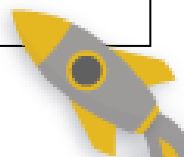
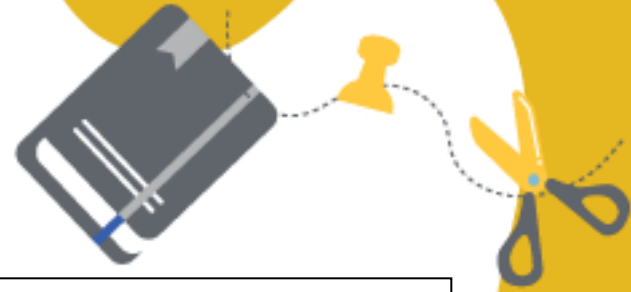


For your convenience I've linked the whole protocol booklet for you here: [KHDA Reopening Protocols](#)

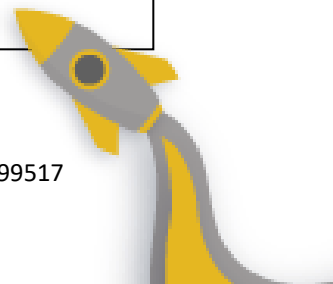
- While the winds of change are blowing in Dubai, they have also been making their rounds at Ignite! In case you didn't see Director Wedad's message to MS families, please find it here: [Director Jan 28 Message to MS Families](#)
- Following Director's Wedad's message above, I wanted to let you know that I'm pleased to be able to extend my leadership and service to the Middle School during this temporary transition, while we search for a permanent Middle School Principal. More-over our whole leadership team will be available to serve the interests of Middle School Families for the remainder of the semester.
- I look forward to meeting middle school families in the coming weeks ahead while continuing my relationships with ES parents.' Having previously led Middle and Secondary level schools, I do know that it will take a committed partnership with parents to successfully *raise* our educational community.
- ES parents need not fear as Ms. Mayra will work closely with me to ensure continuity of service to all ES students.

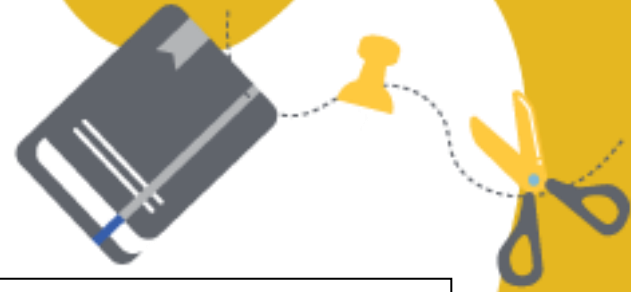




- We often hear about technology changing education but much of the public and even some school staff don't realize how technology has already changed education! Through programs like IXL, teachers can easily customize and personalize your child's learning experience. For example, when teachers create MAP skill plans using IXL, they are in effect programming IXL algorithms to provide problems that *your child is ready to learn while at the same time doing the same thing for your child's classmates!* Moreover, many of today's school software are "smart" or put in another way, examples of adaptive learning algorithms that increase in difficulty when your child gets an answer correct and decreases in difficulty when your child's answer is incorrect.
- Another feature of IXL that I really like is that the monthly Honor Roll actually reflects which skills your child mastered this *past month, as opposed to what they did a few months ago!* In other words, which skills did your child recently master and or demonstrate proficiency in *this past month!* If you would like to know which exact skills were demonstrated on the IXL Honor Roll, please contact your child's Elementary Homeroom or Middle School content area teacher.

One way you can help as a parent is to note the average number of skills mastered or proficient by the top ten students in each grade as well as the grade average number of skills mastered or proficient. Then encourage your child and support them throughout the month to ensure that they *at least* beat the class average! The research shows that the more your child demonstrates mastery on IXL, the higher their scores will be on international assessments like MAP!





- Over time this can have huge benefits not only for your child's learning but at Ignite it can save you some tuition money!!! In previous years some fortunate parents of children who scored in the top eligible percentile levels experienced significant tuition discounts upon re-enrollment! *Now that is something I think we can all agree on to be a win-win situation!*
- The implications of the above are evident but sometimes it's helpful to rephrase ideas: ***If you want your child to do better on MAP, then make sure they do more IXL!***
- With the above being said, I'm most excited to announce our IXL Honor Roll for January 2022! *See if your child made the top ten list!*

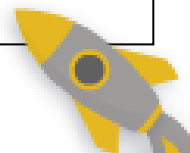
[Jan Math Honor Roll](#)

[Jan ELA Honor Roll](#)

[Jan Sci Honor Roll](#)



- This week your child will take the MOY (Middle of the Year) Benchmark tests based on what they learned in class during the past few months. The same skills and concepts that were assessed in September and October will be reassessed to see if your child demonstrated improvement. For more information about benchmark results, please contact your child's teacher in about 2 weeks.



- While the Benchmark tests are considered “low stakes” tests, we are mindful of not putting too much pressure on any child, and so teachers will be administering the tests throughout each day according to the following schedule. If your child is absent for any reason, tests will be made up during the following week.

<i>MOY Benchmark</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>
	<i>31-Jan-22</i>	<i>1-Feb-22</i>	<i>2-Feb-22</i>	<i>3-Feb-22</i>
<i>KG 1 to 8</i>	<i>Arabic A/B</i>	<i>Math</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>English</i>

- Once the benchmark tests are out of the way then MAP testing will begin on February 15th. I will indicate the schedule in next week’s newsletter.
- Finally, ASA begins again next week on Monday February 7th. Please contact Admissions for more information.

Wishing you and your child all the best for a successful second semester!