

# Secondary School News

“Roots to Grow - Wings to Fly.”

## SS Principal Update by Dr. Timothy Chute:

Happy New Year! Welcome Back. I hope that everyone had a good and relaxing Winter Break! Lots of exciting things are happening in the Secondary School. We have Student Council, sports teams (U16 13 and 12 Girls Football, Swim Team, Cross-country / Road Race Running, and Badminton), Problem Solvers, After-School Arabic Support, and After-School Art Projects. Lots to keep our students healthy and challenged.

## No School for QAS Students on January 24 – 25<sup>th</sup>

Parents: Please note that QA Sidra will be closed on 24th and 25th January for teachers to do professional development. We are fortunate to have Dr Lynn Erickson visiting from the US to present to all teachers at QAS a workshop entitled:

### Concept-based Curriculum and Instruction for the Thinking Classroom

Lynn Erickson expands our understanding of the conceptual level of knowledge, thinking, and understanding. In this highly interactive session, Dr. Erickson will challenge your mind as she contrasts a three-dimensional concept-based curriculum and instruction model with the worn out two-dimensional coverage model. You will see and discuss DVD clips of three-dimensional, concept-based teachers instructing students in different grade levels and subject areas. You will learn specific, practical instructional strategies that engage the hearts and minds of students.

## Upcoming Events

**Jan. 10 – March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
After School  
Activities Round 2

**Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Workshop on  
how to access the  
Qatar National  
Library Database

**Jan. 24 – 25<sup>th</sup>**  
No School for  
students. Teacher  
Training Days

**Jan. 31 – Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>**  
School Holiday

**Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**  
National Sports Day  
(no school)

**Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Three Way  
Conferences

**Qatar Academy Sidra**  
An International Baccalaureate  
Middle Years (MYP) and Diploma (DP) Programmes  
Candidate School



**السدرة Sidra**  
أكاديمية قطر Qatar Academy  
عضو في مؤسسة قطر  
Member of Qatar Foundation

## Tips for Middle School Parents

**Talk to your child about school.** Ask specific questions to draw out your child. Ask “How do you think you did on the math test?” “Did Mr. Phipps say anything funny today?” “What games did you play in PE?”

**Give your child a quiet place to study and do homework.** Find an area in your home that is free of distraction where your middle schooler can concentrate on homework. Be available to help if your child has a question.

**Check your child’s homework, but don’t do it for her.** Offer to check math problems, proofread written papers, and look over spelling words. If you find a mistake, point it out to your child and help her figure out the correct answer.

**Post a family calendar in a central place.** Write down important school dates, including parent meetings, due dates for projects, and tests. Encourage your middle schooler to add to the calendar and to check it daily.

<http://www.schoolfamily.com/school-family-articles/article/801-10-tips-for-middle->

## Qatar Academy Sidra

### QA Sidra Vision

Qatar Academy Sidra prepares students to contribute to a more peaceful, sustainable and equitable world. Through the development of critical thinking skills, reflection and service learning we will nurture student creativity and develop inquiring, compassionate world citizens.

### IBO Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate Organization aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. To this end the IB works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programs of international education and rigorous assessment. These programs encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

### QA Sidra Values

- A Student-Centered Approach to Learning
- A Focus on Thinking
- An Emphasis on Interaction
- A Concentration on Character
- A Culture of Inclusion
- Active Participation in the Community

At QA Sidra  
Secondary School we're  
*"Raising the bar a little each day."*

## Qatar National Day Celebration

On Wednesday, December 16th, Qatar Academy Sidra in Education city and Bani Hajer campus organized an event for Qatar National day.

The celebration started with a reading of the Quran followed by students singing the Qatari National Anthem. The celebration included many activities (Military March show by KG students, poems, Heritage dance Arda, short acts, presentations and songs by the primary and secondary students)

After that, the students visited the corner activities (Henna, Face painting, bouncy castle and traditional foods, cupcake decoration, art works and crafts, games, etc..)

Students and their parents enjoyed the celebration. We would like to thank all the parents for joining us as well as a Special thanks for the volunteer parents who helped to make this a successful event.

### الوطني الیوم احتفال

المدینة مبنی فی ۲۰۱۵ ديسمبر ۱۶ الموافق الاربعا یوم السدرة قطر أكاديمية نظمت قطر لدولة الوطني الیوم بمناسبة احتفال اهاجر بنی فی الروضة ومبنی التعلیمیة بدأ الاحتفال بالقرآن الکریم ثم أنشد الطلاب النشید القطری، وتخلل الاحتفال العدي من الأنشطة (العرض الکریم من قبل الطلاب الروضة، والقصائد، والعرضة، والعروض بعد ذلك، تنقل الطلاب والأغانی التي قام بها طلاب المدرسة الابتدائیة والثانویة) الأركان وشاركوا فی الأنشطة المتنوعة (كالرسم علی الوجه، والنشاطیة والأكلات بین والأعمال الفنیه، والألعاب، ومشاهدة الصقر العربی وحمله، والتزیین الكبکیك، إلخ .. تمتع الطلاب وأولیاء أمورهم بهذا الاحتفال، نشكر أولیاء الأمور الذین دعمونا بحضورهم ونخص من دعمونا بالمشاركة فی الأركان المتنوعة.

The PTA would like to thank the QAS community for a very successful International Day!

We would especially like to thank the parents, teachers, and friends who planned, coordinated, and set up the impressive and creative booths for all our countries, as well as everyone who contributed to the many delicious dishes we were able to share. We loved watching the children parade around the playground and participate in the many crafts and games, and we were very happy to see almost 500 people learning about each other's countries, cultures, and cuisine. Finally, we want to thank the school administration and staff for all their assistance and the Student Council for their artistic help with banners and signs.

In short, many, many, MANY thanks to everyone who helped or attended. We can't wait for next year's International Day!

My name is Khansa. I did the TCK booth at the international day with the help of two students from grade 8. Without their help the booth would not exist. I want to share my experience with you and take the opportunity to thank them for their amazing job as I believe they deserve our appreciation.

Sarah Abu Nabaa and Zahraa Obuli were recommended by Mrs. Sarah Walker to help me in my TCK booth. They are very knowledgeable, creative, committed and reliable. I really enjoyed working with them to the last minute. Many thanks to them and I want to thank Mrs. Sarah for her help and support. Finally, thank you for giving me the chance to share this with you and for the efforts you giving to help our kids being great leaders for future.

### QA Sidra Sports Update by Dave McCallum

Following a successful start to the fall year with boy's football, the Winter/Spring sports season is heating up. Currently we have girls' soccer underway along with cross-country and swimming. In February, we will be adding badminton to the busy schedule. We look forward to improving the sporting opportunities here at QA Sidra as we continue to grow. Sports teams allow students to contribute to a school community while giving the students problem-solving skills, self-esteem and social competence. Add the physical, social and emotional health components and you have a recipe for a well-rounded student. As parents, we can all encourage our children to take part in at least one sporting opportunity that QA Sidra provides. We look forward to seeing your children on the pitch or court in the near future!

### Digital Design Update by Deon Vosloo, Design Teacher

As grade eight students were inquiring into the development of sustainable solutions to everyday problems, they faced the situation where new organisations or businesses expand and start chains in other countries and have to communicate with their target audiences.

Below is a temporary link to Oroni Hassan's solution; a website for Costa coffee in Qatar, who currently do not have a local website.

<http://costaqa.businesscatalyst.com>



**COSTA COFFEE**  
IN QATAR

Home Menu Locations Coffee Club More

**Welcome to Costa Coffee!** You will love Costa Coffee's delicious food and drinks, especially their coffee. You'll want to come back for more of it. Costa Coffee's coffee is 100% Rainforest Alliance certified and we also provide coffee-growing farmers and their communities with long-term support, like access to education. By the way, all our paper cups are some of the most eco-friendly in the world! Don't worry, we do a lot more for our farmers and the environment than just this.

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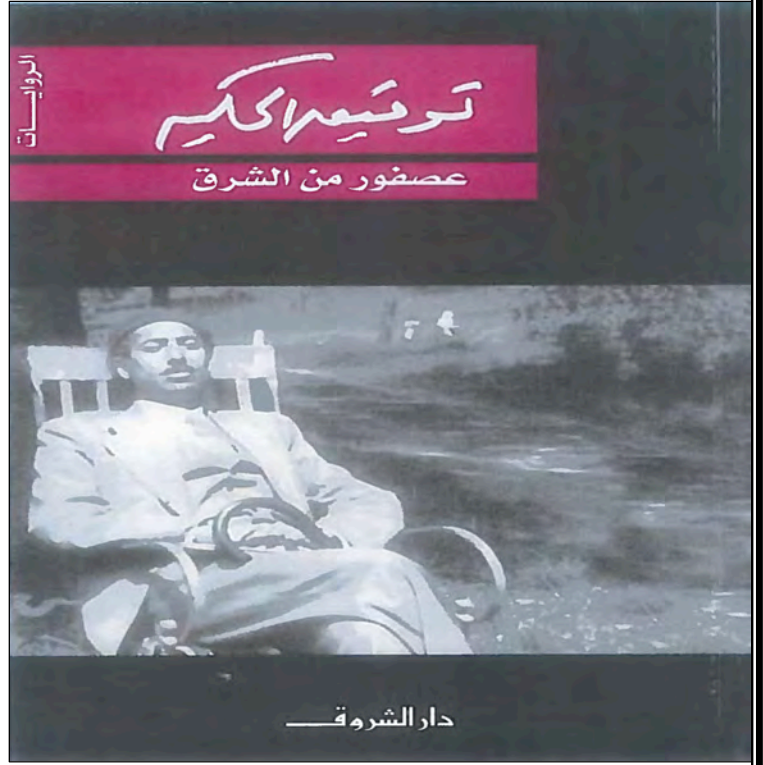
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الأستعارة  
In the LH of QAS,  
You can Borrow

### رواية «عصفور من الشرق»

للكاتب المصري توفيق الحكيم،  
وهي رواية كتبت عام 1938،  
ترجمت ونشرت بالفرنسية عام 1946،  
تتحدث عن شاب مصري يدعى  
«محسن» مغترب في باريس، ويحيا  
حياة هادئة وينطوي على كتبه  
وتأملاته، ويعيش مع عائلة فرنسية  
ويمضي معهم فترة من الزمن، حتى  
يقع في غرام إحدى الفتيات  
الفرنسيات وتتوالى الأحداث الشيقة.



### غابريال غارثيا ماركيز مائة عام من العزلة

رواية



ترجمة

ك. شوقي الجندي



رواية مائة عام من العزلة من الأدب  
العالمي للكاتب غابرييل غارثيا ماركيز،  
نشرت عام 1967، ترجمت إلى العربية .  
من أهم الأعمال الأدبية العالمية وطبع  
منها قرابة الثلاثين مليون نسخة، يروي  
الكاتب أحداث المدينة من خلال سيرة  
عائلة بوينديا على مدى ستة أجيال  
والذين يعيشون في قرية خيالية تدعى  
ماكوندو.