAD-community,

Final spurt before the summer vacations - and we still have quite a lot planned. The past month of May was already marked by great events such as the German-French Day with our partner schools and the Parents' Coffee Morning, trips to the book fair and an author reading in the Mediothek. The visit of the artist and author Mindy Weisel inspired everyone very much and gave us wonderful works of art.

For our graduates there was already the first goodbye, namely the last regular school day. But there is still the oral Abitur to come, until we will hand out the certificates on June 18, 2022 and send our 13 graduates out into the world.

We are looking forward to the last month of the school year 2021/22!

German-French Day

SCHOOL

German-French Day at GISAD! The French department was very happy to finally welcome guests again and invited students from the Louis Massignon and Theodore Monod schools in May.

A great reception, a school tour, creative role-playing games about their own invented sports, a history quiz and finally a dodgeball tournament deepened the Franco-German friendship on this day and allowed new friendships to develop. Many thanks to the organizer Mrs. Nahida Nassrat and all who helped!

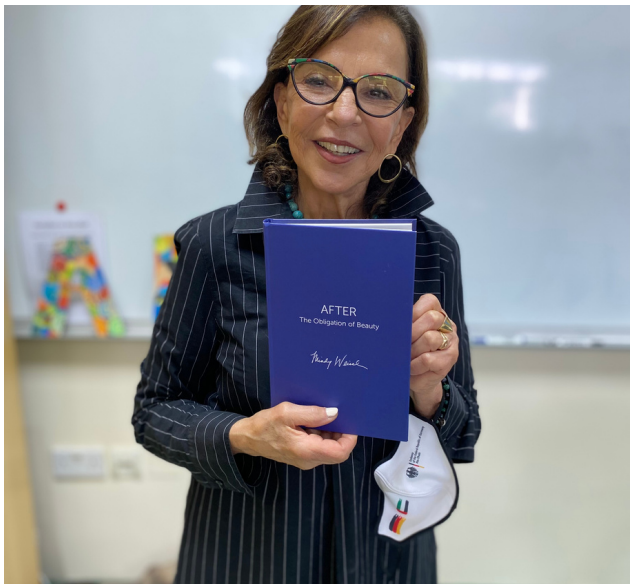
Merci pour cette journée magnifique !

Visit Mindy Weisel

SCHOOL

Touching visit to GISAD - The Jewish American artist, book author and Winner of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany Mindy Weisel presented her remarkable biography to Christoph Gerhardt's history class in grade 10 today and then worked with the students on an art project together with art teacher Jessi Ismailat. Mindy Weisel is currently in Abu Dhabi to present her newly published book "After-The Obligation of Beauty. A Memoir" at the Abu Dhabi Book Fair (May 23.-29., 2022).

A very special experience for our school, which touched and inspired everyone deeply and left us with beautiful artwork.



Coffee Morning

SCHOOL

On May 20, the GISAD Mediothek seemed almost like it used to be - parents came to visit for Coffee Morning and exchanged ideas about school and kindergarten and all that goes with it over coffee and cookies. Organizers Tracy Fechner, Melanie Haack, and Miriam Gensch were delighted to see so many parents gather throughout the morning - under strict Covid regulations, of course.

NYU Resilience Study

STUDY

This school year, some of our teachers participated in a study conducted by New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD) on the resilience of teachers during and after the pandemic. Dr. Chris Bryan and his team from NYUAD's Teaching, Learning & Development Lab examined the daily life and stress levels of our teachers in various situations.

Finally, participants received training on how to increase their resilience.

Important dates in June

DATES

Final spurt before the summer vacations - and there is still a lot going on at GISAD:

- The oral Abitur exams will be held on June 6 and 7, 2022.
- The graduation ceremony is scheduled for June 18, 2022, at the Rosewood Hotel. Due to the national mourning for the late Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed al Nahyan, the responsible ministry and the school authority have stipulated that no celebrations of any kind may be organized by the school. Thus, this year there may only be a formal presentation of certificates to the graduates.
- There will be a project week from June 27 to July 1, 2022.
- The last day of school will be July 4, 2022, when a virtual graduation ceremony will be held. You will receive information about this separately.

Book Fair - Excursions, readings and live streams

SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN,COLLEAGUES

During the Abu Dhabi Book Fair from May 23-29, 2022, all the signs at GISAD were also on literature. Many classes took the opportunity for a trip to the fair.

Caroline Harvey, bumblebee group leader and kindergarten English teacher, live-streamed a reading by Emirati author Dr. Ahmed Al Shoaibi with her English group, and Dr. Mohamed El Sakka, Arabic teacher at GISAD, presented and signed his latest book at the book fair. The layout of the collection of Arabic short stories was created in cooperation with Sham, grade 7 at GISAD, and Habiba, grade 11.

As a special highlight, GISAD invited children's book author Martin Muser and his illustrator Tine Schulz to a reading. Classes 2, 5, and 6 enjoyed listening to the author in person, puzzling along, learning about the design of children's books, and even getting an autograph.

Impressions of the book fair

Staff changes

SCHOOL, KINDERGARTEN, ADMINISTRATION, MARKETING

Unfortunately, some colleagues will leave us at the end of the school year. Some are moving back home, some are going on maternity leave, and others are taking time off. We wish all our colleagues all the best for the future and thank them for their great work.

Kindergarten:

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Petra Rieker, our Head of Kindergarten, at the end of the school year. For personal reasons, Mrs. Rieker is leaving GISAD after four years and returning to Germany.

Sabrina Grünwidl (formerly Harms), group leader of the camel group, and Janine Schoder, assistant of the turtles, are going on well-deserved maternity leave.

Andrea Keeling, assistant with the bumblebees, is moving to Qatar for personal reasons.

School:

Maike Reichartz and Buket Arica are unfortunately leaving the elementary school. In addition, we say goodbye to our valued colleagues from the middle and high school Nahida Nassrat and Esra Ersöz; Rajiha Zoubi takes a year off.

Care Team and Full Day Coordination:

Ms. Sonja Kruse, Head of Care, and Angela Noethe, Social Pedagogue and All-Day Coordinator, will unfortunately also be moving on to new challenges.

Administration and Marketing:

Mei-Ling Pfnür, Financial Accounting, has unfortunately also left us. In her place, Dorina Hacker, our parent council chairwoman, part of the care team and long-time GISAD parent is currently filling in for us.

And finally, I, Britta Mattern from Marketing, am also saying goodbye to you - we will soon be moving back home.

Thank you all for your time and dedication to GISAD! We will miss you!

Last day of school for grade 12

GRADUATES

Time to say Goodbye! On May 27, we said goodbye to our twelfth graders and handed them red roses on their last official day of school. We will still see our graduates for their oral exams next week, but the official school day ended last week. There were a few tears, as GISAD has been like a second home to some of them for many years since kindergarten.

We wish them all the best for their final exams and for everything that is yet to come!