

MS BrITe Lights Principal's Corner:

I had an opportunity these first few days to spend time in learning environments to see how teachers are building relationships, developing trust and forming learning communities. I also got to see how teachers are giving ownership to scholars to be a part of developing classroom agreements, asking them what makes a good teacher and giving scholars the opportunities to share about themselves and their identities. I saw learning taking place outside, outdoor labs and multiple uses of the Science labs. I was pleased to see scholars writing throughout the school right away. Teachers continue to work together with me to ensure we have quicker, smooth transitions from class to class. We are a team, and we work together through these things. When scholars fill our classes and our halls, I get motivated and excited, as do our teachers. Thank you for your feedback along the way. It helps us grow with an entirely brand new team Grades 5-8.

Our scholars appear to be adjusting quite well! They have been flexible with us as we work through beginning of the year logistics. With so many glows and celebrations thus far, it is hard to focus on the negative, which is what we want! At the same time, it is important to recognize the grows, those things we need to improve on for continuous improvement. Our 5th and 6th grade

- Cell Phones are not permitted at all to be visible and turned on. We thank those scholars who have remembered this from last year, and we appreciate those who have quickly powered down and put away their cell phone.
- All scholars must have masks always worn. Just like teachers, we forget sometimes to keep the mask up. We appreciate the scholars' attitudes when we remind them to put up their masks.
- Please try to limit the size of backpacks. Our locker spaces are cubes, and many do not fit.
- All scholars must have a fully charged device to begin their day. If using a tablet, it must have a keyboard. Having a charged device means they are ready to learn, just like bringing a pencil or paper to school. P
- While I realize that Zak's Uniform may be out of a size of clothing, all Ignite scholars will wear the approved uniform.
- Coming late is not an option. Please ensure your child is here before homeroom begins, which is 7:45.
- Alma is our hub for all things Ignite. Please activate your Alma account so you can fully use the Parent Portal, which displays information about your child, such as grades, attendance, and soon, what is happening in classes. Click [HERE](#) for a short tutorial.
- We need to see your child's face in Alma. You can snap a headshot while the child is in their uniform and upload it to Alma.
- What's working and what needs improvement? Please do share your feedback with me at Principal.ms@igniteschool.ae
- Please ensure you do come around to the rear parking lot area to collect your child at the designated spot. These are opportunities to meet teachers, and briefly share/discuss things happening with your child
- Your child should be reading something for pleasure every night at home for at least 15 minutes. We need to build reading stamina and the love for reading when scholars have books of interest at home.