

Manthena American School

The Official Newsletter of MAS



A New Chapter of Innovation and Experiential Learning
led by our young minds:

From Left: Sama Grade 7A, Fathima Grade 8 A, Retaj
Grade 8A, Tamim Grade 2A, Omar Wesam Grade 2B
working on Robotics and Coding

Star of the Month



Sareeha Rizvi
PRE KG



Simonne
KG 1A



Myra Jordan
KG 1B



Ali Moosa
KG 2A



Batool
KG 2B



Layla
GRADE 1A



Fayka Azhar
GRADE 1B



Tamim Tamer
GRADE 2A



Amira
GRADE 2B



Zina Mahmoud
GRADE 3A



Hamdan
GRADE 3B



Paniz Amir
GRADE 4A

Star of the Month





Competition Galore



Victory at Beam Sports Tournament: Girls' Basketball



We are delighted to share the news of Manthena American School, Sharjah's commendable success at the recent Beam Sports Tournament in girls' basketball. Our dedicated team demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship, resulting in a triumphant win with a final score of 6-2 against the American School of Creative Science, Sharjah.

Competitions like these provide invaluable opportunities for our students to showcase their talents and apply the skills they have honed through rigorous training at school. Prior to the event, our athletes undergo comprehensive training sessions, focusing on strategy, coordination, and individual skill development.

Participating in such tournaments not only promotes a healthy spirit of competition but also instills essential values of discipline, perseverance, and teamwork. It is heartening to witness our students rise to the occasion, displaying not only their athletic prowess but also their ability to handle pressure and work collaboratively towards a common goal.

Students were felicitated by Dr Kheyaili in our school premises. As we celebrate this victory, we look forward to more opportunities for our students to showcase their talents and continue to grow both as athletes and individuals.





Competition Galore



SUPER CUP 24

The championship was organized by the UAE Karate Federation. The Super Cup 2024 took place at the Sharjah Individual Sports Club on January 28, 2024. **Nour Grade 5B** secured the first place in **KUMITE**, while **Salim 5B** achieved the first place in **KATA**.



Congratulations!

Beam Sports Football Tournament

The Beam Sports Football Tournament, hosted on February 19, 2024, served as a thrilling stage for students from Manthena American School to exhibit their football prowess, teamwork, and sportsmanship. This tournament, meticulously arranged by Beam Sports, aimed to foster healthy competition and camaraderie among the schools in participation. The team qualified in 2 matches and clinched 4th Position.





Competition Galore



School Championship for Athletics – Third Edition



The School Championship for Athletics, now in its third edition, is organized by the Sharjah Women's Sports Foundation in collaboration with Emirates Schools Establishment, Sharjah Private Education Authority, and the UAE Athletics Federation was held on February 21, 2024, at the Athletics Stadium, Olympic Complex for Women's Individual Games saw enthusiastic participation from Emirati students representing Manthena American School. This annual event aimed to foster a spirit of healthy competition, sportsmanship, and physical fitness among students from various backgrounds. The championship featured a wide range of track and field events, providing opportunities for Emirati students to compete in various disciplines such as sprint races, middle-distance races, hurdles, relays, and field events including long jump, high jump, shot put, discus throw, and javelin throw. Emirati students from Manthena American School actively participated in the 50m and 100m sprint race, where they took 3rd position in the 50m sprint race, showcasing their athletic abilities and sportsmanship.



Beyond COP28

Sustainability Youth Conference

Manthena American School enthusiastically participated in the Beyond COP28 Sustainability Youth Conference hosted by Wales International School on February 7, 2024. The event, aimed at fostering sustainability initiatives among youth, featured students from various UAE schools. Our students presented a compelling topic, "Blueprints for Tomorrow: Crafting a Sustainable Future," and proposed innovative solutions, such as the utilization of green energy.

During the conference, our students showcased not only their in-depth understanding and passion for sustainability issues but also their excellent communication skills. The presentations received positive feedback from both the audience and organizers, praising the thorough research, creativity, and practicality of the proposed solutions. In recognition of their outstanding contributions, our students were honored with a trophy and appreciation from the organizers. Student Group: Apoorva Grade 7A, Sama Grade 7A, Rahaf G5A, Celine G4B, Naya Grade 4B, Wahab G5B and Mehar G5B.



Looking ahead, Manthena American School is steadfast in its commitment to nurturing environmentally conscious leaders. We will continue to support initiatives promoting sustainable practices, encouraging active student participation in events that foster a culture of innovation and responsibility towards our planet. The Beyond COP28 Sustainability Youth Conference was a testament to the students' dedication and underscored the importance of youth engagement in addressing global challenges. We eagerly anticipate future opportunities to champion sustainability and make a positive impact on our environment.

Interschool Competition



Winners List

We applaud and recognize our triumphant students across different competition

Competition Category	Winners
Karate super cup First Prize	Karim 5B Nour 5B
Basket Ball 1st Prize	Haya Ramy 8A Talin Tamer 8A Zeina Ahmed 8A Alma A 9A Hadia Kamran 9A Halima Esmaeil Salehi 9A Janna Ahmed 9A Ruqayah Alaa 9A Tala Obeid 9A Roselyn Halabi 8A
Athletics 3rd Prize	Mariam Yosif 3A Alia ibrahim 5A Alreem 5A Salama 5A Hessa 6A
Football 4th Place	Wassem 6B Mohamed Younis 6B Eyad Mohamed 5B Karam Asmar 5B Abdallah Mohamed 5B Kareem 5B Jaidon Mohemodo 6B Nour 5B Omar Yaser 5B Pavel 4B Ryad Mousa 7B Abraham 7B

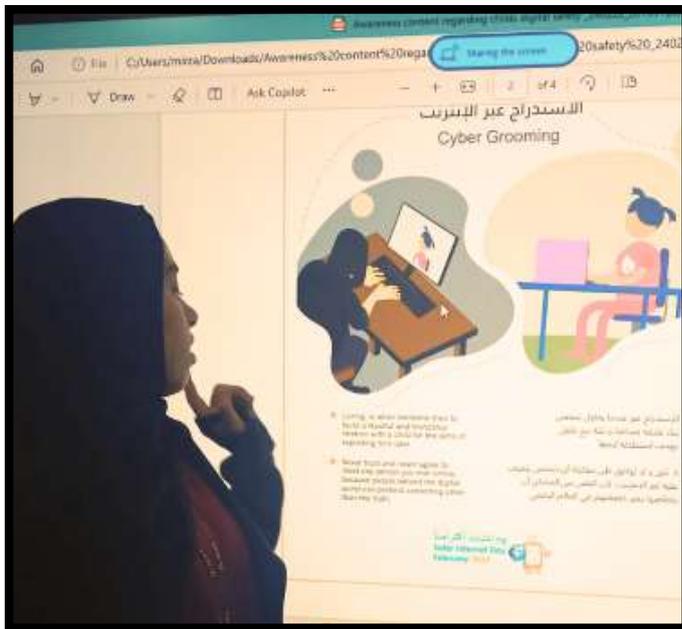
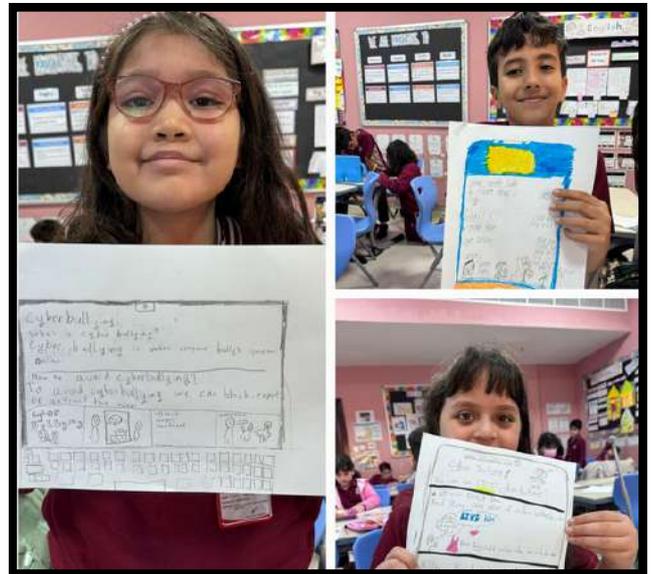
Well Being @ MAS Weekly Value Program



Enhancing Wellbeing Through Our Weekly Values Program

Exciting news! Our Weekly Values Program is in full swing, promoting social-emotional growth. Assemblies showcase a new value each week, while class teachers dedicate three days to reinforce it in creative ways. The best works will be displayed on the wellbeing board from each section, showcasing our commitment to nurturing the holistic development of our students.

Students engaged in hands-on activities to learn about values during Circle time.



The Grade 7A students presented, the topic "Cyber Bullying". The presentation took place during the morning assembly, where Grades 5-9 students gathered in the field to start the day on a positive note.



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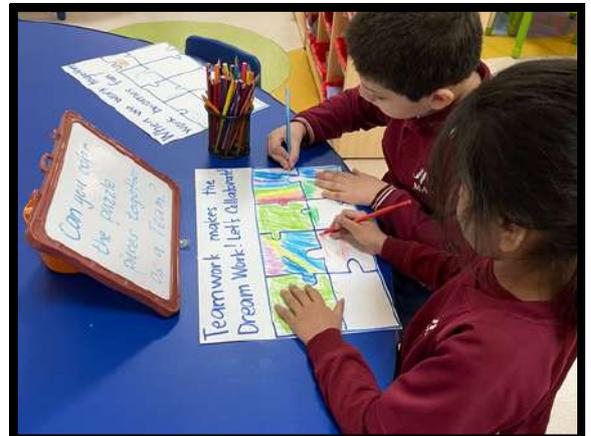
Discipline & Bullying Prevention



Safety (Fire Safety & Emergency Readiness)



Online Safety & Etiquette / Cyberbullying



Digital Citizenship

Book Fair

~with Author Nour Arab

Manthena American School was thrilled to host a Book Fair from February 5th to 7th, 2024, celebrating literature and providing our students with a diverse book collection. The event, held at the school reception from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, featured special guest author Nour Al Arab. Nour is a Bilingual Children Author and Founder of Nour Publishing. She conducted a captivating Story Time Workshop for KG and G1, immersing students in the enchanting world of storytelling. The Book Fair includes interactive reading sessions, literary discussions, and engaging activities for children. Organized by Kalimat Group School, this event offers opportunities to interact with students, parents and literary enthusiasts, and access quality literature across genres.



Author Nour engaging in story telling, book signing and book recommendations

In the upcoming weeks, an exciting integration of innovation and ICT awaits students from grades 1 to 9 at Manthena American School. Through the fusion of robotics and technology, our learners will delve into a hands-on experience, fostering creativity and critical thinking. Stay tuned for an engaging journey into the future of education!



MAP test

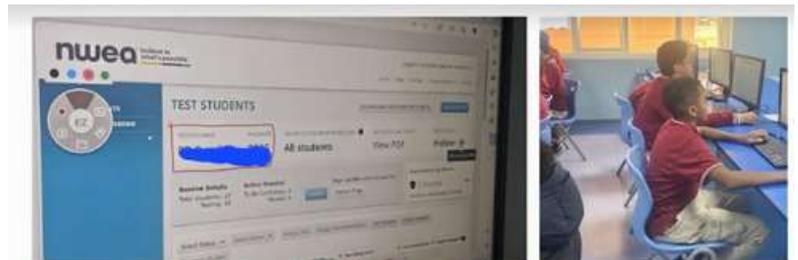
What is MAP test?

MAP testing is an innovative computer-adaptive assessment program designed by the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA).

It is a powerful tool for measuring student achievement and growth in reading, language usage, mathematics, and science.

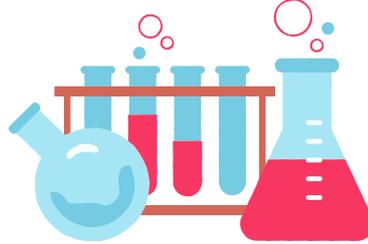
The tests are tailored to each student's individual learning level and provide teachers with valuable insight into student progress and needs.

MAP data is used in the classrooms to help students improve their skills in English, Math and Science.



Science Labs

Explore the wonders of science in our state-of-the-art labs at Manthena American School. Equipped with cutting-edge resources, students engage in hands-on experiments, fostering a deep understanding of scientific principles. Our innovative approach inspires curiosity, critical thinking, and a passion for discovery, preparing students for a future filled with limitless possibilities.



Project based learning

Jump into the fun world of Project-Based Learning at Manthena American School! Instead of just reading and listening, we do cool projects that help us learn. It's like solving real-life puzzles together! We use our creativity and work as a team, making learning super exciting and helping us get ready for the future!



- Identify the problem
- Plan a solution
- Design a solution



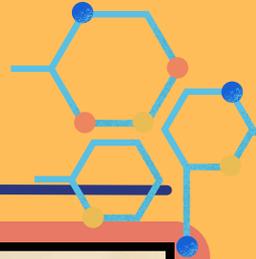
Grade 1: Animal Rescue Heroes 🐾, Grade 2: Weathering Wizards 🔍, Grade 3: Environmental Change Warriors 🌱



Manthena American School's Spectacular Science Fair Unveils Young Minds' Brilliance!

Celebrating scientific curiosity, Manthena American School recently hosted a captivating Science Fair on February 22nd in the elementary corridor. Students from KG to Grade 5 showcased an array of innovative projects, including mesmerizing baking soda volcanoes, ingenious water filtration systems, and even experiments exploring the impact of music on plant growth. The event, judged by our dedicated parent community, was a testament to the students' enthusiasm for science. Congratulations to all participants for their remarkable efforts in making the fair a resounding success!





Our little scientists presented their experiments to our parent judges. Judges had a tough time selecting the best students. Students were awarded for their outstanding performances



Free Painting Day

The students had a fun and creative day of painting, where they expressed their feelings through art. They began the day with a KG assembly, where they talked about the pros and cons of technology and watched a dance by the Pre-K students. Then, they enjoyed various painting activities, such as face painting, t-shirt painting, and necklace making. They ended the day by displaying their artwork around the school.



Student Council Leadership Training



Student Council Leadership Workshop: A Success Story

On February 13, 2024, we hosted a Student Council Leadership Workshop for our student council members from grades 4 to 9. The workshop was a great opportunity for them to learn and practice various leadership skills, such as communication, collaboration, creativity, and innovation. They also participated in fun and engaging activities, such as icebreakers, role-playing, team-building, and creative projects. The workshop was facilitated by Ms. Sweta, the student council advisor, and Mr. Pe,





Field Trip Green Planet



Grades 1-2 Visited Green Planet

On February 19, 2024, our students from grades 1 to 2 explored Green Planet, Dubai's very own tropical rainforest. They saw more than 3,000 plants and animals, including the world's largest indoor man-made tree. We thank our teachers, parents, and Green Planet staff for this wonderful trip.





Field Trip VR Park

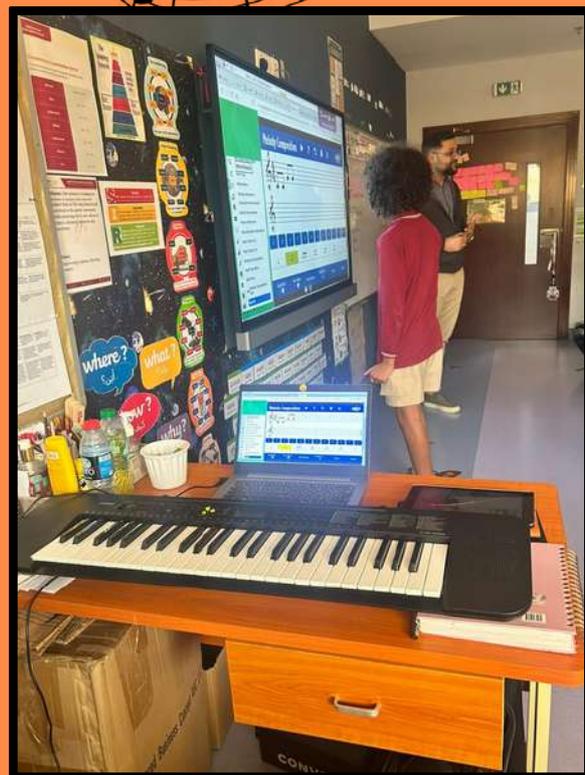


Grades 3-5 Enjoyed VR Park Dubai

On February 20, 2024, our students from grades 3 to 5 visited VR Park Dubai, the world's largest indoor virtual reality park. We thank our teachers, parents, and VR Park staff for this unforgettable trip.



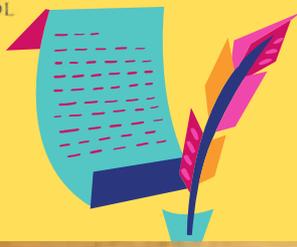
Finding my own rhythm Music Lessons



Welcome to our vibrant music lesson featuring the enchanting world of keyboard melodies! In this session, students will embark on a musical journey, discovering the art of playing the keyboard. Guided by the harmony of keys, they will explore fundamental techniques, from understanding musical notes to creating their own melodies.

With hands-on practice, students will master basic keyboard skills, fostering a deeper connection to the language of music. Through engaging exercises and captivating tunes, they'll not only enhance their motor skills but also ignite their passion for the beautiful symphony that the keyboard unveils.





MAS Author of the Month – Alma Halabi



A Family's Resilience

~Essay by Alma Halabi

That night, the storm clouds reflected the rising enmity inside our house, and the air hummed with tension. I had no idea that a minor argument would turn into a heated verbal fight that would damage the harmony in my family, which I had previously taken for granted.

It began quite innocently enough, over a casual discussion of my future goals. The taste of freshly prepared lasagna filled the room, contrasting with the leftover hint of nervousness. My parents, who were proud and protective, had always thought that I would follow a particular route, which I was starting to stray from.

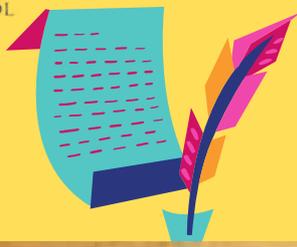
The atmosphere changed as I casually brought up the idea of pursuing a different job. Shadows were created on my parents' tense faces by the flashing candlelight. Normally a gentle melody, my mother's voice took on an unusual harshness. Concerning herself, she said, "Have you thought this through?" The odd counterpoint to the mounting tension was the smell of the lasagna rising. I tried to sound confident when I said, "I have, Mom," but my voice cracked like a nervous wind. "I just want to explore my own path."

My father, a huge authority person, spoke up with a degree that shook my faith to its core. "You have no way to toss away all of our labor. We set up your future for a purpose."

Each phrase was a clap of thunder in the storm that was gathering around us, and the conversation fell into a cacophony of opposing viewpoints. We were distracted, and the lasagna, left in the oven, fell as a result. The air smelled of burnt garlic.

Anger and annoyance swelled to a boiling pitch, and even though I'm normally calm, I got caught in them. "This is my life!" My words hung in the air like lightning as I yelled. "I can't continue to live by the rules you set. I have to fend for myself."

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My mother's eyes filled with tears, reflecting the tempest outside. Whispering, her voice breaking like thunder, "We just want what's best for you,"

There was silence in the room, a smell of burnt garlic staying as a sour reminder of the intense conversation. The lasagna, which was previously a representation of get-togethers with family, was now cold and unappreciated on the table. I ran out of there, running to my room to hide from the noise, the creaking floors mirroring the stress in my heart.



Days passed in tense quietness, but knowledge gradually filtered through like receding storm clouds. A family gathering that featured heartfelt confessions and open conversation served as the pathway to recovery. We managed to reach an agreement, a middle ground where our expectations and mine might live together in the quiet after the storm.

The smell of freshly made food filled our home once more, and with it came the promise of acceptance and the knowledge that our love could endure any hardship despite our differences.



From the Principal's Desk



Salam Aleykum Dear Parents,

We have worked as a team to improve weak areas, be open to feedback, listen to all, and ensure all students' needs are met.

Thank you to Hind Abutha, Ahmed Elwan, Israa Nogod, Ahmed Elwan, Debasish Chakraborty, Mark Brosas, Ms. Banan, Ms. Maha, Ms. Indrani, Ms. Muna, Ms. Mervat, & Mr. Pe for your support during inspection.

Thank you to our student leaders: Saboor Mehdi Ahmad, Ruqa Ali Hussein Ghulam, Haya Abutha, Abraham Lincoln Gobara, Yasmeen Yasser Eltantawy, Mohamed Walaa Sorajeldin Amin, Aariz Hassan Muhammad Hassan Khan, Basem Bashar Diab, Maryam Walaa Serajaldin Amin, & Mohamed Ahmed.

Thank you to all staff for their continued support, hard work, and long hours of dedication. Our mission is to empower students to acquire skills that will support them as life-long learners and contribute to the global community while practicing MAS core values of Respect, Tolerance, Inclusion, and Excellence. We are dedicated to making this our reality step by step as a team.

Forever Learning,

Mr.G.

Respect

الإحترام

Tolerance

التسامح

Inclusion

الشمول

Excellence

التميز