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Welcome to the new trimester, and most importantly, to the eagerly awaited year, 2024! Join us as we turn the pages and explore the experiences that January has woven for us. Here's to a promising start and countless more adventures ahead in 2024!

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DID YOU KNOW ?



You can set daily, weekly, and/or monthly spending limits for your child's CISA Bracelet! Simply check in the settings on the SPARE app under "Spending Limits". It's a great way to manage their expenses and encourage responsible spending habits.



DIRECTOR'S WORD

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we prioritize the safety and well-being of our students at Cedars International School of Angola (CISA), I want to emphasize the importance of our school safety policy, particularly regarding the use of the CISA Bracelet.

The CISA Bracelet serves as the primary instrument of identification and attendance for our students. It plays a crucial role in ensuring the security of our school environment and the safety of every child under our care.

Additionally, while the bracelet is a key factor, it is just one element among many others in our comprehensive safety protocols. Moreover, the bracelet plays a pivotal role in automating attendance procedures. Our system is designed to automatically register the presence of students as they enter school premises, streamlining attendance tracking for teachers and administrators.

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This ensures accurate attendance records and enhances overall safety measures by effectively monitoring the presence of students within the school grounds.

Furthermore, the bracelet serves as a source of reassurance for parents. Through our system, parents receive a message whenever their child arrives at school, providing them with peace of mind knowing their child has safely reached their destination. Additionally, the bracelet enables parents to monitor and control their child's spending at CISA shops. By setting limits and receiving notifications of purchases, parents can actively manage their child's expenses, promoting financial responsibility and accountability.

I urge all parents to fully understand and support this policy, as it is vital for the protection of our students. It is imperative that every child wears their CISA Bracelet at all times while on school grounds. Additionally, parents play a crucial role in educating their children about the importance of the bracelet and the necessity of adhering to school safety protocols.

By reinforcing the significance of the CISA Bracelet and encouraging our children to comply with safety measures, we collectively contribute to creating a safe and secure learning environment where every student can thrive without compromise.

Thank you for your cooperation and unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of our students.

Sincerely,
 IMAD TAHA
 Head of Cedars International School of Angola (CISA)



MILANK CATERING: THE CHICKEN CURRY

A culinary delight that tantalizes the taste buds, this savory dish boasts tender chicken, rich spices, and a medley of aromatic herbs. With its blend of flavors, this hearty chicken curry is a wholesome treat for our students. Brimming with protein to support growth and energy, it's a delectable and nourishing choice for our young scholars. Get ready to savor every bite of this flavorful and fulfilling culinary experience!

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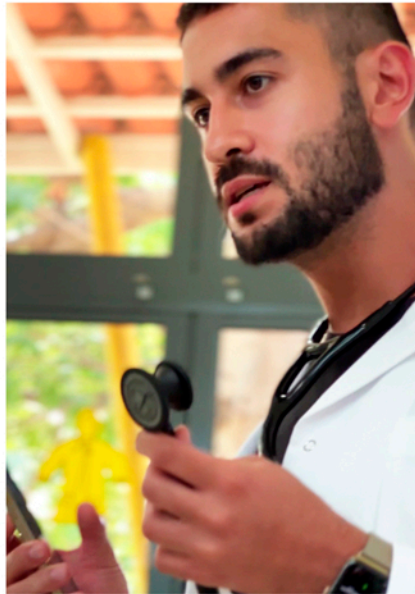
DOCTOR'S VISIT TO THE KG DEPARTMENT

Our own medical doctor, Nour Taha, served as a guest speaker during his recent visit to our KG department. The students displayed keen interest as Dr. Nour explained the primary responsibilities of a doctor, providing insightful details on their roles, the essential tools they use, and teaching new words.

In an engaging session, Dr. Nour highlighted crucial health practices, emphasizing the significance of a balanced diet with a focus on fruits and vegetables. He stressed the importance of good hand hygiene and adequate sleep for overall well-being. The students were captivated by his presentation, absorbing valuable insights into maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

To make the experience even more special, the students also got to listen to their heartbeats with the use of a digital stethoscope!

The visit concluded with an interactive Q&A session, where the curious students had the opportunity to ask Dr. Nour questions. This experience not only broadened their understanding of the medical profession but also inspired them to consider the importance of health in their daily lives. Dr. Nour's visit left a lasting impact, fostering awareness and curiosity among the young minds of our KG students.





GRADE 5: ADAPTATION PRESENTATION



In a recent **Grade 5** classroom activity, our students demonstrated an impressive understanding of adaptation through their engaging presentations, exploring how both people and animals adapt to diverse climatic and geographic conditions. Their presentations showcased a solid grasp of the subject matter. Using visuals and clear explanations, the students highlighted the ways living organisms adapt to their surroundings, discussing aspects from extreme climates to varied landscapes. Each student, taking on the role of a knowledgeable presenter, contributed to an informative and lively display of insights into the intricate relationship between organisms and their ever-changing habitats.



KG1: ZESTY ORANGE JUICE ADVENTURE!



Little Squeezers, Big Achievers!

Our KG1 class embarked on a journey of discovery by squeezing their own orange juice! Tiny hands eagerly grasped fresh oranges, and with giggles of joy, the children squeezed the fruit to extract its delicious juice. In this interactive activity our young learners were introduced to the concept of nutrition, fostering a foundation for a healthy lifestyle.

This initiative aligns with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), emphasizing the importance of promoting well-being through nutritious practices, even at the earliest stages of education.





CELEBRATING THE WORLD ARABIC LANGUAGE DAY

In a festive celebration of World Arabic Language Day, our students came together to honor the richness of the Arabic language. The occasion was marked by a joyous party held in our new Arabic classroom. The air was filled with melodies of Arabic songs, creating an atmosphere of cultural appreciation. Amidst the festive tunes, delightful cupcakes and treats were enjoyed.

Students seized the opportunity to express their gratitude to our Director Dr. Imad, by presenting a heartfelt poster adorned with words of appreciation. This special day highlighted the significance of the Arabic language and emphasized the unity and appreciation within our school community.





GRADE 10 EXPERIMENT: DILUTION & DISSOLUTION

In an engaging chemistry class, our Grade 10 students immersed themselves in the fascinating world of dilution and dissolution. Guided by their enthusiastic teacher, the students embraced the scientific process of preparing solutions using two fundamental methods: dilution and dissolution. With precision, they measured solutes and skillfully diluted solutions by adding the solvent, witnessing the transformation before their eyes.

This engaging experiment allowed them to grasp the intricacies of dilution and to understand the essential concept of dissolution, where solutes evenly disperse in a solvent to create a uniform solution. This educational initiative resonates with SDG 4 (Quality Education), emphasizing the importance of fostering hands-on learning experiences that equip students with practical knowledge.





FOOTBALL: STUDENTS VS TEACHERS!

The school field became a battlefield of fun and competition as students and teachers clashed in a thrilling football match, promoting not only agility and unity but also contributing to the broader goal of Good Health and Well-being (SDG 3). The students showcased agility and unity, securing a 7-5 victory over the teachers. Beyond the score, the match highlighted the strong sense of camaraderie within our school community, emphasizing the importance of both physical and mental well-being.

Adding to the vibrant atmosphere, the rest of the school gathered to cheer, creating an encouraging environment that further amplified the sense of unity and support. Hats off to both teams for not only making it an exciting and memorable event for everyone involved but also for championing a healthier and more active lifestyle!





GRADE 4 ACTIVITY: MULTIPLICATION CONTEST

One of our effective approaches to encouraging students' enthusiasm for learning is through engaging activities like the multiplication competition held in Grade 4 math class. Our students eagerly embraced the challenge, turning mathematical exercises into a thrilling game. Their active participation not only showcased their multiplication skills but also highlighted the joy they find in mastering mathematical concepts.

This dynamic and interactive approach aligns with our commitment to fostering a love for learning and creativity within our classrooms. Furthermore, such initiatives contribute to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4: Quality Education, by promoting innovative teaching methods that empower students to acquire essential skills for their future.





FRAMES OF JANUARY



JANUARY BROADCASTS

CISA CARNIVAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Dear Parents, get ready for a spectacular event!

We are thrilled to announce the CISA Carnival on Saturday, 10th February.

It's going to be a costume extravaganza filled with food, a colorful parade, and loads of fun!

Save the date and prepare your costumes for an unforgettable day of joy and celebration. We can't wait to see you there!

Best regards,

DRESS CODE REMINDER

Dear Parents, we trust this message finds you well. In our ongoing efforts to prioritize the safety of our students, we would like to emphasize certain aspects of our dress code policy.

Footwear Policy:

Slippers, sandals, and crocs are STRICTLY forbidden due to the increased risk of slipping, falling, and injuries.

Hair Accessories Policy for our PYP students:

Any hair beads or accessories are strictly forbidden as they may pose a risk of causing injuries.

Policy Update:

If a(PYP) student arrives at school wearing any of the prohibited accessories, they will not be allowed entry into their classroom. Our staff will promptly contact you to arrange for the child to be picked up.

Your understanding and cooperation in reinforcing these guidelines with your child are vital to maintaining a secure and safe learning environment. We appreciate your commitment to the safety and well-being of all our students.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Best regards,

NEW ATTENDANCE RULES REGARDING CISA BRACELETS

Dear parents, we would like to inform you that the attendance results are now based on your child's use of the school bracelet, serving as the sole instrument for attendance, purchases, and restaurant access.

We have noticed that some students' attendance records for the first trimester did not accurately reflect their actual attendance, as they did not always have their bracelet upon arrival.

To address this issue, with the exception of our KG students, starting January 8th, the first day of the second trimester, students MUST have their bracelet for school access.

Please, ensure they have it before leaving home.

Note that any issues with the CISA Bracelet, such as activation or the need to purchase a new one, must be resolved before the mentioned date as without the CISA Bracelet, the student will not be permitted to enter our campus.

Your cooperation in maintaining awareness of your child's bracelet presence is highly appreciated.

Best regards,

PRICE ADJUSTMENT FOR MILANK DAILY MEAL

Dear Parents, we want to inform you that there have been adjustments to the prices on the school canteen menu by MILANK Catering.

The daily meal is now 5000Kz, instead of the previous 4500Kz.

Make sure to adjust the Daily Limits within the Spare app accordingly.

To view the updated prices and ensure you have the most accurate information, please check the Spare app.

Thank you,

MILANK Catering.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS

Dear Parents, we trust this message finds you well.

By January 19th, 2024, it is mandatory that all outstanding academic documents, including any promised submissions from the first trimester, to be submitted to the school office.

Unfortunately, some parents have yet to fulfill this obligation, and we wish to bring your attention to the potential consequences.

Failure to complete the required documents by the specified date may result in:

Ineligibility to Attend Classes:

Students without completed academic documentation may not be allowed to attend classes for the next trimester, disrupting their academic progress.

Cancellation of Enrollment:

Incomplete academic files compromise the integrity of our enrollment process. Consequently, we may have to cancel the enrollment of students with outstanding documentation.

Please be aware that this requirement is not just a matter of organizational efficiency; it is a mandate from our academic organization and official authorities. Compliance is necessary for the smooth functioning of our educational programs and to adhere to regulatory standards.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances can sometimes cause delays, but it is crucial that we work together to ensure all necessary documents are in order.

Please, take immediate action to fulfill any outstanding document requirements. If you have questions or face challenges in completing this process, do not hesitate to reach out to our school office for assistance.

Best Regards,