

# FALCON FACTS

December 14, 2023

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members:

Our Falcon Facts for the week is ready for you.

**Happy Holidays:** In the spirit of this holiday season, I want to extend my thanks to all of you for everything that you do for our school. As we enjoy the upcoming holidays, it is my fervent wish that each of you receives and returns the seasonal bounty of blessings and good tidings that make these days truly special. In his 1926 classic, "Winnie the Pooh," A. A. Milne wrote, "Piglet noticed that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude." Our little pink friend was grateful for the abundance he had in his life; great friends, a warm place to sleep and a few tasty "haycorns" to eat. As we conclude 2023, and break for the winter holiday, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who help make Bahrain Elementary an amazing place to be.

**Anchored for Life:** Parents, Don't forget that our Anchored for Life Team Leaders and Crew Members are ready to support our students. They are here to help always and love to Welcome new students as well as send our current students off our PCSing students with a big Bon Voyage. Additionally, if your family has any Deployments or Deployed Family Members are returning, Together Again, A4L would love to support our students more so if parents would email Ms Knight, she can get the A4L team right on the job.

**PTA Colorful Teachers:** We have some amazing educators in this building who make a difference in our children's lives and it's time to celebrate those teachers by voting on who you feel deserves teacher of the month. It's very important for the students to have their input heard and valued. They are the ones who see and interact with the teachers every day. The link below will give you and your student the opportunity to make your selection and tell us why. This will be for grades K-12 and include specials educators as well, including music, PE, art, host nation, etc. Please make sure to complete the selection by December 30<sup>th</sup>. As always, we thank you for your support!

**SAC:** exists to facilitate parent and caregiver communication with school leadership. Their quarterly community meetings are the best forum for addressing your questions, but please feel free to contact them via email anytime at [bahraines.sac@dodea.edu](mailto:bahraines.sac@dodea.edu)  
Sac Quarterly Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, from 3:00-4:00 in Gill Hall.



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**Parent Meetings Quarter 2:** Please see the attached slides from our recent parent meeting. We have one more meeting this quarter so check out the flyer and join us to learn more and provide feedback to the school. This week our ESOL teacher, Ms. Collins shared information about our ESOL program and the WIDA ESOL testing.

**Parent Math Bootcamp: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents** We would like to assist you in accessing the math resources available to your child, as well as understanding the curriculum and teaching practices that help them make the connections, they need to be successful. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Dates, times, and locations to follow.

Here are direct links to other valuable pages on the Bahrain School Website:

School Menu: [ES Lunch Menu](#) Look to the right and you will see a link to the monthly menu.

School Calendar: [ES Calendar](#)

Handbook: [Handbook](#)

SAC and PTA: [Get Involved](#) Use the tabs at the top to see specific content for each group.

Bahrain School Main Page: [Main Bahrain School K-12 Page](#)

ES Library Page: [Library Services and Online Databases](#)

School Website: [Bahrain School DoDEA Website](#)

Facebook: [Bahrain School Facebook](#)

## Communication Avenues:

SAC: Our SAC team meets quarterly. If you have needs that you feel our school advisory committee might have address schoolwide please email them to [BahrainES.SAC@dodea.edu](mailto:BahrainES.SAC@dodea.edu).

SLO: You can also reach out to our school liaison officer, Kelsey Lambert at:

[kelsey.lambert@me.navy.mil](mailto:kelsey.lambert@me.navy.mil)

School Counselor: [Dana.knight@dodea.edu](mailto:Dana.knight@dodea.edu) School Registration: [Fatma.myers@dodea.edu](mailto:Fatma.myers@dodea.edu)

School Administration: As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask at [penelope.miller-smith@dodea.edu](mailto:penelope.miller-smith@dodea.edu) Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Together we SOAR higher!

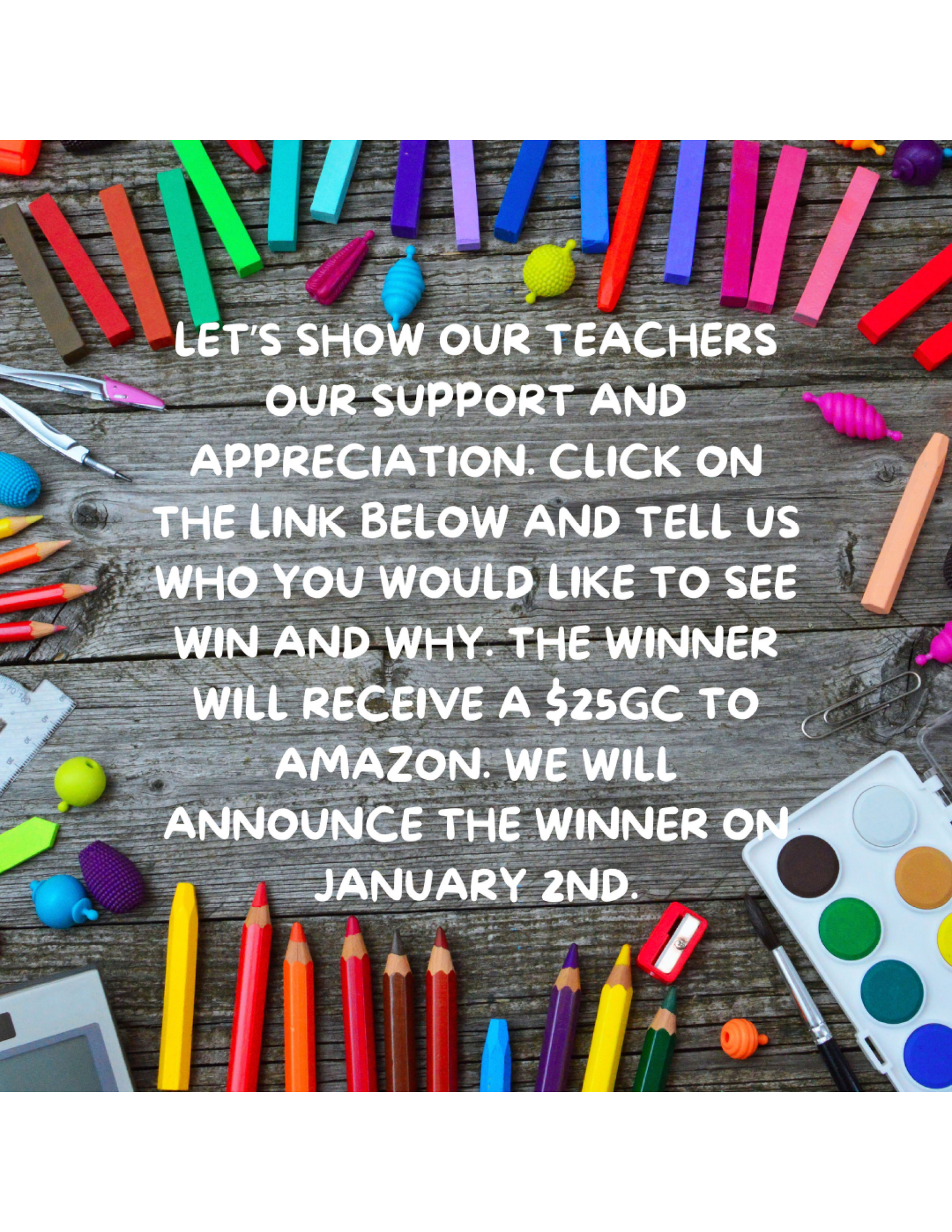




# *Happy Holidays*



*Winter Break  
December 17th-January 1st  
School Resumes January 2nd*



LET'S SHOW OUR TEACHERS  
OUR SUPPORT AND  
APPRECIATION. CLICK ON  
THE LINK BELOW AND TELL US  
WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE  
WIN AND WHY. THE WINNER  
WILL RECEIVE A \$25GC TO  
AMAZON. WE WILL  
ANNOUNCE THE WINNER ON  
JANUARY 2ND.

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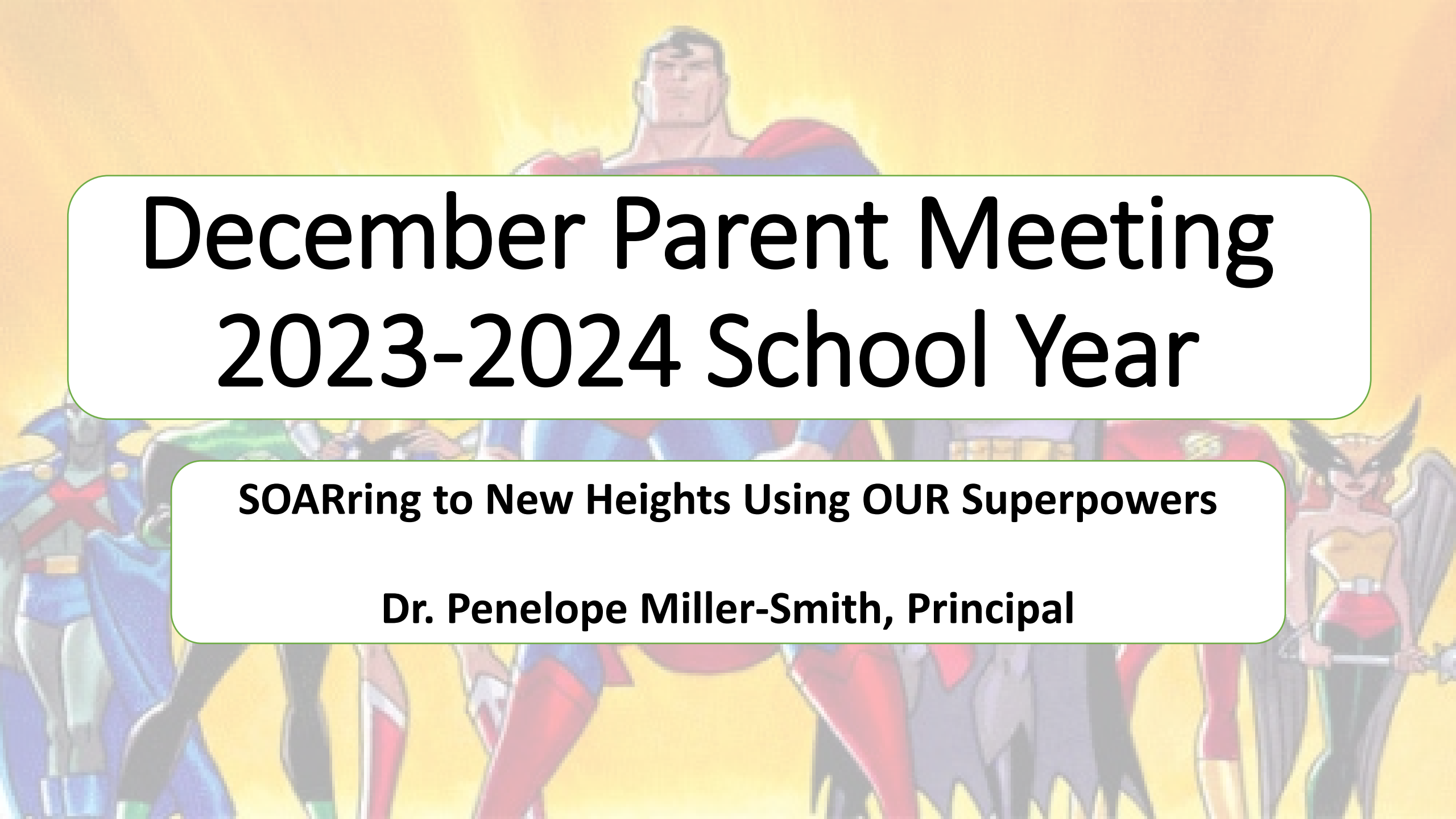
## Parent Math Bootcamp Coming January 2024

BAHRAIN MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL'S  
**5TH ANNUAL CAREER DAY**



Interested in educating the youth of your  
community about your profession?  
If so, use the QR code on the posters to volunteer  
for the Bahrain School Career Day!

**Tuesday January 9, 2024**  
**11:40-2:40**



# December Parent Meeting 2023-2024 School Year

**SOARring to New Heights Using OUR Superpowers**

**Dr. Penelope Miller-Smith, Principal**



## Registration and Attendance with Mrs. Myers

- \*Getting Ready to PCS
- \*Absences Greater than 5 Day
- \*Late Arrival Procedures after 8:00 AM
- \*Calling/Emailing in Sick/Absent
- \*Changes to Students Pickup

[fatma.myers@dodea.edu](mailto:fatma.myers@dodea.edu)

**MAIN NUMBER:  
17719829**





# English for Speakers of other Languages(ESOL)

Parent Communication



Presented by:  
Ms. Angela Collins, Ed.S.  
ESOL Teacher



How does my child qualify for ESOL?

At registration, if the home language survey indicates that a language other than English is spoken in the home, the ESOL teacher will administer the WIDA ACCESS Placement Test for Kindergarten or WIDA Screener (1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders).

### WHAT DOES THE WIDA SCREENER/WIDA ACCESS MEASURE?

- **IT IS USED TO MEASURE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY OF STUDENTS.**
- **IT ALLOWS US TO DETERMINE IF A CHILD NEEDS ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES.**
- **AND IF SO, AT WHAT LEVEL. THE TESTS WERE DEVELOPED BY THE WIDA CONSORTIUM.**

# What's WIDA



- World Class Instructional Design & Assessment
- A multi- state consortia
- A comprehension system grounded in second language acquisition research and best practices:
  - WIDA ELD Standards
  - Access for ELLs Assessment
- An approach to teaching for ELLS that focuses on developing academic language proficiency across all content's areas.
- A vision for Collaboration between ESL and Content area teachers on behalf of Ells.



# What are the WIDA English Language Proficiency Levels?

Stage 1: Entering

Stage 2: Beginning

Stage 3: Developing

Stage 4: Expanding

Stage 5: Bridging

Stage 6: Reaching

## The Purpose Of WIDA Testing:

1. The ACCESS helps students and families understand students' current level of English language proficiency.
2. It serves as one of multiple measures used to determine whether students are prepared to exit English language support programs.
3. It generates information that assists in determining whether ELLs have attained the language proficiency needed to participate meaningfully in content area classrooms without program support.
4. It provides teachers with information they can use to enhance instruction and learning in programs for their English language learners.
5. It provides districts and Schools with information to help them evaluate the effectiveness of their ESL / Multi-lingual programs.





Click on the WIDA picture for a detailed brochure.

[https://www.uen.org/core/englishlanguage/downloads/wida\\_intro.pdf](https://www.uen.org/core/englishlanguage/downloads/wida_intro.pdf)



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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}(x) &= \sum \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \pi(x^{\frac{1}{n}}) \\ &= \pi(x) - \frac{1}{2} \pi(x^{\frac{1}{2}}) - \frac{1}{3} \pi(x^{\frac{1}{3}}) - \frac{1}{5} \pi(x^{\frac{1}{5}}) \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{6} \pi(x^{\frac{1}{6}}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\int \frac{e^{-bx}}{\sqrt{a^2+b^2}} \cdot \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2-4a \frac{dx}{dx}}}{2\sqrt{a^2+b \frac{\pi^2}{a}}} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1 \max x e^{-x^2}}{n} \right)^n$$

$$\sin(x+y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$





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DECEMBER BOX TOP CONTEST



Let's end the year with a bang. The winning classroom will receive a Falcon's Pride goody bag, bragging rights with the Box Top trophy, and a certificate of recognition for the class.





**Bahrain Elementary School**

**4TH AND 5TH  
GRADE**

**1st Semester  
Awards**

**SOARr Awards  
and  
Academic Achievement  
(Cumulative gpa of 3.5 and above)**

**Monday January 22, 2024 10:00 am**





August & September

24 Ice Pops=25  
31 SOARR Store=15  
3 Popcorn=25  
14 SOARR Store=15  
28-SOARR Store=15

October & November

12 ICE POPS=25  
2 SOARR STORE=15  
16 SOARR STORE=15  
30 POPCORN=25

December & January

14 Make Slime=50  
4 SOARR Store=15  
18 Popcorn=25



# How to SOARr

2023-2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

You're a SUPERHERO that SOARR's

You were caught being:

- SAFE
- ORDERLY
- APPROPRIATE
- RESPECTFUL
- RESPONSIBLE



SOARR INCENTIVES

February-March

8 SOARR STORE=15  
22 MCDONALD'S=180  
7 PIE THE PRINCIPAL=180



April-May

4 SOARR STORE=15  
18 BUBBLES/CHALK=25  
9 SOARR STORE=15  
23 ICE POPS=25

END OF YEAR SUPERHERO EVENT

JUNE 5 WATER BALLOON THE PRINCIPAL 100 TICKETS PER BALLOON

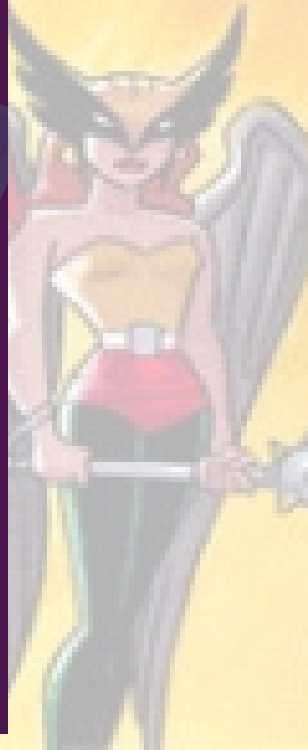
CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!



## BAHRAIN ELEMENTARY FALCONS SOARR! HALLWAY EXPECTATIONS

<b>S</b> afe	KEEP YOUR HANDS, FEET AND OBJECTS TO YOURSELF
<b>O</b> rdery	WALK FACING FORWARD ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE HALLWAY AND IN LINE WITH YOUR CLASS.
<b>A</b> ppropriate	WALK AND USE A LEVEL O VOICE.
<b>R</b> espectful	DO NOT CUT OFF OTHER CLASSES OR OTHER ADULTS.
<b>r</b> esponsible	ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR CHOICES.

DEVELOPED AND SUPPORTED BY THE BAHRAIN STUDENT COUNCIL



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JOIN US FOR OUR QUARTER 2

# PARENT MEETINGS

Sunday November 19th  
Sunday December 10th  
Sunday January 7th

IN PERSON (GILL HALL) 2:00-2:40 pm  
ONLINE 5:30-6:15 pm

Work  
Together for  
Our Better  
Future



← Google Meet joining info  
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/grx-biqy-fkh>

Or dial: (DE) +49 30 300195060 PIN: 473 502 360 9596#  
More phone numbers:



We Hope to See You There!

## Questions and Connections

- [Penelope.miller-smith@dodea.edu](mailto:Penelope.miller-smith@dodea.edu)  
Principal
- [Dana.knight@dodea.edu](mailto:Dana.knight@dodea.edu) Counselor
- [kelsey.c.lambert2.naf@us.navy.mil](mailto:kelsey.c.lambert2.naf@us.navy.mil)  
Kelsey Lambert, School Liaison Officer
- School Advisory Committee:  
[BahrainES.SAC@dodea.edu](mailto:BahrainES.SAC@dodea.edu)

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← Google Meet joining info  
Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/grx-biqy-fkh>

Or dial: (DE) +49 30 300195060 PIN: 413 502 360 9596#  
More phone numbers:



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