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CELEBRATING
5 YEARS

BEST OF
2020



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Welcome to EY Amina El Difrawi



AMINA EL DIFRAWI

« Tout le bonheur du monde est dans l'attente », Jean d'Ormesson.

Thank you for another wonderful and productive school year. I can't thank everyone enough for your endless hours of volunteering, reading, organizing, donating and doing whatever was necessary to support students—both at home and at school. This year we welcomed the Reading Dogs association and two amazing musical productions, "Aladdin" and the 3 "Billy Goats Gruff". We were proud to witness the first Emirati astronaut, Hazza Al Mansouri, go to space. We played the drums and we sang beautiful songs for our concerts.

Special thanks to our amazing Parents' community and our Parents' Forum Committee who, as usual, went above and beyond to provide whatever was necessary to add to our students' already rich school experience.

This experience could not occur without the endless energy, skills and dedication of the Early Years staff. Thanks, and well done to an incredible group of professionals. They work so hard to make sure the students are happy and learn in a safe environment.

A final word to our SSISD Early Years students: Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am so honoured and privileged to be your head of Early Years. You keep me laughing and young at heart. I am grateful for your joy, your curiosity and amazing talents. Best wishes to our KG2 students going to Grade 1, whom I will miss dearly—please come back and visit. Everyone have a safe and happy summer break. See you in September.

Message from Soné Du Plessis



SONÉ DU PLESSIS

This year student wellbeing continued to be a big focus in Early Years. We were very fortunate to add our own sensory room! The students used this tranquil space to develop and engage their senses while feeling calm and relaxed. Students were also eager to learn more about having a balanced lifestyle by participating in wellness week, learning about healthy food and having more uninterrupted play opportunities. Our lovely mud garden was used daily by the students and we could see how they blossomed while developing their imagination, sensory skills and collaboration and having lots of fun with all their friends!

Message from Kerryln Arthur



KERRYLN ARTHUR

2019/2020 has been a year of growth and learning for both students and teachers in Early Years. We value each child as a capable learner and have loved finding out their ideas, curiosities and abilities. They have all taken risks to learn new languages, make new friends and try new experiences. This year students have taken more agency over their learning and have shown cooperation, thinking and communication skills to explore their own and one another's questions. Students and teachers have worked together to create learning environments that foster curiosity, creativity, cooperation, play, numeracy and literacy skills. We are all very proud of our EY students and hope they continue to love learning about, and taking care of, themselves, one another and our precious world.



Welcome to Primary - Emmanuel Gauthier



EMMANUEL GAUTHIER

Schools have on occasions been compared to gardens, with the children being likened to different flowers and plants nurtured by the many gardeners that compose the staff body. To continue with the metaphor, I would claim that as le jardinier en chef, I am very proud of unseren etzegen Garten and our budding and blooming learners. In five years, our community has literally grown from a sandpit patch to become the most unique horticultural landscape in the city. Our linguistic and cultural richness and ambitious and sustainable determination to encourage our students to grow and blossom in a myriad of fashions and rhythms means that the Primary Years encapsulates the features of a most luxurious and flourishing environment. I want to congratulate all our students and staff for having faced and overcome this year's challenges with inspiring resilience and gusto!





Welcome to Secondary School



Welcome to Secondary - Elise Furr



ELISE FURR

Having only joined SISD this year, I feel very proud to be a part of such a bilingual community where the values of the school are embedded and at the heart of everything that we do. "Togetherness" has been one of the values that has really resonated strongly and in the spirit of these values, I would like to thank the parents who have taken the time to come into school and share their vision. This has provided me with invaluable insights into the aspirations and perspectives of our parents and students and how we can further support our school community and develop together. I would also like to thank all our students for their warm greetings and smiles as they enter school each morning. A smile or a short hello goes a long way to creating and building a community spirit. Additionally, the students' openness, flexibility and confidence to want to speak the languages and help one another is wonderful to experience and an area worth celebrating.

This year is also a very special time as we celebrate our first graduating cohort of our Grade 12 students. Having only had the opportunity to get to know the students in their graduating year, this time has still afforded me the opportunity to observe their dedication to the school, as demonstrated in their recent celebration of their countdown to the last 100 days of school. This was a new and inspiring initiative which engaged the whole school in their final journey. We wish them every success as they take their next steps in their educational journey. Finally, I am excited and privileged to be working with such skilled and passionate teachers who want to continue to build on the achievements of SISD whilst still striving for excellence in academic standards across all areas and aiming high for the BEST!

